



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

Friday 9th September

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 18th-22nd September – Music Flood Week.

Monday- Meet a Musician Assembly/ Buskers from Radley.

Tuesday- Surprise Musician Performance.

Wednesday- KS2 Singing Workshop.

Thursday- KS1 and KS2 Singing at Radley.

Friday- KS2 Singing in the Market Square.

Tuesday 19th September at 2:30 pm KS1 meeting.

Tuesday 26th September at 2:30 pm KS2 Meeting.

Wednesday 27th September at 2:30 pm EYFS meeting.

Tuesday 17th October – Flu immunisations for Reception through to Y6 children.

Friday 20th October – Staff Inset day (school closed)

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th – Half Term.

Monday 30th October – School starts.

Monday 30th October - Individual and family photos.

Parents/carers- Welcome back to a new school year. It has been a very successful first week back. Your children have returned/started school with a fantastic attitude. Classrooms are settled and productive and playtimes have been joyous, this is because your children follow the Wootton Hi5 Promise



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

This is why I feel like the luckiest headteacher in Oxfordshire.

Agents for Change - In our Hands



For the start of this term the whole school is using the same book in their English lessons. It is about how we are all part of a community and how children can be agents for change and make the world a better place - **they become the rocks upon which a better world can be built.** In collective worship we explored what it means to be part of a community and what actions we would like to take to improve our school environment. We will discuss this further in Democratic Circle Time where we will plan what we will do to improve our lovely school. We will hold a project day in October where the children will be able to take part in different activities that will improve the school environment. If any of you would like to volunteer to take part on that day please let the office now. We will share more detailed information about the date and the activities as soon as we have them.

Information meeting for parents

We will be holding these very popular meetings again this year. This will give you a chance to meet your child's teacher and find out more about the curriculum and how we teach reading and maths. All the meetings will take place at 2:30 pm. I know that for some of you that you will not be able to attend due to work commitments. Last year we held a meeting at 5:30 pm but only one parent attended, so if you are interested in attending a meeting later in the day, please register your interest with the Office and if there is enough interest, we will organise a repeat of the meetings at a later time.

EYFS meeting - Wednesday 27th September at 2:30 pm

KS1 meeting - Tuesday 19th September at 2:30 pm.

KS2 Meeting (Parents of children in Jade and Moonstone) - Tuesday 26th September at 2:30 pm.

School Attendance

There is a clear link between good attendance leading to better outcomes for children at school - the more they attend the better they do. Last year was very challenging with many illnesses causing a high number of days to be missed, this was the same on a national scale not just at Wootton. This year we need to raise attendance. The minimum level of attendance is 95%. This means that a child has missed 9 days over the course of an academic year; this level of absence should be very rare. Please continue to email or phone the office to inform us if your child is going to be absent. Accompanying this newsletter you will find this poster - ***Should I keep my child off school?***

Also here is a link from Professor Chris Whitty and other medical leaders to all Headteachers which highlights the importance of high attendance which is definitely worth a read:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-to-school-leaders-on-mild-illness-and-school-attendance/letter-to-school-leaders-on-mild-illness-and-school-attendance>

We are not able to authorise holidays during term time. The formal letter from the Local Authority will be shared with you once it has been shared by the Council.

Local Community Support Service - Early Help for families

All agencies that work with children, young people and families are responsible for listening to your concerns and worries and working closely with you to make sure you and your family get the right support at the right time. **At times children and families need a bit of extra support – and when that happens, it's ok to ask for help.** . There are lots of different reasons you might need early help:

- You could be worried about your own or your child's health, development or behaviour, or how things are going at school or nursery.
- You could be caring for others, or maybe you've had a bereavement in the family, and it's made life a real challenge.
- It may be that you're worried about money or housing and how it's affecting your family.
- Maybe you or your family are affected by domestic abuse, mental health, drugs, alcohol or crime.

Early help is there to make sure worries don't become bigger and you get the support you need at the right time. You may have found out about how early help can make a difference from a teacher, health visitor, midwife, school health nurse, early years practitioner, doctor, voluntary worker or another trusted professional already working with you. To find out more follow this link

https://www.oscb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/22-0049-A4-Leaflet_Early-help-guide-for-families.pdf

If you feel that you need help please contact Mr Pitt.

New School Website

The new website will be going live very soon - so watch this space for further details.



The School Shield

Little Gems – Arthur for always listening really well, following teachers instructions and for settling in well to Little Gems. Great job Arthur 😊

Opal – Taylun for a great start to year 2, following the Wootton School High Five Promise, helping his year 1 friends and doing some fantastic work. Well done Taylun 😊

Jade – Le' Niya for settling so well in School and her class. Fantastic Le' Niya 😊

Moonstone – Mollie for her excellent effort in English. Brilliant job Mollie 😊

This Week's ask me about??

Little Gems – Our Buddy's.

Opal – Our Community.

Jade – My new class.

Moonstone – Computer Systems.

Parking and Road Safety

This morning there was a car accident at the bottom of Wootton Village, at the crossroads. Luckily we believe no one to be hurt, but sending a reminder to parents, to please remain vigilant around the roads and keep road safety in the forefront of your minds. We now have 20mph signs up which we are hoping will help make a positive difference. Also a reminder to please park in the Church car park at pick-ups and drop off, when possible. This will help minimise the traffic flow outside of school, making the roads safer for our children. Thank you.

Clubs-Reception-yr6- Dance club started back this week, running on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Football club starts back next week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Art club will be starting a little later, sometime hopefully in October. Please contact the school office if you would like to book on or further information.