



Wootton Community Primary School

15th March 2024

Dear Parents,

Sadly this week we have continued to be impacted by a range of different illnesses across different classes with several staff members being very unwell. Whilst I know the Government currently have a big campaign to improve attendance, please ensure that your child does not attend school if they have a high temperature or have not had a full 48 hours clear from their last bout of sicknesses or diarrhoea. We are only able to administer prescribed medication in school and if your child's temperature has only been reduced as a result of taking Calpol, they should not be in school. Please ensure you contact school every day that your child is off, thank you.

Talking of attendance, we do have several children in school who have such incredible immune systems that they have 100% attendance! We have been given a free hour and half bounce session at Rew Valley sports centre on 10th April for one lucky child, donated by JJ's Bouncy Castles. We placed all of the children's names with 100% attendance into a hat (13 in total), and the name pulled out was Matthew D in Year 5 - well done Matthew.

We also received some great news for our Reception class and Year 4 children. Several weeks ago both classes entered a writing competition and we were notified that the children had won and their work would be published in a book. Following this we were then given some information that this competition was not quite what it seemed and we want to reassure parents that we really don't think it is a scam in the way that some may have heard. The only catch is that you are lead to believe that your child has 'won' but all children's work entered goes into the book with the hope that parents purchase the book. However there is no obligation at all for parents to purchase the book and school is given a free copy of the book, which we will put in the library for the children to be able to show their parents. So please be assured that if you do choose to buy a book, you should receive this and we are really pleased that the children have the chance to see their work in a published book.

We hope that Year 5 have had a great day at Ryde Academy today, thank you to the staff who supported this.

In assembly today we congratulated Lincoln, Sharon and Alice in Year 1, Everlyn in Year 2 and Dylan in Year 4 for the various swimming achievements and we heard what they particularly like about learning to swim. We also congratulated Adeline in Year 1 and Lexie in Year 2 who took part in a two part show at Shanklin Theatre performing in a show 'Mad about Musicals'. Emily-Rose in Year 4 showed us her Brownies badge for art and we finished by congratulating Lucia in Year 2 and her brother Lorenzo in Year 4 for their recent piano achievements. Lorenzo then played several pieces on the piano for us. Well done everyone for your great achievements over the last few weeks.

A special mention was also given to Leanne in Year 1 and Max in Year 4 for their incredible commitment to reading at home with Max reading almost everyday since September - well done and keep up the great work!

Dates for 2023-24
(subject to change)

Mon 25th March—
Easter service

Mon 25th & Weds
27th March - Parents
Evenings

Weds 27th March -
Celebration Assembly

Thurs 28th March -
Development Day

Fri 29th March - Fri
12th- April Easter Break

Mon 15th April - First
day of summer term

Mon 13th—Thur 16th
May - Yr 6 SATS Week

Tues 21st May - Fri
24th May—Yr 6
Runways End Visit

Development Days
Thursday 28th March
2024
Friday 26th July 2024

Many congratulations to our top 5 homework achievers this week, each earning 5 House Points. Well done to:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1 st	Alfie A Y5	Oscar B Y6	Hayley Y4	Patryk Y2
2 nd	Patryk Y2	Louis Y5	Sebby Y4	Alfie A Y5
3 rd	Daisy Y4	Daisy Y4	Cohen Y4	Cassie Y3
4 th	Violet Y4	Elliott Y6	Dylan Y4	Daisy Y4
5 th	Harry M Y3	Alfie S Y5	Charlie Y4	Freddie Y6
Top Class for the week	Year 4	Year 5	Year 4	Year 4

Our BIG Think question this week is, 'Do you need to be able to play a musical instrument to be a musician?'

Please don't forget that the children's last day of term is **Wednesday 27th March** due to Thursday being a staff development day so our **Celebration assembly will be on Wednesday.**

Also on **Wednesday 27th March** the children can have the chance to win an Easter egg kindly donated to us from our local Premier store, two prizes for each class. Children can make either an Easter hat or decorate an egg and bring in to school on **TUESDAY 26th. Please ensure this is named.** Prizes will be given during celebration assembly and we really encourage the children to make these on their own!

Please don't forget to let the office know if you are able to walk with us to our Easter service at St Marks on Monday 25th March, thank you.

Thank you to everyone who has paid any outstanding payments for clubs, visits etc. It is vital that ALL children's account are clear by TODAY as our school budget is coming to a close for this financial year. Outstanding payments impact our final budget and forecast; outstanding payments impact all children so please ensure that everything is paid, thank you.

In the meantime I wish you a super weekend



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

SchoolMoney Payments

As we are approaching the end of the financial year, we ask that all payments are cleared and kept up to date at all times, if you are experiencing difficulties in paying, please contact the school office.

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we started our new text 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. So far we have read one version but have used our knowledge of this traditional story to compare how different versions of this story vary. In our tuff tray we have set up the props the children need to tell the story and there has been much interest in the small wooden harp I put in there. This has led us on to watching a lady play the harp online to further our knowledge and understanding. We have created patterns in maths and have not only completed patterns but have created our own. In English we have been labelling different characters from the story and have made beanstalks out of different resources. We enjoyed using all the large apparatus in PE and the children listened well as they moved in house colours from one piece of equipment to the other.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have been exploring money this week, learning to recognise coins and their value, creating a class shop, altering prices to show 1 more and 1 less, and creating amounts using 1p and 10p coins to pay for different items. In English we have been reading The TRUE Story of the Three Little Pigs by A. Wolf... who claims he is innocent and that the real story is all about a sneeze and a cup of sugar! We have described the wolf from different points of view and begun to map the wolf's tale ready for our writing next week. Watch this space!

In Science we stayed with the 3 little pigs and conducted some simple experiments to determine which material will make the best curtains for the three little pigs' houses. The children had to think about which properties would be important, and how to test these out. We will be using our findings to add curtains to our clay models in a few weeks. We learned our first clay skills this week too, exploring how to cut, roll and coil the clay to make different shapes and sizes. A messy but fun afternoon! In Geography we completed a short walk around the local area, looking for human and physical geographical features. Everyone behaved beautifully - thank you to the parents who were able to come and help out :)

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in English, we have been focusing on descriptive writing. The class now has a fantastic bank of amazing adjectives to use and it was lovely to see them all apply these within their writing. We also introduced the use of commas when using more than 1 adjective. The children have worked really hard to include these in their writing, in order to form expanded noun phrases.

In Maths, we have been looking at reading and collecting data in different forms. We looked at tally charts, pictograms and then thought really carefully about what different information we can gather using these. The children really enjoyed asking their friends the questions and recording the responses in different ways. In Art this week, we continued to look at Georgia O'Keefe and designed 3D flowers in her style, with big bright designs. Next week we will start to make these flowers using some different joining techniques and textiles.

Thank you for the continued support from home with reading, spellings and online homework.
Well done Year 2!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In our English lessons this week the children have continued to look at and use the key features of a newspaper article. They have been writing their own alliterative headlines, introductory paragraphs and a paragraph that includes inverted commas for their eyewitness recounts about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

In Maths, we have started looking at measuring mass. This week the children have been reading grams and kilograms on scales. They have also been finding out about equivalent masses and how many grams there are in a kilogram to help them solve problems involving mass. The children were all very enthusiastic about wanting to measure out ingredients at home so that they can reinforce this life skill so hopefully they will be able to share their knowledge of reading scales with you at home too.

In Science the children have been learning more about nutrition and reading food labels to help them identify how healthy certain foods are to help them make more informed choices about what humans eat.

In History the children went on to look at more replicas of Roman artefacts as well as the website Earth Museum which helped us learn lots more about actual Roman artefacts that have been found on the Isle of Wight.

Well done Y3, as always you have continued to try your very best this week.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

It has been another busy week in Year 4. In Maths, we have been recalling related facts up to 1000 and 10,000 and representing this in many ways, including bar models, partitioning and part whole models. In English, we have been creating a setting description with a focus on coordinating conjunctions and rich, descriptive vocabulary to extend and enhance our sentences. In Science, we have been learning all about vertebrates and invertebrates and classification. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed getting outside in the sunshine and going on a mini-beast hunt! In Geography, we have been looking at the River Medina on Google Earth and trying to determine whether we think rivers are for fun or for work by exploring the river's uses. In Art, we have continued to study Monet's work to design a contrasting piece of artwork based on reflection. Finally, we have been learning all about our rights in PSHE, understanding the United Nations Rights of the child and identifying which rights were real, and which were made up! Great work Year 4!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a wonderful week in Year 5. In Maths this week, we continued our focus on multiplication and division by recapping our understanding of prime, composite and common factors. We also explored square and cube numbers by drawing arrays and building cubes to check our answers. In English, the children wrote non-chronological reports about London.

They applied their understanding of brackets and colons to enhance their writing skills. In Computing they learned how to use the search and group functions in flat file databases to help navigate large data files. In music, we learned a further two verses of our focus song. My highlight of the week was our transition day visit to Ryde Academy. I am so proud of the way our students conducted themselves and how well they got stuck into the activities.

Well done year 5!



WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six we have been focusing on division in maths. The children have worked really hard on perfecting the long division method and then applying this to various problems. We made this even harder by mixing in problems requiring different operations and multiple steps, so well done everyone for your hard work. In English, we have written poems about mythological characters, and we are writing them up in our best handwriting with a focus on consistent letter sizing and joining. In history we learned about medical progress in ancient Greek times thanks to Hippocrates, and in art we painted the clay sculptures we made last week. In science we met a new category of living thing, called microorganisms, and found out which were harmful and which helpful. In PSHE we discussed what gives items value and the importance of saving money.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese 🍝 Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Stir Fried Vegetable Rice 🍚 Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Burger 🍔 Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Pastry Roll 🥟 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognese 🍝 Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🍗 Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍝				
	All main meals are served with two vegetables				
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit 🍌	Original Flapjack	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice 🍰	Vanilla Ice Cream

Star Pupils

Armah Year 1	Sharon
Hussein-Gambles Year 2	Casey
Shien Ng Year 3	Ralph
Richards Year 4	Cohen
Aderin-Pocock Year 5	Sidney
Islam Year 6	Phoenix R

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 (%)
Palmer	89.7	93.1
Armah	87.7	94.5
Hussain-Gambles	97.1	96.4
Shien Ng	93.3	95.5
Richards	90.3	96.1
Aderin-Pocock	97.5	96.5
Islam	88.2	94.4
Whole School	92.0	95.2

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Year 5 Aderin-Pocock

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Palmer	0	28
Armah	1	30
Hussain-Gamble	0	9
Shien Ng	3	42
Richards	2	38
Aderin-Pocock	1	12
Islam	1	31
Whole School	8	190
Total Minutes	63	2930

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

Sports News

From Mr Billington

Firstly a really big thank you to all the parents who support their children throughout the season driving them across the Island and standing in the rain to cheer them on - we really appreciate all your support over the last few months. This week a special thank you goes to Mr White and his helper Mr Clapp who provided support for the girls team in Mr Billington's absence. Also thank you to Mr Scurr for coaching the boys team. Whilst both teams did not get the outcome that they deserved and wanted, we are so incredibly proud of the children who have represented the school and given so much of their time to play in the semi-finals.

On Tuesday our Year 3 and 4 girls team played against Northwood. In the first half Willow passed the ball three times for Emily-rose to try and score but the goalie was too good and saved all three attempts. In the second half Ella scored a goal but Northwood scored two goals. Sadly the match ended 2-1 to Northwood with them scoring in the last minute. All the parents reported that it was such a close match and the girls should be proud of themselves for playing so well. Well done to Frankie, Daisy, and Queenie from Year 3 and Willow, Emily-Rose, Daisy, Tallulah, Ella, Chloe and Hayley from Year 4.

On Wednesday the boys Year 3 and 4 team went off to Newchurch to play a really tough match. In the first half the score was 1-1 with Harry scoring and Charlie doing a great job in goal. The game went into extra time with Harry scoring a second goal but sadly Newchurch scored 2 more making the final score 4-2 to Newchurch. The boys were commended for their resilience by the Newchurch coach and teacher who said that the boys played so well and were the toughest opposition that Newchurch have played against so far. Well done to Lucas and Teddy in Year 3 and Charlie, Dylan, Cohen, Harry and Sebby in Year 4.

Well done to both teams, you did us all proud!

**Join Vectis RFC**
Girls & Boys - Ages 5-18

We have spaces for girls wanting to play rugby in our U12s group. For ages 10-12.

12.00 - 13.30 every Sunday at IWRFC in Wootton

GIRLS RUGBY

Register your interest:
vectisrfccoaching@gmail.com

www.vectisrfc.rfu.club



JJ's Parties & Events

EASTER

half term

Inflate-a-Days!

Race-track **Obstacle Course** **Ride-On's** **Ball Pool** **6 Slides**

FREE
Entry for parents/ carers & FREE parking!



10th & 11th April @ Rew Valley Sports Centre
4 x 90 minute sessions per day
Az disco sessions available
Easter Egg Hunt - Meet Bouncer the Bunny - loads of fun inflatables



Easter Scurry

Egg Hunt

NATUREZONES
Blackwater

Sunday 31st March
Tuesday 2nd,
Thursday 4th,

Adult £8, Concession £6 Child £4 under 4's free

PLEASE BOOK

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Family-friendly cycle ride celebrating the joy of two wheels

Join the
Kidical Mass
Bike Ride

Seaclose Park, Newport, PO30 2EL
Saturday 16 March 2024
10am for 10.30am

Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult

Get on your bike and campaign for safer streets

Wear bright colours, be loud and show the world how our streets can be for everyone - especially children and other vulnerable users.

Organised by CycleWight, the Isle of Wight's cycle advocacy group. Find out more at cyclewight.org.uk

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SENDIASS

We have been informed that from 1st April 2024 the Island will have a new SENDIASS provider. Polaris will provide the service for the Island. All customers receiving support from the existing IOW SENDIASS service will be contacted and consent will be sought to pass their details to the new service so that their support can continue.

Their contact details are as follows:

Gail Moir: info@iowsendiass.org.uk Tel: 08081645492 iowsendiass.org.uk



Book now for free Easter activity spaces for eligible children and young people

Children and young people will once again be able to enjoy a varied programme of free activities during the upcoming Easter holidays.

Organisations across the Island are coming together to offer activities for five to 16-year-olds as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which also guarantees a nutritious meal. Free places are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals and on a paid-for basis as well. [Some places are also available for other vulnerable families.](#)

But with limited spaces for many of the activities, families should book soon to avoid disappointment.

The Easter programme has a fantastic range of activities on offer including horse riding, tennis and football coaching, multi-sport games, animal care, theatre skills and arts and crafts. Full details including booking information can be found on the [Isle of Wight Family Information Hub webpage](#).

Councillor Jonathan Bacon, Cabinet member for children's services, said: "We want to enable children and young people to try new things and make new friends and we know it is a welcome support for many families during the school holidays.

"We know that families are facing — and will continue to face — increasing pressure and the dedication of organisations to supporting families in this way means such a lot to so many." For more information about eligibility, [please see the council's newly updated holiday activities webpages](#). The Easter HAF scheme is funded by the Department for Education.