



# 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 13.10.23

### Upcoming Dates:

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

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**- Harvest festival service, at the church 9.30am. All are welcome.

**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.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Moonstone trip to Kelmscott Manor.

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

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

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**- Parent conversations.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**- Parent conversations.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas circus KS1&KS2.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas Fair.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**- KS1 Dress rehearsal.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**- Little Gems Carol Singing 2.30-3.00pm.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**- KS1 Nativity to parents.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**- Class Christmas Parties.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**- Carols by Candlelight.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas Dinner day.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**- last day of term.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**- Staff Inset day (school closed)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**- School starts.

### Parents/carers-

Thank you so much for all the help we received with the In Our Hands community project. You donated seeds, bulbs, plants, tools and your time to help us all look after our school environment. Special mention to Richard who, as I am writing this, is outside working hard in the rain on the garden outside Jade class! We

are such a kind, caring and dedicated community and it is such a pleasure to be part of it.

### World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October your children took part in World Mental Health Day. The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health. The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide. At Wootton, your children met in Democratic Circle Time to discuss how we can all look after our mental health in different ways.

We're in the news!

We were very lucky to have animals from Radley College Zoo visit Moonstone class to enrich our excellent science curriculum.

Click on this link to find out more <https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/23827922.abi-ngdon-primary-school-kids-ecstatic-reptile-visit/#gallery0>



### 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

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

Our Harvest Service is taking place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am. 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.



### **Little Gems School community Project**

Parents have helped to paint the shed and fence, rip out weeds and spiky plants, and pressure wash the whole Little Gems garden including equipment. Thank you very much for all your help ☺



## Opal Class School community Project



## Jade class School Community Project



### 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>

### 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- 09<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October

Little Gems- 96.27%

Opal- 96.33%

Jade- 94.00%

Moonstone- 96.89%

## The School Shield



**Little Gems** – Olivia for her fantastic drawing work. Wonderful pictures and writing. Well done Olivia 😊

**Opal** – Thomas for his good independent work and for his adding and subtracting in Math. Good job Thomas 😊

**Jade** – Edie for her spellings, her focus, for always working hard and always being ready to learn. Great work Edie 😊

**Moonstone** – Rory for his amazing effort with his writing. Fantastic job Rory 😊

## This Week's ask me about??

**Little Gems** – What is Harvest?

**Opal** – Our community day in the quiet garden. Our planting and Birdfeeders.

**Jade** – Our Garden project.

**Moonstone**- Radio Podcasts.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

