



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:

Monday 6th Feb- Reception & yr. 6 Heights and Weights.

Friday 10th Feb- School finishes 3pm.

Monday 13th Feb- Friday 17th Feb- Half term.

Monday 20th Feb- All students and staff return to school.

Thursday 2nd Mar- World Book Day.

Thursday 30th Mar- Easter service 9.30am at the church, all parents welcome.

Friday 31st Mar- School finishes for Easter 1.30pm
NO ASC.

Monday 3rd Apr- Friday 14th Apr Easter Holiday.

Monday 17th Apr- All staff and students return to school.

Dear parents and carers,

Just as I think schools are heading for an easier and straight forward time following the Covid period we are now faced with the prospect of strike action by members of the NEU. You will have heard the reasons for the strikes: 20% fall in pay for teachers in real terms since 2010, which is in turn fuelling a recruitment and retention crisis. Set against this is additional disruption to children's education. We all hope that agreement is reached, and that all the strikes can be called off; realistically, I think there is next to no chance of that happening before the first strike day which is on Wednesday 1st February.

I know that the teachers at Wootton are very committed to the education of your children however most are part of the NEU. If they do take the decision to strike I know that they will not take the decision lightly.

Lots of conflicting guidance has been issued by the NEU, the NAHT (the union that I am a member of) and the government. The government guidance is non-statutory, it remains guidance. I will be attending a meeting with OCC and other schools on Tuesday and

reading all the very detailed guidance over the weekend. I will also be consulting with the Chair of Governors. There are rules about what Headteachers can and can't do in the event of strikes; I can ask staff if they intend to strike, but they don't have to tell me, and I can ask non-striking teachers to cover the gaps caused by striking colleagues, but they do not have to say yes. I will do all I can to give you as much notice as possible about whether the school will close or not. In the meantime, I think it would be prudent to make contingency arrangements for childcare on the first strike day. Thank you for your patience and I will communicate further information as soon as possible.

Fantastic Learning

Despite the potential disruption of a strike school continues, as ever, to be a hive of activity. On my learning walks this week every class is buzzing with excitement about their learning. I have been so impressed with the quality of writing produced by the children as a result of excellent teaching from teachers and teaching assistants. I'm sure you will be impressed when you come in to see the children's writing at the end of the term. In the meantime here are some photos of our excellent writing display and the Fire of London art work created by Opal class.





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

Little Gems- 98.83%

Opal-94.83%

Jade- 94.41%

Moonstone- 97.69%



The School Shield

Little Gems- Aryan for his really good Phonics, for always giving things a go and not being afraid to make mistakes. Good job Aryan 😊

Opal – Jake for his excellent reading in Phonics and his fantastic writing using “speech marks”. Great work Jake 😊

Jade – Julia for her fantastic listening and participation in class. Well done Julia 😊

Moonstone- Sofia for her amazing progress in writing and for always helping the whole class. Great job Sophia 😊

This Week's ask me about????

Little Gems- Beegu the Alien.

Opal – Our Great Fire of London lanterns.

Jade – Translation in Maths.

Moonstone – Decimals.

Best wishes,
Charlie Pitt

Nursery places -We currently have Nursery places available in school. If you or anyone you know would like any further information regarding a Nursery place, then please contact the school office and we will be happy to help you.

Nits in School

We have had another case of Nits reported in school. Please can you check your Childrens hair and treat if necessary. Many thanks.

