



# 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 22.09.23

### Upcoming Dates:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm KS1 meeting.**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30 pm KS2 Meeting.**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30 pm EYFS meeting.**

**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 has been an excellent week of enriching cultural experiences for your children. They have all taken part in the Radley Music Flood Week. They have enjoyed watching performances, taking part in singing workshops and performing in the Market Square. Thank you to Radley College for organising such a stimulating and enjoyable week.



## International Day of Democracy and House Captains and Vice Captains.

Last week we celebrated the International Day of Democracy in our Democratic Circle Time. Children from Moonstone class made presentations to their House teams as to why they would be a good house or vice captains. The Houses then voted and have chosen the Captains and vice captains for the year. I know these children will lead our upcoming community projects very well.

## Seed bomb making and deliveries

Moonstone created some seed bombs from recycled paper and seeds from our school garden. We decided to deliver some to our local neighbours and residents as part of our community project - they were very pleased with our little gifts.



## New Chair of Governors

A big thank you to Jo Elliott for her year as Chair of Governors. She has carried out her duties very well and offered the right amount of challenge and support to ensure that our school continues to flourish. At our FGB meeting on Wednesday Mike Varnom was elected as Chair. Mike has been part of the school community for around 20 years and I am really pleased that I will have the opportunity to work so closely with Mike over the coming year.

## Vaccancies

Please see attachments.

**EYFS meeting - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30 pm**

**KS1 meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm.**

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

## New website

The new website has gone live <https://www.wootton-school.co.uk/web/>. As we strive to continuously improve in all we do I would welcome any feedback about the website as we want it to be a source of relevant information and a way to show off the wonderful.

## 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.

## 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- 18<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Little Gems- 90.12%  
Opal- 95.33%  
Jade- 91.25%  
Moonstone- 99.23%

### 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.



### The School Shield

**Little Gems** – Beth for participating very well in all lessons and for always being ready to learn. Well done Beth 😊

**Opal** – Harrison for his excellent independent writing, using Capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Great work Harrison 😊

**Jade** – Mia for becoming more confident in class, for always making good choices and for her great work in Maths and English. Good job Mia 😊

**Moonstone** – Alfie for being an outstanding role model and for his excellent Maths. Well done Alfie 😊

## This Week's ask me about??

**Little Gems** – The everywhere Bear.

**Opal** – Goldilocks and the three Bears.

**Jade** – Singing at Radley.

**Moonstone**- Micro organisms

### Clubs-Reception-yr6

Dance club- Wednesdays (KS1) and Thursdays (KS2)

Football club- Tuesdays (Yr5&6) and Wednesdays (R-Yr6)

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.

### FOWS AGM

Friends of Wootton School are holding their PTA Annual General Meeting on Thursday 28th September. 7.30pm at The Bystander Pub. Meeting to commence at 7:45pm.

The AGM is an annual review of FOWS activities and crucially will include the election of the committee for the next year. If anyone is interested in standing for any of the committee positions – Chair, Secretary or Treasurer – Please contact Claire Hastie before the 27th September by emailing [friends.wootton.school@gmail.com](mailto:friends.wootton.school@gmail.com) If you would like to chat, I am in the school playground at drop-off on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

As a charity, we need as high attendance as possible at the AGM to ensure the elections can be ratified and FOWS can continue to operate, so if you are interested in playing your part in the wider committee please do attend if you can. We understand that for many free time is limited due to work commitments. FOWS are always in need of volunteers and by giving up just an hour of your time every few months to help run a teashop after school or help with sourcing items for a stall at our Christmas Fair, May Fair, or any other event it can make all the difference to our fundraising. As part of our AGM it would be lovely to be able to make plans for fundraising events throughout the year and increase our committee numbers to help run these events. Without volunteers we are very limited in what we can achieve.

## 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 come along to our AGM, or send an email to [friends.wootton.school@gmail.com](mailto:friends.wootton.school@gmail.com)

We are also hoping to have a few fundraising games and a Street dance performance. More information to follow in next week's newsletter.

Thank you,

Claire Hastie

FOWS, Chair

