



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 06.10.23

Upcoming Dates:

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

Thursday 19th October- Harvest festival service, at the church 9.30am. All are welcome.

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.

Thursday 2nd November – Moonstone trip to Kelmscott Manor.

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).

Thursday 7th December- Christmas circus KS1&KS2.

Friday 8th December- Christmas Fair.

Tuesday 12th December- KS1 Dress rehearsal.

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

Thursday 14th December- KS1 Nativity to parents.

Monday 18th December- Class Christmas Parties.

Tuesday 19th December- Carols by Candlelight.

Wednesday 20th December- Christmas Dinner day.

Wednesday 20th December- last day of term.

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

Tuesday 9th January- School starts.

Parents/carers-

School life continues to be happy and productive, this is because your fabulous children follow the High5 promise. They are kind to each other, work hard and love learning. I have spent lots of time in the classrooms recently and am so impressed with the high quality learning opportunities that are offered to your children. This all made possible by the incredible staff and support we receive from you to help make sure your children are ready for learning. We are a

fantastic team and community - it really does take a village to raise a child!

Thank you to so many of you for choosing a school dinner on Thursday (school census day) it really helps with the funding and also a HUGE thank you to Tracy for producing such an enticing menu!

In our hands school community Event

We are looking forward to our special project day (**Thursday 12th October**) to improve the school environment and we really hope that some of you can join us. Don't forget to tell the office you can take part and come to school wearing some clothes you don't mind getting dirty!

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

Harvest Service and Open Classroom Thursday 19th October

Our Harvest Service is taking place on Thursday 19th 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.

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 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.



Our wonderful team at Tilsley Park cross country.



Secondary school applications

Parents of children in Year 6 you have until 31st 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>

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- 25th-29th September.

- Little Gems- 96.64%
- Opal- 98.00%
- Jade- 94.80%
- Moonstone- 95.38%

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

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

The School Shield



Little Gems – Dawson for his great Phonics and for trying really hard to write his sounds. Great work Dawson 😊.

Opal – Jacob for his amazing independent writing. Well done Jacob 😊

Jade – Adam for his great concentration and for working really well independently. He also made a very impressive Snake, using natural materials. Good work Adam 😊

Moonstone – Isla for being such a kind and caring friend. Wonderful Isla 😊

This Week's ask me about??

Little Gems – Tell us the story of "The Bear Hunt".

Opal – Farmer Gows.
Making Porridge.

Jade – The Human Skeleton.

Moonstone- The Yanomami Tribe.

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

Message from Mr Herrington to parents/carers of Moonstone Class

I am in the process of finalising musical items for the Concert on Saturday 2nd December in the Community Centre. (Warblers, Abingdon Swing Band and others). I believe at the beginning of the term you received a letter asking for children from Moonstone to be able to take part in this 'Community event'. Please if you have not done so could you send a note to the effect that you agree to your child taking part both Singing and Playing recorders. I can then plan the logistics of how the concert will be staged!

There will be a rehearsal on the day, but this is still to be planned..

Pay on the door is £6 (inc. refreshments) and children under 16 are Free. (inc performers)

Thank you for your support.

