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Dear Parents and friends,

14th July 2017

Thank you so much to all the parents who have returned their questionnaires following you receiving your child's report. If you have not done so already there is still time to and I am looking forward to analysing the responses to help drive the school forward. I look forward to chatting with you this evening at our picnic and hearing about your vision for our school.

It is hard to believe that we only have a week left of this academic year, the term has flown past with so many wonderful things taken place and many things to celebrate.

Staff changes

As you will no doubt be aware, school budgets are being constantly cut with funding reducing despite school needs growing. You will have read recently that many schools have had to make some very difficult decisions regarding their budgets and staffing and sadly we have not been excluded from this. Over the last few months, I have worked closely with our Governors to respond to the growing demands of the school and ever shrinking budget. It is with regret that the current staffing structure is needing some changes and we will be sadly saying goodbye to some staff next week.

As you will recall Miss Marshall is off on her travels and Mr Townsend is taking a new position at All Saints Primary. But unfortunately, due to budget cuts we will be also losing several other staff -

After 22 years of service at Wootton Primary, in many different roles, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Pakes. Also Mrs Chessell will be leaving along with Mrs Mudie, Mrs Hodges and Mrs Blackwell. It is so disappointing that our current budget is unable to hold on to the roles these staff members have had and it is with regret that they are leaving us. They have all been such valuable members of the team here and we will miss them. I am sure you join me in thanking them all for their commitment and support and work at the school and wish them every success with their future. We will be holding a very special assembly next Friday to say goodbye.

Mrs Fish will also have a slightly different role with us and become our sports coach/teacher.



Plans for next year

We are constantly reviewing our provision at the school and in particular ways in which we can ensure the school is securely 'Good' at the next inspection. Next week I will send an additional letter to explain these and will welcome your feedback and ideas when we return to school in September.

Trampoline girls

Layla and Lucia from Year 4 and their sisters Daisy and Valentina in Year 2 shared their exciting experience partaking in a trampoline competition this week. Well done girls!



Coins and notes from around the world

Mrs Blake is after your money! As our geography leader, she would like to build a display of money from the different countries children may visit over the summer break. If you happen to be going somewhere and could hold onto a note or coins, please do so and bring to Mrs Blake when we return in September.



Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you later at our family picnic, if you are unable to come have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Jane Wilford'.

Jane Wilford

Menu for the week commencing 17th July

PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN SCHOOL DINNERS ARE £2.15



Monday

Bacon, sausage, scrambled egg with bread, baked beans or 1/2 a tomato.

Veggie sausage, scrambled egg with bread, baked beans or 1/2 a tomato.

Yoghurt with peach compote or fresh fruit.

Tuesday

Macaroni cheese with a cheese sauce.

Quorn burger, new potatoes, green beans or roasted vegetables.

Oat Cookie or yoghurt.

Wednesday

Roast turkey, beef or chicken with gravy, roast potatoes, carrots or seasonal cabbage.

Quorn roast with gravy, roast potatoes, carrots or seasonal cabbage.

Frozen yoghurt, fresh fruit or ice cream

Thursday

Chicken thigh in a BBQ sauce with wedges, broccoli or sweetcorn.

Pizza with wedges, broccoli or sweetcorn.

Fruit crumble and custard or fresh fruit

Friday

Fish and chips, baked beans or peas.

Quorn sausages in a bun with chips, baked beans or peas.

Berry chill or yoghurt.

MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Salad, bread, fresh fruit yoghurt and water & milk available daily.

Please note jacket potato and baguette/sandwiches also available. Please order daily by 9am with the kitchen.

ATTENDANCE

Late children—week ending 14th July

Year Group	No. of Lates
R	0
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	0
5	0
6	0



Attendance for week ending 14th July 2017

Year R 92.6% Year 1 98.6% Year 2 98%
Year 3 95.4% Year 4 98.3% Year 5 97.3%
Year 6 97.6%

Total School weekly attendance – 97.1%

Total of 7 lates

Our school target is 96.25%

Rolling Programme Report of attendance from 05.09.16 to 14.7.17 is 96.39%.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Each week it will be announced which class has had the best attendance that week.
At the end of each half term the class with best attendance will have a mufti Friday.

Wednesday 19th July - Year 2 Victorian exhibition and tea party (more details to follow)

Change of date

Wednesday 19th July - Music concert

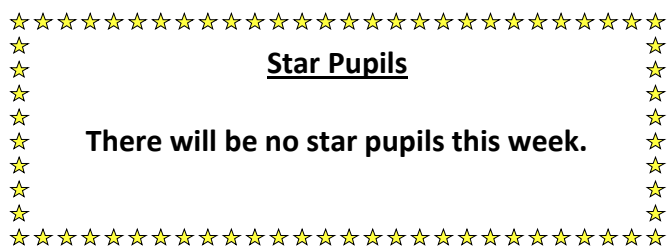
Wednesday 19th July - Reception trip to Blue Reef Aquarium

Thursday 20th July - Year 6 Leavers assembly & Leavers party after school (letter sent)

Friday 21st July - School breaks up at 3pm and returns Wednesday 6th September for Years 1 - 6, Friday 8th September for new Reception class. Classrooms will be open from 8.35am



More dates to follow



Star Pupils

There will be no star pupils this week.

Attendance

As from September 2017, if an absence note or appointment card isn't returned within two weeks, the absence will be classed as unauthorised. A reminder will be sent to you after the first week.

Day Closures (Development Days)

As the school continues its improvement journey I would like to ensure that the 5 statutory day closures enable staff to engage in purposeful training to drive the school forward. Therefore the school will be closed the following days for staff training:

Monday 4th September 2017 (All IOW schools)

Tuesday 5th September 2017

Friday 20th October 2017

There will be a further 2 days to be taken at some point during the academic year, more details to follow.

HOUSE POINTS

	This week	Running total
Dragon	140	4164
Phoenix	142	3208
Griffin	124	3576
Unicorn	201	3931

THIS WEEK'S WINNER



YEARS GONE BY INTERESTING EXTRACTS FROM THE OLD WOOTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL DIARY

5th Sept 1938

The swimming lesson was not taken today, as the taxi to take the children to Seaclose did not arrive until 11am; too late for the children to attend the baths.

1st July 1940

An air raid warning was sounded during the night, so the school commenced at 10am instead of 9am



Summer Holiday Club

Little Herons are now taking bookings for the Summer Holiday Club. Please pop in for a booking form.



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Party in the Park 22nd July 2017

Following the very enjoyable time everyone had last year, St Edmund's and St Mark's Church will again be organising **Traditional Races** for all ages between 1 -2pm:

Sack race
Egg and spoon race
Three-legged race
Wheelbarrow race
Piggy Back Show Jumping

There will be Junior and Senior groups for these races and it is free to take part in these 'Just for Fun' events.

There will also be a **Grand Fancy Dress Competition!**

It is free to enter and there are two classes:

5 to 11 years
A family group (adult/s plus child/children)

The theme for the Fancy Dress is **Nursery Rhyme and Song Characters.**

The Judging of the costumes will be at 3.15 pm and there will be an **Exciting Mystery Prize!**

There will be a small cost to play some of the Giant Outdoor Games during the afternoon.

For further details - see page 7 of the July Bridge Magazine