



# 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.**

[www.wootton-school.co.uk](http://www.wootton-school.co.uk)



## SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 29.09.2023

### Upcoming Dates:

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Flu immunisations for Reception through to Y6 children.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Staff Inset day (school closed)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Half Term.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – School starts.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** - Individual and family photos.

### Parents/carers-

This week I proudly showed off the school to the head and deputy of Rush Common School. I am very happy to report that they were very impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of your children and the excellent learning opportunities that were on offer. I know we are a very good school but it's always nice to hear it from other colleagues too.

### In our Hands School Community Event

On the afternoon of Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 1:00 pm, all classes will be taking part in activities to look after and improve the school environment. We would love for you to come in and join in with the activities that are happening. Come wearing old clothes and be prepared to maybe get a little messy! Please see what's needed on the class lists attached. We also have a signup sheet in the school office for volunteers. We really hope to see many of you there.

### Harvest Service and Open Classroom Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Our Harvest Service is happening on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30. After the service you are warmly invited to walk back to school with us for our termly Open Classroom so you can see your child's/children's learning that they have been involved in this term. This is always a lovely and well attended event and we hope that you will all be able to come. If you are not able to attend on this day please contact the office or speak to

the class teacher on the playground and we can arrange an alternative time.

### Parent information Meetings

Thank you to all who were able to attend the class parent information evenings. If you have any further questions, then please do come and find us and we will be happy to help.

### Harvest Festival Boxes

Traditionally the children decorate or cover shoe boxes (or a similar size box) at home and fill them with in date non-perishable items. Then a number of Year 6 children will walk down and deliver some of the boxes to the older members of the Wootton community, along with staff from school. The rest of the donations are then taken to a local charity (Abingdon Food Bank). It would be lovely if you could donate one box per family, however you are not obliged to do so. We look forward to seeing you all at our Church Service Harvest celebrations.

### Secondary school applications

Parents of children in Year 6 you have until 31<sup>st</sup> October to apply for a place in secondary school. Please follow this link to make an application <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications/key-dates-secondary-school>

### Wootton School High-Five 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.

## The School Shield



**Little Gems** – George for his great Phonics and for concentrating really well in class. Great job George 😊

**Opal** – Robyn for always working very hard, Producing great work, being a lovely kind friend and a fantastic role model and member of the class. Well done Robyn 😊

**Jade** – Larsson for his great focus and great contribution in Maths and English. Good job Larsson 😊

**Moonstone** – Divine for being really brave and holding a snake. Fantastic Divine 😊

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

**Little Gems** – The Colour Monster.

**Opal** – Number Bonds to 10.

**Jade** – Practicing telling the Time.

**Moonstone**- Our Reptiles.

### Spooky Tea Shop this October!

**Thursday 19th October, 3pm in the hall.**

FOWS will be holding a Spooky teashop on Thursday 19th October at 3pm. If you would like to help run the tea shop or would love to bake some Halloween themed sweet treats for the event for us to sell, we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please send an email to: friends.wootton.school@gmail.com

We will have some fundraising games – 'Poke a pumpkin' and 'Guess how many sweets in the Jar', Plus pick n mix sweets for sale and some Half term activity packs to keep your children amused over the holiday.

If you are interested in helping please let me know,

See you there!

Claire Hastie

FOWS, Chair

## School Attendance

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.

### School attendance- 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September.

Little Gems- 92.12%

Opal- 95.33%

Jade- 94.04%

Moonstone- 93.98%

### Safeguarding

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](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.