



# Wootton St. Peters C of E Primary School

Our children become the rocks upon which a better world can be built.

Our Vision: **Our children become the rocks upon which a better world can be built. We explore the values of perseverance, compassion and courage to open up horizons of hope and aspiration.**

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Festival at St Peters Church 9.30am. All welcome.**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Individual school photographs.**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Fows Spooky Autumn Disco.**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Inset day: (School closed to students).**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct-Friday 28<sup>th</sup>: Half term (School closed).**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: Return to school (whole school).**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November: Drama Workshop- R-Yr4.**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Drama workshop- Yr1-Yr4.**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Flu immunisations Reception- Yr6.**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov: Moonstone Cycle training.**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Whole school trip to Cineworld.**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Moonstone Trip to The Ashmolean.**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Last day of term. NO ASC.**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan: Inset day (School closed to students).**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: Return to school (Whole school).**

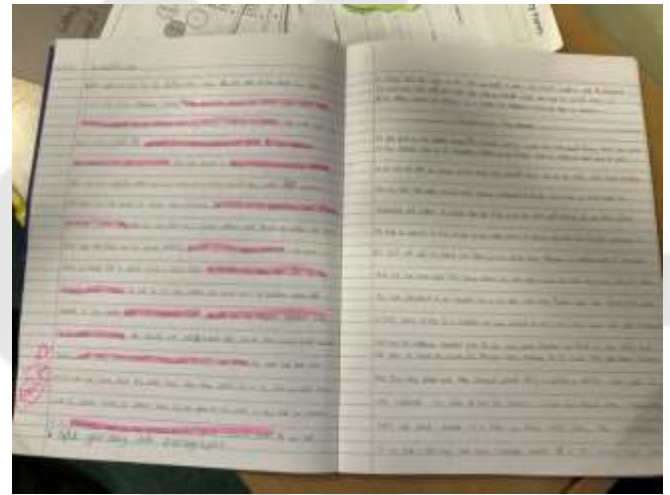
### Dear parents and carers,

Dear parents and carers,

Flu, colds and tummy bugs are definitely doing the rounds at the moment which has had an impact on pupil and staff attendance. I hope that we are all over the worst of it and we will see attendance rise again over the coming weeks. I have been so impressed with the learning behaviours of the children this week. Every time I visit a classroom the children are busy with their; learning. On Wednesday morning I visited every class between 10 and 10:30 and was so impressed with the quality of writing. Little Gems were writing their own version of 'We're going on a bear hunt', Opal class were writing descriptive sentences about Paddington, Jade class were writing instructions about how

to wash a woolly mammoth, and Moonstone were writing speeches by Odysseus. I am so proud that the children are striving to produce excellent writing.

Please have a look at Jack's great example of narrative writing.



### Harvest festival

We are really looking forward to seeing you at the Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30. The children have been practising their songs and recorders and they can't wait to perform them. Please donate one item which will then be taken to the foodbank.

### Health and Safety Audit.

We had our yearly Healthy and Safety inspection from Oxfordshire County Council and I am pleased to see that it went very well. A huge thank you to Catherine Porter for all the hard work she has put into making sure school is a safe environment for all pupils and staff.

The letter from the inspector says "this shows how much effort you have all put into ensuring your compliance – congratulations".



1. We are polite and respectful
2. We use indoor voices
3. We listen to each other
4. We move around school appropriately
5. We treat others how we would like to be treated

### Young Writers Poetry Stars Competition

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been invited to take part in this year's Young Writers poetry competition *Poetry Stars*.

If your child would like to enter, please support them to plan and write their poem on the entry form that they will bring home from school today and return to your class teacher by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**.

Each child that enters will receive a bookmark and some poems will be chosen to be published into a book that will be available to purchase. Young Writers will also choose their five favourite poets who will receive a creative writing goody bag.

6<sup>th</sup> October is also National Poetry Day. This year the theme is environment, so perhaps your child would like to write a poem about nature, wildlife or an animal.

Happy writing!

*Every Day Counts!*



This year we will have a focus on making sure that our attendance is at least 95% for every child. Obviously if your child is too unwell to attend school they should stay at home but if they can come to school they should. Please avoid taking your child on holiday during term time as I will not be able to authorise this absence.

### School Attendance Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

Little Gems- 77.14%

Opal- 88.97%

Jade- 81.72%

Moonstone- 88.58%



### The School Shield

**Little Gems**- Oscar for being really motivated with his learning and for always trying his best. Well done Oscar 😊

**Opal** – Layla for always following the School High 5 Promise, her fantastic independent writing and brilliant Maths. Well done Layla 😊

**Jade** – Jeronn for his great Maths and for explaining his thinking and problem solving. Well done Jeronn 😊

**Moonstone**- Toby for his outstanding Maths. Well done Toby 😊

### This Week's ask me about????

**Little Gems**- Drawing club.

**Opal** – Our Paddington Bear suitcases we have made.

**Jade** – Telling the time.

**Moonstone** – The Battle of Troy.

### FOWS Upcoming Event

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October FOWS will be hosting the Spooky Autumn Disco! 4.30pm – 6.00pm.

Fancy dress is optional. Parents are welcome to attend and there will be a social area available with refreshments for sale. Ticket price is £4 per child, and this includes drinks and

a snack. If you would like to purchase tickets Angela and Jennie will be selling them in the playground at 3pm on:

10th, 11th, 13th, 17th, 18th of October

If you would rather purchase by BACS and just collect them on one of the dates above, please see banking details below.

### **FOWS BACS PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Please state DO- before your CHILDS NAME on your BACS payment reference for Disco Tickets

Account name: Friends of Wootton School

Account Number: 63431173

Sort code: 60-01-01

If you are interested in helping at the disco, we are in need of approx. 10 adults to help with various things. Serving drinks and snacks to the children, refreshments for adults in social area, front door staff and generally helping out around the dance floor!

If you can't be there but still would like to support in some way by donating snacks, cakes etc. to sell in the social area please email me [clairehastie2@gmail.com](mailto:clairehastie2@gmail.com)

### **FOWS Christmas Events**

**Yes, it's only 85 sleeps until Christmas!**

FOWS are making plans for the Christmas Fair to be held one weekday afternoon at the school. Date TBC. More details for the event to follow in the next few weeks.

At this time of year we start our hunt for Raffle prize donations if you work for a company that would be interested in supplying a prize or know of someone who might be interested in donating please let Jennie Rowlands know, [jennie.costar@live.co.uk](mailto:jennie.costar@live.co.uk)

**Have you heard about Easyfundraising?**

As we start to make plans for gifts this festive season if you are planning to make purchases online please be aware of <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

FOWS have an account set up called Friends of Wootton School – Oxford

There are a huge number of high street and online retailers who donate a percentage of your spend to FOWS. So, every time you shop you could be donating! It might only feel like it is only a few pence as they are only small percentages but it all adds up! You could even get family and friends to sign up!

There is a donation reminder that can be set up every time you browse a registered Easyfundraising retailer. So, if you have a few spare minutes this weekend I highly recommend setting this up, if you don't want to be bombarded by information from Easyfundraising you can go into 'Account settings' and select how much promotional information you want to receive from them.

Thank you,

Claire Hastie, FOWS Chair