



# 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:

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Moonstones Greek Café 2.30pm in the school hall.**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Moonstone Trip to the Ashmolean.**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Jumper day.**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Fair.**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Little Gems Christmas Poems 9.30am.**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: School Christmas Lunch.**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Opal Nativity 9.30am.**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Reception children vision screening.**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Carols by candlelight in the school hall at 1.45pm all parents/carers welcome.**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm- NO ASC.**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan: Inset day (School closed to students).**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: Return to school 8.30am (Whole school).**

### Dear parents and carers,

Despite a particularly nasty cold doing the rounds amongst staff and children I have been wowed by the learning taking place in every classroom. I have been showing prospective parents around the school and they have been so impressed with the calm and focused learning happening in every classroom. It makes me immensely proud of our fantastic school. This week I have noticed all the teachers skilfully modelling the learning. This is incredibly important so the children have a clear idea of what they are aiming and how they can be successful in that lesson. The teachers are particularly good at describing their thinking and explaining why they are doing what they are doing. This commentary about the thinking helps us all to be met cognitively aware, a very important skill as a learner.

I was so impressed with the maths learning in:

- Little Gems as they used paint and blocks to make patterns of four.
- Opal class the children were dissecting owl pellet and found many different animal bones
- Jade class the children editing and improving their writing
- Moonstone class the children were using figurative language to write poems about mythical beasts from Ancient Greek mythology.

### Christmas Fair

We are all very much looking forward to the Winter Fair on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. This will be the first one we have held since December 2019 therefore many of you will not be familiar with the logistics of the day.

As in previous years, the Christmas Fair starts at 2:00 pm. We invite you all too please come at this time so you all get to enjoy the fair with your children. Jade class will be running games and stalls in their classroom. Each game will cost 20p a go. In the hall there will be..... Mrs McNeil, running a craft stall and of course Santa will be waiting to hear what your children want for Christmas in the grotto.

If you are unable to come at 2:00 pm your children will be kept in a group in Opal class. Any children from Moonstone will be able to go around the fair in pairs. Children from Jade class will be running stalls. Children from Opal class will get to visit the stalls in small groups. After school care will still run. As you can see if you are able to come at 2:00 pm you and your children will be able to get the best out of this lovely occasion.

If you are not able to come at 2:00 pm we still expect you to be at school at 3:00 pm as usual to collect your children and very much hope you will then join us for the Christmas Fair.

## **Safeguarding**

If you have any concerns about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)- Charlie Pitt or Carina Phillips. You can contact us via the school office by email [office.3854@wootton-abingdon.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3854@wootton-abingdon.oxon.sch.uk) or by phone on 01865735643. For a copy of the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy please visit the following section of the school website <https://wootton-school.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection-Policy-2022-1.pdf>.

I am pleased to tell you that we have registered for the NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe programme.  
<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>

We look forward to running this in the New Year. If you would like to find out more please click on the link above.

Best wishes,  
Charlie Pitt

## **Moonstone Greek Café**

Moonstone children will be celebrating the end of their Greek topic by setting up a Greek café at school. They will cook and prepare a Greek style meal for their family/carers to enjoy. Thank you to all the parents who have paid and confirmed their attendance for the Café, we are all really looking forward to having you in school 😊

## **Wootton Christmas tree Light Switch On.**

The village Christmas tree light switch on, will be taking place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. We would love for you to join us at 6pm at the community centre for a short Christmas play and a Christmas sing along. We will then make our way over to the Christmas tree for the lights and Christmas carols. There will be festive refreshments in the community centre afterwards. See you there 😊

## **AI Bestiary**

Last year Moonstone class took part in a workshop to explore the ethics around artificial intelligence and I am pleased to tell you that some of their work is on display in Oxfordshire County Council Central Library in Oxford. The exhibition will run for two weeks until the 28<sup>th</sup> November.



## **Jade Class Trip to Drysandford Pit.**

Jade class will be going on a Fossil hunting expedition to Drysandford pit next Friday morning (2<sup>nd</sup> December). Please can all children bring wellies with them to school in a carrier bag, and come in that morning wearing suitable clothes for the outdoors, that you don't mind getting dirty? We would advise that children bring a snack and a water bottle with them in a small rucksack, however we will be back to school in time for lunch. Many thanks.

## **Christmas Jumper/Accessories Day**

Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December this year. Although we ask that children still wear school uniform please (trousers or skirt on the bottom). Children can choose whether they want to wear a Christmas jumper or perhaps they could design their own Christmas jumper or T-shirt? Or maybe they would like to make a Christmas decoration that they could attach to their school Jumper? Or if they prefer, a hair band or head accessory? The choice is yours 😊

*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- 86.98%**

**Opal- 85.86%**

**Jade- 84.21%**

**Moonstone- 96.38%**



## The School Shield

**Little Gems-** Nina for her excellent writing and drawing.  
Well done Nina 😊

**Opal** – Phillip for always following the school high five promise and for his great independent work in his Writing and Maths this week. Great job Phillip 😊

**Jade** – Isla for her excellent partner work. Fantastic Isla 😊

**Moonstone-** Caspar for his amazing questioning in Science.  
Good job Caspar 😊

## This Week's ask me about????

**Little Gems-** Our special visitor on Monday.

**Opal** – Owl Pellets

**Jade** – How fossils are made.

**Moonstone** – The population of Greece.

## Christmas Fair

FOWS and the children of Wootton St. Peter's Primary School are looking forward to inviting parents, friends, and relatives to this year's Christmas Fair.

Taking place 2-4pm on Friday 9th December, it will be a lovely festive event allowing the school community to socialise, eat, drink and be merry.

This year's event will have:

- Christmas Raffle Prize Draw
- A Tombola stall
- Second-hand board-games, Jigsaws, and book stall (for children and adults). Pick up a retro game to play over the Christmas break.
- A crafting table for the children to make a Christmas card/tree decoration for a small fee.

· Second-hand school uniform stall (pick up a bargain for the spring term!)

· Tea-shop- Enjoy a hot drink and cake for a small donation to FOWS.

· Activities to be run by Years 5 & 6 in their classrooms.

· Plus, we are very excited to announce that Santa will be paying us a visit in his grotto!

We are still very much looking for donations:

Raffle & Tombola donations – Food, Drink, Confectionery, Toiletries...

Second-hand board-games, Jigsaws and books (for adults and children).

Second-hand (in good condition) School uniform.

Tea-shop – Cakes, Cookies and Festive treats.

There are boxes for donations in school reception.

Thank you,

Claire Hastie, FOWS Chair