



Wootton Community Primary School

30th June 2023

Dates for 2023 (subject to change)

4th July 2023—

Transition Day

5th & 7th July -

Proposed Strike days

10th July 2023—Mufti day

12th July 2023—KS1

Sports afternoon (tbc)

13th July 2023—KS2

Sports afternoon (tbc)

14th July 2023—End of

Year reports home

Monday 17th July -YR

Educational Visit

19th July 2023-

Y6 UKSA

19th July 2023—Parents

Open Evening 3:15-5pm

19th July 2023—5:30-

7pm Year 6 Leavers Treat (tbc)

20th July 2023—Year 6

Leavers Presentation

@ I am and Whole

School Family Picnic with

class performances at

12pm, school finishes at

1:30pm

21st July 2023—School

closed to children, staff

development day.

Friday 1st September—INSET DAY

Monday 4th

September—First day of term Years 1-6

Wednesday 6th

September—

First day of term for New Reception Starters

Dear parents,

It has been another really busy week in school with many different activities going on! Year 1 had a fantastic day at Havenstreet Railway on Tuesday, some children in Years 5 and 6 have been completing their Bikeability assessment and today a group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 have represented the school at the Island PEACH games.

I am sorry that we have had to cancel Mr Billington's clubs next week but unfortunately he has sustained a serious knee injury, so is unable to be in school. **Please note that next week is the last week for all other clubs.**

Thank you for your understanding and support with the industrial action next week. I know several parents have been in contact regarding the change in provision for children with parents working within the critical workforce. As I have stated in my letter, I have to complete a risk assessment to ensure that our provision meets the needs of the children with the staff I have available. We have in the past been able to offer more spaces but due to staffing levels, we are unable to do so this time. I really do appreciate that will cause childcare issues for some of you but I have to ensure the safety of the children is at the centre of every difficult decision I have to make. We will ensure that Year 1 get an additional day with their new teacher the following week as they will be missing one of the transition days.

Talking of transition, I am pleased to share the teacher deployment for next year. We are also changing the class names to link to our school improvement plan, this year with a focus on Science. The classes are named after diverse modern scientist who are still practising. Each name has a link to the Science the class will cover during the year. We are still in the process of sorting the support staff and will let you know next week where they will all be!

Reception - Palmer Class (Donald Palmer) with Mrs Cowell

Year 1 - Armah Class (Charlotte Armah) with Miss Paterson

Year 2 - Hussain-Gambles Class (Mah Hussain-Gambles)) with Mrs Ball

Year 3 - Shien Ng Class (Jo Shien Ng) with Mrs Deakin who will be going on maternity leave, new teacher to be confirmed

Year 4 - Richards Class (Mark Richards) with Miss Cooke

Year 5 - Aderin-Pocok Class (Maggie Aderin-Pocok) with Mr Scurr

Year 6 - Islam Class (Saiful Islam) with Ms White Monday to Thursday and Mrs Fish on Friday

You can pop along and have a chat with your child's new teacher on Wednesday 19th July between 3.15 and 4.45pm and we will also hold an information session for each class in September, more details to follow soon.

You will have noticed that Mrs Barker is missing off the list. Sadly she has decided she will not be returning in September. I am sure you join me in wishing her all the best in the future.

We had another jam packed assembly this morning celebrating a whole range of activities. Congratulations to the children who represented the school at the Quad games last week, well done to Theo L and Eli in Year 6 and Evie, Maddison, Penny, Lexi, Tyler and Elliott who took part. Nicholas in Year 1, Brooke in Year 3 and Darrell in Year 5 shared their swimming awards, Owen, Zach in Year 2 and Kenny in Year 3 took part in the Wessex Trust Rainbow run, Dylan in Year 3 showed us his football trophies and Alfie S in Year 4 showed us his rugby medal. Well done everyone!

Last week Queenie was missed off the list of the children who completed the athletics event - well done Queenie for doing such a great job!

We also congratulated our Numbots stars this week. Our top five children with the most minutes played over the last 7 days are: Killian in Year 5, Cassie in Year 2, Freddie in Year 5, Emire in Year 2 and Patryk in Year 1 - super work!

We congratulated the five children who have earned the most coins on Times Table Rock Stars over the last week. These are: Ella in Year 6, Spencer in Year 5, Ellie-Mai also in Year 5, Braeden in Year 4 and Millie also in Year 4- well done.

We also congratulated the top 5 children for their work earning points on Spelling Shed and Maths Shed. For Spelling Shed these are: Piper in Year 4, Evan also in Year 4, Phoenix R in Year 5, Ellie-Mai also in Year 5 and Oscar R in Year 5. Our top 5 for Maths Shed are: Alfie A Year 4, Braden also in Year 4, Eneah also in Year 4, Koby in Year 5 and Maddison also in Year 5. Each child has gained an extra 5 House Points. Many congratulations to the Smith family who were the lucky winners of the free tickets to the event at the Wildheart Animal sanctuary tomorrow.

On **Monday 10th July** children can wear mufti in return for a donation for the summer fayre on Friday 14th July. Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 need to bring sweets (not chocolate) and children in Years 3 to 6 will need to bring a full bottle of any sort, e.g. sauce, bubble bath, drink!

Thank you to Thea in Year 5 and Joseph in Year 2's family who have kindly donated a large gazebo to the school.

I am sorry to end the newsletter this week with some very sad news to share with you all. Unfortunately on Wednesday night Mrs Toni Streets passed away. This was unexpected and is a great shock to the family. Toni played an active role in the PTA and her sudden loss has impacted the whole school community. I am sure you will join me in passing on our thoughts and best wishes to Toni's husband Lee and the girls, Layla in Year 4 and Ella in Year 6. Following some children discussing this at Youth Club last night, I have spoken with all the children in Years 4, 5 and 6. For some children this will evoke some difficult emotions and we are able to support children in school if they require it, please do let me know if you need any further support.

In the meantime I hope you have a lovely weekend,



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we were very excited to discover that our egg hatched and we found a dinosaur inside although we are yet to work out what species he is! We have been learning more facts about dinosaurs and have used our knowledge to draw simple dinosaur pictures and have then written a fact down related to our dinosaur. We have been doing lots of counting with the focus on counting backwards. We find this a bit more tricky and have been trying to say all the 'teen' numbers clearly. Through the children's own learning they have enjoyed using our new ramp and have used small wooden boards to balance on here and have been pretending to surf. We also welcomed some of the nursery children this week during our stay and play sessions and the current reception children played with them nicely.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We had a great time on our school trip this week! We started our day by watching the falconry display and learning about the different birds. After, we completed a workshop about the seaside in the past and why people liked to travel to the Isle of Wight for holidays. We also learnt about how people travelled in the past. We then completed some activities such as matching the luggage to the correct destination. Well done Year One for taking part in the activities so enthusiastically! In Maths this week we practised counting in twos, fives and tens, using money to help us. Then we practised our multiplication skills by making equal groups. In Science, we learnt about the differences between spring and summer. We took the temperature every day this week and compared this to the temperature in spring. In DT, we made a plan for a bathing machine which we will make next week. We thought carefully about the materials we will use and how we will join them.



WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have been working hard on fractions again this week, counting in different fraction steps on a number line and beginning to think about improper fractions and mixed numbers. In English we have finished reading *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl and are busy planning our own sequels to the book. Science has seen us investigating how different plants and animals within a habitat depend on each other to survive, and how the population of one group can impact the survival of another. In Geography we have begun to compare the Isle of Wight to a region in Malaysia, thinking about what is special about living on an island. Finally, in RE we have considered places which are special to us and whether everyone's special places will be the same. Great work, everyone!

We are looking forward to our transition days next week - almost in Year 3, wow!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English, we completed our persuasive letters to Billy. The class did a brilliant job. We finished reading *The Wreck of the Zanzibar* and were all very surprised by the ending! We have now moved onto writing instructions on how to take care of a turtle, like Laura did in the book. The class have been working really on building their writing stamina and are now writing much larger amounts of quality writing.

In Maths we have looked at adding and subtracting fractions. The children showed this through various visual representations. All of the children picked this up really quickly and were able to apply to a variety of reasoning questions.

In Geography, we continued to look at Newchurch. We explored the demographics of the area and how these may change and develop in the future. We also look at the current land use compared to Newport. We discussed the terms 'rural' and 'urban' and made string comparisons.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week in Maths, we have explored coordinates and first quadrant graphs. The children have learned how to plot points on a graph using coordinates as well as learning how to plot 2D shapes. In English, we have spent a great deal of time writing dialog between characters, focussing on direct speech rules. We have also now moved onto persuasion and persuasive devices. Today we used our new found knowledge to advertise a toy using alliteration, facts, opinions and rhetorical questions.

We are enjoying learning about Nepal and we compared the different human and physical features that we could find - we were amazed with how the climate changes as you climb the highest mountains!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week the children have continued their study of the Egyptian Cinderella, in English, through rhyming poetry and in Maths, and begun to explore metric and imperial measurements with Miss White. In the wider curriculum, we have explored concept maps in computing, performed a range of songs in music, explored, and debated what makes a successful community in RE and learned a great deal about the process of mummification in History. It was amazing to see the class so interested in the elaborate process of creating a 'mummy'.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year Six have been continuing their hard work on their ongoing projects, applying various skills as authors and entrepreneurs! In the afternoons, they have been preparing presentations on subjects on which they feel they are an 'expert'. They will soon complete their slideshows and present them to the class. We have been working on making sure we expand verbally on the information that the slides contain, rather than trying to include every piece of information on the slides themselves. I look forward to listening to their presentations and learning all about lots of interesting topics! We have also spent some time reflecting on our time at Wootton and preparing some memories. The children have particularly enjoyed organising and preparing activities for the KS1 sports afternoon and this week we worked with Y2 to test out the activities.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetable Pastry Roll with Oat Chocolate Cookie and Fruit for pudding.

TUESDAY– Chinese Chicken and Vegetable Rice or Macaroni Cheese with Jelly for pudding

WEDNESDAY– Roast Gammon or Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Chocolate and Banana Marble Cake for pudding.

THURSDAY - Fish Fingers and Chips or Vegetarian Dippers with Ice Cream for pudding.

FRIDAY– Beef Lasagne or Vegetable Lasagne with Flapjack and Fruit for pudding.

In addition to the menu above, children can order pasta with tomato sauce or a jacket potato or baguette with a choice of fillings

Star Pupils

Donaldson Year R Alice, John, Aiden & Kayla

Murphy Year 1 Lucia

Gravett Year 2 Eden

Hughes Year 3 Tallulah

Pullman Year 4 Poppy

Horowitz Year 5 Spencer

Blackman Year 6 Archie

Star Pupil parents may join Friday's Celebration Assembly to see their child presented with their Star Pupil certificates at 9am.

Please sign in at the office before making your way around to the hall.



Please ensure you email an absence note within 2 weeks of your child being absent, otherwise it will be marked down as unauthorised.

	Attendance This Week (%)	Rolling Attendance since Sept (%)
Donaldson	97.3	92.3
Murphy	95.6	93.2
Gravett	95.6	93.6
Hughes	94.7	94.4
Pullman	96.0	95.0
Horowitz	95.8	93.8
Blackman	95.1	92.9
Whole School	96.4	96.0

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Donaldson

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	0	24
Murphy	0	36
Gravett	2	49
Hughes	1	66
Pullman	0	40
Horowitz	1	36
Blackman	0	39
Whole School	4	57
Total Minutes	128	5293

Our school target is 96.5%.

We are currently BELOW target and aim for our children to be in school 100% of the time!


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**Sat
8 July**

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Mini Mardi Gras. Children and family activities
11-2pm St Thomas Church Gardens, Ryde.

'The Quiet Zone' watch from The Esplanade, by Eastern Gardens.

Parade starts from Simeon Recreation Ground
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St Thomas's Rest Garden - Ryde

**Saturday
8th July
11am-2pm**



*Craft Activity with Emma
11-2*

Make a simple willow fish waver with Emma,
then carry it in the IOW Mardi Gras parade!



*Circus Skills with StirGuyKai
and Community Circus Club IOW.
11-12.30*

Have a go at some fantastic circus skills
including flower sticks, poi, plate spinning
and diabolo.



*Face Painting with
Souface 11-2*

Get your face painted ready for this Mardi
Gras Parade



*Storytelling with Sue
Bailey 1-2*

Listen to some fabulous coastal inspired
stories with the amazing Sue!



Watch the parade from the top of Union Street
from 3.15 (approx.) then join in for the last bit!

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Gymnastics & Trampoline Fun Days! Summer Holiday Clubs!

**Tuesday 1st August 2023
Wednesday 2nd August 2023**

**Tuesday 8th August 2023
Wednesday 9th August 2023**

**Tuesday 15th August 2023
Wednesday 16th August 2023**

10:00 – 15:00 each day

**Sea Cadets Cowes,
Whitegates, Arctic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG**

**£27 per Child for the Whole Day
(£25 for Little Rocket Gymnasts)**

**Please Bring a Packed Lunch and Drinks and Wear Suitable
Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt and Socks)**

A tuck shop for sweets and drinks will also be available

HOW TO BOOK

**Please go to <https://little-rockets.class4kids.co.uk> to book
your place on line.**

If there are any queries please contact Christy on 07518 335319

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