



# Wootton Community Primary School

14th June 2024

Dear Parents,

**Dates for 2023-24 (subject to change)**

**Fri 21st June—**  
Sponsored walk

**Tues 9th July—** Transition day Year 6 to Secondary schools, classes move up and 9-9.30am Parent 'meet the teacher'

**Fri 12th July—** End of year reports home & family disco (time tbc)

**Tues 16th July—** Reception & KS1 sports afternoon @ 1pm

**Wed 17th July—** KS2 sports afternoon @ 1pm 3-4.45pm Open evening - informal meeting with current teacher or new teacher

**Wed 24th July—** Last Celebration Assembly of the year 5.30-7pm Year 6 Leavers party (more details to follow)

**Thurs 25th July—** I am Year 6 Leavers presentation (Year 6 families only) Family picnic at noon, optional finish time at 1.30pm

**Fri 26th July—INSET Day**

**Tuesday 3rd Sept—** Years 1 to 6 first day back (new classes)

**Wednesday 4th Sept—** New Reception class start

**Thank you** for an incredible warm welcome back to school this week. It is so good to be back, I really did miss the whole school community and I am so thankful for all your support and warm wishes to both myself and Ellie. I am so very grateful to the whole staff team who have ensured that the school has continued to run as usual in my absence. Particular thanks to staff who have been covering lessons and especially a huge well done to Year 1 who have been without Miss Paterson, Mr Billington and the team have done a wonderful job. Talking of Miss Paterson, during a monitoring visit we had yesterday by our link inspector, he validated how well Miss Paterson has continued to run the school whilst I have been off and commended the fact that there has been 'business as usual'! So thank you to all the staff and children, it really is great to be back!

Unfortunately we are still experiencing some staff absence in the admin team so please bear with us whilst we try to get all the jobs done! One of these is that we are in the process of moving over to a new information system that will be used to collect all data, be our form of communication to you and hopefully tie everything into one place! The new system is called Arbor - this is used already by most of the secondary schools on the Island as well as some primaries. If you have a child in a secondary school you may have already had notification from the system but we are not fully up and running with this yet and hope to be using it in September. We will send more information regarding this soon.

Thank you for completing the survey regarding the change to the school day. Mrs Pye is in the process of collating the results and we will let you know as soon as we can what the change will be in September.

We have had a really busy week with various assessments taking place. We are very proud of Year 4 who all completed their multiplication assessment, also all of Year 1 and several children in Year 2 who have completed their phonic assessments and Year 5 who were excellent role models for the school on Tuesday during their visit to the British museum in London. Thank you to the staff for supporting this very long day, the children had a great time!

Please have a look at our school website to see the topic overview for this half-term that shows all that your child will be learning.

We are still in the process of sorting staff and classes for September but hope to be able to share news by Wednesday 26th June. Our current Year 4 class will have their Year 5 transition day on Thursday 27th June whereas all the other classes will be on Tuesday 9th July, more details to follow soon.

Next Thursday we will be celebrating the Island's 'Sight for Wight' day and if it is sunny children will be encouraged to wear their sunhat and sunglasses into school for the day.

In assembly today we congratulated our **Star Pupils**, and celebrated children's **achievements outside of school**. Well done to: Darci in Reception who showed her dancing show medal, to Queenie for her ballet exam, to Molly in Reception, Amira, Jessica and Florence in Year 2 and Emilyrose in Year 4 for their gymnastics awards, to Florence and Adiella for taking part in a musical performance with Theatre Train and to our rugby group - Charlie in Reception, Zac and Owen in Year 3 and Alfie S in Year,

5 with Owen being voted the most improved player this season.

Unfortunately due to Mr Scurr's absence today we have been unable to celebrate the top homework achievers over the last week and we will endeavour to add those next week.

We are looking forward to our sponsored walk next Friday afternoon and hope to raise lots of money for the school, don't forget we will have prizes for the child and class raising the most money. If your child has lost their sponsor form please do ask for another or see the email sent out last week. We are still in need of parents to help on the walk, from 1.15 to 1.15, please let the office know if you are able to help us, thank you.

As I left from school yesterday I was VERY concerned about the number of parents parking on the double yellow lines at the bottom of the drive. I seem to frequently remind you that **only disabled drivers or a if the child in the car has a badge** are permitted to park safely on double yellow lines and it is an offence to park here if there is not a disabled badge displayed. Please ensure if you do have a badge that you park just on one side of the road. After clubs yesterday we had cars parked on both sides of the road making it impossible to pass.

Our **Big Think question** this week was: 'Do you think all or most of the currently endangered or at risk species or animals will be extinct in 100 years times?' As you can imagine this sparked a lot of conversation right back to dinosaurs!

In the meantime I wish you all a wonderful weekend,

Jane Wilford

### Dates for your diary:

|                     |                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 11th June   | Year 5 British Museum educational visit                                                                            |
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## WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have been learning about 'doubling' and that if you double something you need the same amount/number. We used lego blocks to help us and have used the large dominoes outside to identify the number of dots and then find one with the same amount to match.

We started to write about 2 of our favourite dinosaurs and had to recall some of the facts we have learnt and attempt to write this down. Some of the dinosaur names are incredibly long but the children tried so hard to write the sounds they could hear.

We have also been busy making some owl cards to share with our special family members on Sunday. They look amazing and the children have put a lot of time into them. Outside we have been using a fossil hammer to look for fossils which has been a huge amount of fun and the children have waited patiently to have a go.

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## WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have been working super hard this week designing and making their own contraptions to allow Queen Victoria to go for a swim without the public "glimpsing her knees"! The children have written instructions during their English lessons for their inventions, and begun to build mock-up models from a range of resources during DT. In History they found out a little more about what life was like for both rich and poor during the Victorian era, and presented their information as posters with lots of interesting facts.

Science took us into the world of plants and we have all planted our own bean and begun a bean diary which we will fill in over the next few weeks as our seeds begin to grow. You may have noticed these on the classroom windows soaking up some sunshine!

In Maths we have been working on solving multiplication and division problems by counting in 10s, 5s and 2s and have impressed Mr Billington with our explanations.

Finally, a huge well done to the whole class for completing their phonic screening checks with Miss Paterson this week. They enjoyed showing off all they have learned - and many children even asked if they could come and do it again! You will receive the results of these in the upcoming end of year reports, and any children needing further support will continue to be prioritised for additional phonic sessions into Year 2.

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## WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we have been looking at correctly using apostrophes to show possession. We played some games saying who different items belonged to, before using possessive apostrophes in our writing. The class worked really hard and achieved some lovely writing. Thank you for all the handwriting practice going on at home too! It is having a huge impact!

A big well done to a few members of our class who did a special phonics activity with myself this week. All the children in this group worked really hard and applied everything they've been learning this year. We are super proud of you all!

In Maths we have been subtracting two two-digit numbers, involving bridging. This has been a big challenge but by the end of the week, the whole class was achieving this. The children have become so confident with using their number lines and are able to solve a whole multitude of problems with them.

The children really enjoyed art on Tuesday afternoon. We looked at different methods of positive printing and then went outside to find a variety of leaves. We first used a crayon rub method to produce a print and then used paint. Most of the class decided that the crayon rubbing made the best print. Next week, we will continue to look at printing methods.

## WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week the children have been looking very carefully at lines and have worked to identify horizontal, vertical, diagonal, parallel and perpendicular lines. They have then used their understanding of these lines to help them describe properties of 2D shapes. They have also come across some more names for 2D shapes – which are heptagon, nonagon and decagon too.

In English, this week we have continued reading our new class text – ‘The Wreck of the Zanzibar’ by Michael Morpurgo. The children have been busy writing diary entries from Laura or another character’s point of view. They have also used their imaginations to describe what they think Billy will encounter on his journey across the seas.

In Science, we have looked at how objects move on different surfaces and the children enjoyed investigating how far the toy cars travelled when they made contact with grass, carpet, gravel and the playground.

Well done Year 3, for another great week of working hard and helping each other.

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## WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year 4 we have been getting stuck into our class book ‘Podkin One-ear’ and taking inspiration from Larwood’s work to create compound and complex sentences. In Maths, we have been recapping our fraction knowledge, and recognising fraction and decimal equivalents. We then continued onto our new maths unit to identify key facts of money, and applied our fraction knowledge to identify quarters, halves and tenths of £1, £5, £10 etc. In Science, we have been defining the word ‘appliance’ and identifying whether various electrical appliances are mains or battery powered. We began our Mountains and Earthquakes topic in Geography, using a map to locate Nepal and determine which continent Nepal is located. Once we had found Nepal, we used the map to spot any physical features E.g. Mountains, which helped us to understand how this looked on a map. Finally, in DT we created our Anderson shelters, putting the children’s creative skills to the test.

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## WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a busy week in Year 5. This week, I will start with my highlight. Our educational visit to the British Museum was amazing. Despite over five hours of coach travel, the children demonstrated amazing behaviour for learning and did themselves proud. When we were in the museum, they asked good questions, explored the many rooms of the ancient Egyptian and Greek departments and were a credit to our school all day!

In English, we used new found knowledge of parenthesis and expanded noun phrases to write a series of short diary entries based on the main character from our class text. In Maths, we continued our recap of multiplication and division by solving reasoning and problem solving questions as well as a range of different methods. In Science, we explored the development in children. In computing, we began to create our own code and in DT we designed our own Egyptian cartouche. Well done for all your hard work, keep it up!

## WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six we have been enjoying reading more of our class text about Louie's Victorian circus adventures. Unfortunately, one of the characters has been injured and so we are writing formal complaint letters to request the council take action to prevent such injuries occurring in the future! The children are choosing formal vocabulary carefully for effect, and drawing on their past learning about persuasive techniques to encourage their reader to take action. In maths, we have focused on algebra and the children have worked hard to solve equations when the value of X is given, and to generate their own formulae, including applying this to other areas of maths like perimeter and shape. In art, I was blown away by the beautiful watercolour fruits the children painted. They are very talented artists! In PSHE, we talked about gender stereotypes and how we can challenge these. In science, we completed a light and electricity assessment and have begun to plan an investigation around light. Our history lesson centered on analysing sources about 18th century slavery in America, so that we have some context for learning more about the work of civil rights campaigners in more recent history of the 1950s and 60s. We are looking forward to our trip to the UKSA in a couple of weeks and letters have been sent home so please get in touch if you have not received your letter!

| Chartwells<br>Schools |               | WEEK 3                                                                                                                              |                                                                                              |                                                                  |                                                               |                                                               |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                       |               | W/C: 29/04, 20/05, 17/06, 08/07, 02/09, 23/09, 14/10                                                                                |                                                                                              |                                                                  |                                                               |                                                               |
|                       |               | MONDAY                                                                                                                              | TUESDAY                                                                                      | WEDNESDAY                                                        | THURSDAY                                                      | FRIDAY                                                        |
| SPRING/SUMMER 2024    | HOT SPECIALS  | Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱<br>Served with Potato Wedges                                                                              | Pork Sausages<br>Served with Mashed Potato and Beans                                         | Roast Chicken 🍷<br>Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy          | Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake 🍷<br>🍷                        | Fish Fingers<br>Served with Chips                             |
|                       | JACKET POTATO | Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta 🌱 🍷<br>🍷                                                                                               | Vegetarian Sausage 🌱<br>Served with Mashed Potato and Beans                                  | Cheese and Onion Pasty 🌱<br>Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce 🌱<br>Served with Rainbow Rice  | Quorn Dippers 🌱<br>Served with Chips                          |
|                       | JACKET POTATO | Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱<br>with a choice of hot and cold fillings                                                                       | Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱<br>with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟 | Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱<br>with a choice of hot and cold fillings    | Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱<br>with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱<br>with a choice of hot and cold fillings |
|                       | JACKET POTATO | Tomato Pasta: Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🌱 🍷 🍷                                                         |                                                                                              |                                                                  |                                                               |                                                               |
|                       |               | All main meals are served with two vegetables                                                                                       |                                                                                              |                                                                  |                                                               |                                                               |
|                       | DESSERT       | Chocolate Brownie with Fruit 🍷                                                                                                      | Strawberry Jelly                                                                             | Banana Cake 🌱                                                    | Lemon Sicilian Cookie                                         | Chocolate Ice Cream                                           |
|                       |               | <b>PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE</b><br>Ham, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day |                                                                                              |                                                                  |                                                               |                                                               |
|                       |               | <b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b><br>Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit                                              |                                                                                              |                                                                  |                                                               |                                                               |
|                       |               | 🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🍷 Wholegrain<br>🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice                                                          |                                                                                              |                                                                  |                                                               |                                                               |

## Star Pupils

Palmer Reception

Willow & Zac

Armah Year 1

Mabel

Hussein-Gambles  
Year 2

Enya, Nicholas, Everlyn, Logan,  
Charlotte & Tyler

Shien Ng Year 3

Roxy

Richards Year 4

Isaiah

Aderin-Pocock Year 5

Ollie

Islam Year 6

Lexi G

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              | 99                       | 93.9                              |
| Armah               | 97                       | 94.5                              |
| Hussain-Gambles     | 96.9                     | 96.4                              |
| Shien Ng            | 95                       | 95.4                              |
| Richards            | 99                       | 95.9                              |
| Aderin-Pocock       | 98.6                     | 96.5                              |
| Islam               | 96.4                     | 95.1                              |
| <b>Whole School</b> | <b>97.45</b>             | <b>95.4</b>                       |

***The class with the best attendance this week is:  
Palmer and Richards***

|                      | Lates This Week | Lates since September |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Palmer               | 2               | 40                    |
| Armah                | 0               | 41                    |
| Hussain-Gamble       | 1               | 16                    |
| Shien Ng             | 3               | 55                    |
| Richards             | 2               | 55                    |
| Aderin-Pocock        | 2               | 20                    |
| Islam                | 0               | 38                    |
| <b>Whole School</b>  | <b>10</b>       | <b>33</b>             |
| <b>Total Minutes</b> | <b>133</b>      | <b>3868</b>           |

***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

## **U11 Girls Cricket vs Broadlea and Niton**

Last Friday our U11 Girls Cricket side travelled to Broadlea to play their round-robin opening round of fixtures.

Ms Fish has been working hard with this group to hone their skills and be ready for match play cricket. Bowling is often a key part of cricket and can either make or break a score. In our format, any wides or no balls allow for a free hit from a batting tee. The team had ensured they'd practised this and it paid off on the afternoon.

The team had a very close game with Niton and unfortunately came up just short. With only 6 runs in it! Not letting that deter them they set about getting a positive result against Broadlea. In the end this made all the difference, as by beating Broadlea by 20 runs gave them the runs total they required.

After all three games had been played each team had beaten one another and so it had to be decided by aggregate runs. Wootton's good and consistent scoring with the bat meant they finished with 138 runs compared to Broadlea's 118 and Niton's 116. A nerve wracking way of progressing to the knockout stages, but a fantastic achievement. Well done girls.

Thank you and well played to Lexi, G, Penny T, Sadie M, Layla W, and Phoenix M from Year 6 and Evie M, Lilah R and Millie R from Year 5.

## **U9 Open Cricket vs Greenmount, Bembridge and Queensgate**

On Tuesday we took a team of 8 players to participate in the group stage of their cricket competition. A tough group drew them against last year's finalists and two, two form entry primary schools.

It was clear this was their first experience of competitive cricket as a team as they were often hesitant when batting, choosing to protect wickets rather than push for quick singles. Unfortunately, in our first game against Bembridge this proved to be the difference. A close result, fewer than 10 runs between the two sides, but a loss nonetheless.

Against Queensgate the team did much better and bowled incredibly well. They took 3 wickets and always looked a threat. It was very close and Wootton only won by 5 runs!

In the last game against Greenmount Wootton played their best cricket. Taking an amazing 5 wickets and amassing a total of 91 runs! It was unfortunate that Bembridge won all three of their games as I'm sure Wootton's aggregate runs would have been enough to get them through.

Thank you and well played to Emily –Rose S, Theo B, Charlie H, Dylan J, Max C, Sebby R, Brody M and Harry D.

## **Upcoming Fixtures:**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – U11 Handball @ Queensgate

TBC – U11 Open Cricket vs (Brighstone or Godshill)

TBC – U11 Girls Cricket vs Gurnard @ Wootton

# Starting Secondary School!

## Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Workshop



Worrying is a normal thing to do,  
everyone does it!  
If you find you are worried about  
your move up to secondary school  
and you're not sure how to cope,  
we are here for you!

### What we will cover:

- What are worries?
- How to spot them
- How to deal with them
- Problem Solving
- Grounding Techniques
- Self Care



### How to sign up:

Speak to your school's Designated Mental Health Lead (DMHL) to let them know how you have been feeling and that you would like to sign up to the workshop. They will help you with the process.

**Referrals need to be with MHST by Friday 19th July.**

Venue: Secondary school/College

Date: Thursday 22nd August\*

Time: TBC

\*Except those moving to Island Free School

mental  
health  
support  
TEAM

THEATRE TRAIN DANCE ACT SING

WE WILL  
**ROCK**  
YOU

Young @ Part

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