



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 03.11.23

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday 8th November- School open morning for perspective parents- Two sessions-9.30am and 11am (Please share this information with friends and family).

Friday 10th November- Cinema Trip to see "Epic Tales" at The Phoenix Picture House- 9.25-12pm. (whole school).

Tuesday 21st November- Parent conversations.

Thursday 23rd November- Parent conversations.

Thursday 7th December- Christmas circus KS1&KS2.

Friday 8th December- Christmas Fair 2.45pm.

Tuesday 12th December- KS1 Dress rehearsal.

Wednesday 13th December- Little Gems Carol Singing 2.30-3.00pm.

Thursday 14th December- KS1 Nativity to parents 9.30am.

Monday 18th December- Class Christmas Parties.

Tuesday 19th December- Carols by Candlelight 2pm-3pm.

Wednesday 20th December- Christmas Dinner day.

Wednesday 20th December- last day of term. **School finishes at 1.30pm. NO ASC.**

Monday 8th January- Staff Inset day (school closed)

Tuesday 9th January- School starts 8.30am.

Parents/carers-

The week started with a lot of excitement around, the school photos and Halloween, however your children managed to stay calm, continue to focus and enjoy the excellent learning opportunities provided by the fabulous staff at Wootton. Little Gems are making progress on the balance bikes, Jade class make good progress with their grammar and spelling, Opal are becoming more and more independent each day and Moonstone have enjoyed great enrichment opportunities.



community were delighted to have Moonstone class deliver the boxes to them and we have received many compliments and messages of thanks. A huge thank you to Paul Herrington for the music and ensuring that the children's singing was of such high quality. Also a huge thank you to Rev Stephen Coe for leading the service.



Enriching the curriculum

Moonstone class have enjoyed some excellent learning opportunities this week. The Radley Zoo came in for their second visit and this time every child stroked a snake and learnt even more about the many animals that Radley College house.

They also visited Kelmscott Manor as part of their topic learning about the Victorian era and William Morris.

"The first thing we liked was the actual place". "The weather forecast said it would be a terrible stormy day", "but it turned into a magnificent day"! "Kelmscott Manor is over 400 years old". "We enjoyed the block printing and the drawing of the willow tree branch and flower". What we learned: "William Morris loved messy art so it didn't have to be perfect". "He wrote a poem about his bed because he loved it so much".

Kelmscott Manor



Harvest Service

This was a lovely occasion as ever as we gave thanks for the harvest. It was great to see so many of you in attendance (we had over 40 representatives from over 40 families) and thank you so much for your generous donations for the food boxes. Members of the local



Driving to school and Parking

We have received complaints from local residents and parents about the speed some people are driving on the narrow road to school and how some cars are parked on the road outside school. Where possible please walk, cycle or scoot to school. If you do have to drive please park in the car park opposite the church and walk the short distance to school. Please avoid parking opposite the school as it makes crossing the road dangerous for the children.

A Warm Welcome to Harriet

We would like to warmly welcome and introduce you to a new member of our staff, Harriett. Harriett will be running ASC Mon-Fri 3pm-5pm, so please do introduce yourself at ASC pick up, so that Harriet can get to know you all.



Safeguarding information

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Charles Pitt (Headteacher), and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding leads are Ms Carina Phillips (Acting Deputy Head and class teacher) and Mrs Lina Shehan (SENCO). Should you have any concerns about the welfare of any children at school please report it to us. If an immediate response from Children's Social Care is necessary, call the **Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0345 050 7666**. If you have an urgent concern for a child call 999 or 101.

Parent conversations

These will happen over two days from – 2:30 – 5:40 pm Tuesday 21/11 and Thursday 23/11. You will be able to book these through the website very soon.

Best wishes,
Charlie Pitt

Christmas cards and gifts

Going home in bags today is a slip showing your child's lovely Christmas card design which they completed in school last term. Details are on the slip about how to order Christmas cards and other gifts online. For every sale FOWS will receive a percentage of the profit which will all go towards funding school activities and needs, so please support us by ordering! You can order Christmas cards, thank you cards, gift labels, mugs and coasters, all featuring your child's design.

The deadline for orders is this **Tuesday 14th November** so we can get your items printed and sent back to school in good time for Christmas. Items will arrive before the end of this month and will be distributed at pick up.

Any problems with ordering, please contact Philippa Hill on 07745674920.

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- 30th October- 03rd November

Little Gems- 95.83%

Opal- 98.67%

Jade- 95.20%

Moonstone- 97.67%

The School Shield



Little Gems – Lucas for his great learning this week! For always putting his hand up and joining in and his participation in lessons, especially in Maths!! Great work Lucas 😊

Opal – Gracie for a great week of learning, particularly in Maths and her writing. Fantastic Gracie 😊

Jade – Nathan for his fantastic writing and drawing of Iron Man. Well done Nathan 😊

Moonstone – TBC

This Week's ask me about??

Little Gems – The story Funny Bones.

Opal – Meerkats.

Jade – Diwali Lanterns.

Moonstone- Our trip to Kelmscott Manor.

Oxford Rugby Club is running touch rugby sessions for all primary aged children every Tuesday starting 7th November 2023. Sessions run between 6:30pm and 7:30pm and cost £3 per session. No previous experience is necessary. All sessions are held at Oxford Rugby Club, North Hinksey Lane, North Hinksey, OX2 0NA. Please email enquiries@oxfordrfc.com for further details.

Cinderella

Please see the poster below for information about tickets for the wonderful Cinderella. The lovely Isla has



FOWS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Spooky Tea Shop on Thursday 19th October. We raised a wonderful £250.

FOWS are now making plans for the Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th December (2.30-4.30pm)

We will be holding a Christmas Fayre planning meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th November, venue still to be confirmed please contact us on friends.wootton.school@gmail.com if you would be interested in coming along, and we welcome your input and ideas.

At the Christmas Fayre we will have some stalls and our usual raffle. Plus, more things still to be confirmed (all dependent on how many volunteers we have). If you would like to help at the event or have a craft stall you would like to rent a table space for, please do let us know.

We are always looking for new donors of raffle prizes, if you or your employer would like to make a donation to this year's raffle please let us know, you can email friends.wootton.school@gmail.com or contact me on WhatsApp via 07807 460677

Thank you for your continued support,

Claire Hastie

FOWS, Chair