



Wootton Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER

'All our children can achieve success'

7th September 2018

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It was a lovely experience to see all the wonderful, smiling children waiting to come into school on Wednesday, looking so keen and eager to start their day. The level of excitement has continued through the week, and long may it last, with children working enthusiastically in their classes. We welcomed our new children into Reception yesterday and have also had several children join us in other classes - a big welcome to you all!

Whilst you were enjoying the last bit of sun before the children returned, the staff spent two days completing training. On Monday, we spent time here at school exploring the curriculum, policies and data to ensure that we teach your children what they need to know and, more importantly, the skills they need to learn. On Tuesday, we joined four other local schools to complete a training day on a slightly different approach to teaching, which works alongside the changes that have taken place in the curriculum. We also explored metacognition and self-regulated learning, which are life-long skills we wish to develop further with the children this year. More on this will follow as the year goes on! We are all looking forward to the year ahead; the teachers have many exciting things to share with the children and with you.

Library Reading Challenge

Many children took part in the reading challenge over the summer and we would like to celebrate their success with them. If your child did complete the challenge, please send their certificate into school for us to photocopy so we can display these in our newly designed library and congratulate the children in assembly next Friday.

Houses

At the start of term, staff discussed which children would be selected from Year 6 to represent the school as House Captains and sports ambassadors. I am sure you can appreciate how difficult this is and the time it takes to discuss as all our children in Year 6 are worthy of such a

role, but, as with all these sorts of things, we can only select a few. We have reminded all Year 6 that during the year they will be given responsibilities so to not be disappointed.

The House Captains are - **Red House/Ennis** - Aiden and Elena, **Yellow House/Wiggins** - Henry and Lucia, **Green House/Murray** - Ruby and James and **Blue House/Simmonds** - Adam and Lily.

The sports ambassadors are - **Red House/Ennis** - Jake and Josie, **Yellow House/Wiggins** - Amy and Riley, **Green House/Murray** - Kaymen and Grace and **Blue House/Simmonds** - Will and Lara.

School Council

It is so important that all children get the opportunity to have a 'voice' at school and chances to share their ideas and thoughts. School Council enables children to do this by acting as the advocate for their class. To ensure that as many children as possible get the opportunity to be part of the School Council, we will be having two teams of children each year; each team doing half the year and selected at random. From September until February half-term our School Council representatives are:

Year 1 - Elliott and Imogen

Year 2 - Benjamin and Elise

Year 3 - Dylan and Scarlett

Year 4 - Ethan and Darcy

Year 5 - Harrison and Caroline

Year 6 - Reece and Maiya

Walkers

As the children move up the school there are many things they look forward to, walking home on their own being a favourite. **Our school guidance is that children should NOT walk home alone until the summer term when they are in Year 4.**

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Residential visits

In the past Years 4 and 6 have taken part in educational residential visits at the start of term. This year the children will be completing this later on in the year. We are hoping that the Year 4 visit will be in March and the Year 6 visit in June. I am currently exploring a few venues to ensure that the prices are good value for money and not too expensive. As soon as the arrangements are finalised we will let you know so that you can start a payment plan if you wish to - how exciting!

Wight in Bloom

During the holiday I received an exciting email to congratulate the school for being finalists in Wight in Bloom. Miss MacDonald entered our sensory garden last term, which was judged on the day we had our opening. I will be taking several children to the awards ceremony on Friday 21st September to find out if we have won!

Gates

Thank you so much for being so understanding with our new regime of gate opening time in the morning. I am sure you understand and appreciate that your child's safety is of utmost importance to us. Please can I just ask that your child is with you as you walk through the gate so we know who belongs to whom! With over 190 children in school staff will not always know parents/carers and relatives so, to ensure you are not challenged by staff supervising the gate, we ask you walk in with your child -thank you.

Staff

Talking of staff, we welcomed several new staff members to the team on Monday. Miss Emily Salter has joined us as the Year 6 teacher, Mr Sean Lawrence as the Year 4 teacher and we have two new support staff - Mrs Jade Harrison working in Year 1 and Mrs Heather Melvin working in Year 5.

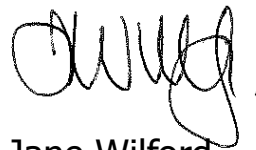
You will recall our site manager left at the end of term and we had hoped to have recruited someone over the summer break. For reasons out of our control we have been delayed in doing so, so we have an interim site manager in place for the next few weeks, Mr Lee Wilford.

We also have a new Chair of Governors, Mrs Helen Flynn. Helen is a retired Headteacher, her last post being at Binstead Primary. She spent a little time as acting Head at Wootton many years ago and is looking forward to working with us again.

Talking of governors, we still need a parent governor to join us. Being a parent governor can be a rewarding way to be involved in school. The most important qualities for being a governor are enthusiasm, commitment and an interest in education. You don't need teaching experience, as it's useful to bring skills from other areas of your life. You will need to attend a governors' meeting each half term. You'll also be expected to support and monitor a specific area such as the

curriculum, finance or buildings. You'll need to be able to work well in a team, as you'll be making joint decisions on policies. You will also be involved in decisions about all aspects of managing the school – such as running buildings and budgets, supporting staff and setting standards of school discipline. Governors also help to make big decisions about the school's long-term goals, support myself as the headteacher, but also ask questions and make sure that I am taking the school in the right direction. Being a governor is a busy role and you'll need to be able to come in to school at times in addition to the meetings. If this interests you and you would like to find out more information, please get in touch for a chat and walkabout of the school.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend!



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

19th Sep	Individual school photographs
21st Sep	Wight in Bloom event
19th Oct	Staff development day
14th Nov	Year 3 Visit to Stonehenge (more details to follow)
27th Nov	Parents' evening 3-6.30pm
29th Nov	Parents' evening 3-6.30pm
Wk. 11th Dec:	Christmas performance (more details to follow)
Wk. 18th Dec	Christmas dinner, parties and Christingle service (more details to follow)
21st Dec	Last day of term, children return Monday 7th January 2019
2019	
15th Feb	Staff development day (Children break up Thursday 14th Feb, return 25th)
Feb ½ term	Monday 18th - Friday 22nd Feb 2019
7th March	World Book day dress up
Easter break	Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April 2019
Wk 13th May	Year 6 SATs
24th May	Staff development day (Children break up Thursday 23rd May, return 3rd June)
May ½ term	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2019
Wk 10th June	Phonic assessment
11th & 12th July	Transition days
23rd July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly @ 10.30am, Family picnic @ 12pm, children finish at 2pm.

Star Pupils



Carisbrooke	Huxley
Bembridge	Charley
Calbourne	Nicole
Newtown	Liam
Osborne	Cameron
Appley	Paolo

Star Pupil assembly is at 9:00am on Friday

Please sign in at the main office.

Achievements

Rocco in Year 1 has achieved his 25m swimming badge!



Congratulations to the following children that achieved cycling awards during the summer holiday:

Learn2cycle

Ollie L - Reception

Rueben H - Year 2

Bikeability Level 1

Amelie E - Year 3

Jimi L - Year 3

Bikeability Level 2

Josh L - Year 5

Daniel S - Year 5

Autumn Lunch Menu

Week 2 - 10 Sep, 1 Oct, 29 Oct, 19 Nov, 10 Dec

Monday

Beef Meatballs, Tomato Sauce & Rice

Vegetable Lasagne with Wedges

Coleslaw & Sweetcorn

Eve's Pudding with Custard

Fresh Fruit Platter or Yoghurt

Tuesday

Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake

Quorn Mince Bolognese with Spaghetti

Peas & Carrots

Pineapple Loaf

Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast Turkey

Mixed Vegetable Loaf

Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower &
Gravy

Chocolate & Banana Oaty Square

Fresh Fruit Platter or Yoghurt

Thursday

Spaghetti Bolognese

Chickpea Curry with Rice

Roasted Mixed Vegetables

Oaty peach crumble with Custard

Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt

Friday

Breaded Fish

Cheese and Tomato Quiche

Chips, Baked Beans & Garden Peas

Fruit Station or Yoghurt

Jacket Potatoes and baguettes are
available to order from the kitchen daily.

School Dinners cost £1.95