Wootton Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER

'All our children can achieve success'

7th December 2018

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents,

Parking

I am sorry to start this week with a moan, but parking outside school is continuing to be such an issue and children's safety is being jeopardised. Therefore, I need to raise this again. I appreciate that many of you need to rush off to work after you have brought your children to school and also understand that parking is very difficult by school, but children's safety must be of the greatest importance. There are many empty spaces in the Rec car park, enabling you to guarantee a parking space and then have a lovely stroll through the Rec to come in through the top gate. If you are unable to use this option, I would like to remind you of the following:

A double yellow line, either painted on the road or on the kerb means parking and waiting is not permitted at any time. Blue Badge holders can park on single or double yellow lines for a maximum of three hours, providing there isn't signage to say otherwise, it is safe to do so and it is not causing an obstruction for other drivers.

Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals, or fire, police or ambulance stations indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. You may also find an upright sign, indicating a mandatory prohibition of stopping during the times shown.

The Highway Code states that you must not park partially or wholly on the pavement. The Highway Code isn't the law, but many of its rules are in fact legal requirements under the Roads Traffic Act, which you can be prosecuted for contravening. You may be fined, given penalty points on your licence, disqualified from driving, or even sent to prison. Here's what the Highway Code says for parking on the road:

· Do not park facing against the traffic flow

· Stop as close as possible to the roadside

· Do not park too close to a vehicle displaying a Blue Badge

· The engine, headlights and fog lights must be switched off

· The handbrake must be applied before leaving the car

· You must look out for other road users when you open your door

· Passengers should exit the vehicle on the side next to the kerb

I am sure you will agree that we need to work together as a school community to ensure that parking and drop-offs are not compromising the safety of the children coming to and leaving the school, thank you for your support.

Purple Mash

You may have heard your children talking about 'Purple Mash' - this is an online educational programme that we have purchased to replace the schemes we have previously used in school. This can be accessed and used to support children at home. To access this you will need to find the Wootton School portal and then your child will know how they can log in. Please contact your child's teacher if your child has forgotten their login.

Achievements

In assembly today we heard from Owen in Year 2 who completed the 5k Santa Dash in aid of the Earl Mountbatten Hospice; which he did in in 28 minutes, coming 3rd place and also Violet in Year 3 who demonstrated a Taekwondo kick from in her belt grading in which she has moved up a level - well done both of you!

School Performance

Performers club and all the classes have worked hard to learn their lines and routines in preparation for our school show next week. I am sorry if you have not been able to get as many tickets as you had hoped for, but we are restricted with numbers in the hall due to fire regulations. I had hoped doing two evening performances this year would have ensured everyone got the tickets they wanted, but it seems we could have performed every night for the week to get you all in! Please ensure you bring your tickets with you as we have to collect these back in when you take your seat. The performances will be professionally filmed so if you are not able to come, you will be able to purchase a DVD in time for Christmas! **Continued...**

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It is crucial that all children return for the evening performances, as positions on stage are reliant on all the children being here. Please can all children return back to school at 5.40pm through the front door. Children will need to be collected at 7.15pm and we will ask you to wait outside your child's inside classroom door. **Please note that adults will not be allowed to go into classrooms; we will hand your child over to you once they have changed from their costume.**

Thank you for all the super decorations for our tree; we had such a range of ideas and our tree will now look wonderful and full! Our Chair of Governors had the very difficult job of choosing a winner for each class and the parent entries as every contribution looked amazing. The winners are: Reception - Evan, Year 1 - Rocco, Year 2 - Ethan, Year 3 - Lily-Mae, Year 4 - Sinan, Year 5 - Daisy, Year 6 - Elena. Parents - Mr McGrath. Many congratulations!

Thank you for all your donations for the tombola for our Christmas fayre next Friday. There is still time to do a Jolly Jar and purchase raffle tickets. Next Friday, children may come to school in their own clothes in return for a donation for the fayre. Children in Reception to Year 2 will need to bring a chocolate donation and children in Years 3 to 6 will need to bring cake. Please ensure ALL donations DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS, thank you.

Our Christmas post box is now up and ready! If children would like their Christmas cards to be delivered by our lovely Year 6 helpers, they can post their card in the postbox in the hall - please make sure the child's name is clear on the envelope with the class or year too - thank you.

In the meantime, have a wonderful weekend, I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas performances over the week and at the Christmas fayre on Friday - what a busy week it is going to be!



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

Osborne House Christmas Crafts

Volunteers at Osborne are running two days of Christmas Craft activities for families over this coming weekend 8th and 9th December. 10.30am to 3.30pm both days. Come and make Victorian paper decorations, table centres, nightlight lanterns and more. No extra charge for crafts.

Clubs

Please note clubs are now finished for this term. Activ8 will start again in January.

Star Pupils

Carisbrooke	Elliott
Bembridge	Owen
Calbourne	Violet
Newtown	Valentina
Osborne	Daniel
Appley	Carly

Star Pupil assembly is on Fridays at 9:00am in the hall.

Dates for your diary

Mon 10th Dec	BAH Humbug! Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tue 11th Dec	BAH Humbug! Christmas performance 1:30pm and 6:00pm
Wed 12th Dec	BAH Humbug! Christmas performance 1:30pm and 6:00pm
Fri 14th Dec	Christmas Fayre at 3pm
Mon 17th Dec	Year 3 Local walk (See letter)
Mon 17th Dec	Year 1 to Woodside home for the elderly (see letter)
Mon 17th Dec	Year 6 to Ryde Academy to watch Dress Rehearsal of the school show 'Billy Elliott' (see letter)
Tue 18th Dec	Performers club to perform BAH Humbug! on Wightlink crossing
Wed 19th Dec	Christmas dinner
Wed 19th Dec	Year 3 exhibition at 2:30pm
Thu 20th Dec	Christingle & Class Christmas parties
Fri 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 finish 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**.
Further dates to follow	

As you will have seen in the media, the Isle of Wight is making changes to the school holidays; adding to the October half-term and reducing the summer holiday by one week. Therefore the holidays will be as follows:

Children return	Wednesday 4th September 2019
October half-term	Monday 21st October—Friday 1st November 2019
Christmas break	Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January 2020
February half-term	Monday 17th—Friday 21st February 2020
Easter break	Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April 2020
May half-term	Monday 25th—Friday 29th May 2020
Summer break	Monday 27th July—Monday 31st August 2020

We have 5 Development days over the year, we hope to have Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September as the first 2 days with the remaining 3 determined later in the year.

Attendance

Gates open 8.35am
Gates close 8.55am

Attendance

	Attendance Last Week (%)	Rolling Attendance since Sept (%)
Yaverland	97.9	97.37
Carisbrooke	97.1	96.37
Bembridge	93.8	96.34
Calbourne	94.3	97.00
Newtown	99.3	96.03
Osborne	94.3	96.41
Appley	99.0	97.27
Whole School	**96.7**	**96.70**

The class with the best attendance for Week Commencing 26th November is...

Newtown

With a total percentage of 99.3%

Our school target is 96%
We are above target! ☺

Please remember to provide us with a written absence note on the day your child returns to school from an absence. If we do not receive this within 2 weeks of the absence, it will be classed as 'unauthorised'



Lates

	Lates Last Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	0	16
Carisbrooke	0	6
Bembridge	1	9
Calbourne	1	1
Newtown	0	9
Osborne	2	6
Appley	0	11
Whole School	**4**	**58**
Total Minutes	**26**	**516**

Next week's menu (Week 2)

School Dinners Cost £2.05. Please pay for these at the beginning or end of the week they are taken.

Monday

Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice

Vegetable Lasagne with Jacket Wedges

Coleslaw and Sweetcorn

Eve's Pudding with custard

Tuesday

Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake

Quorn Mince Bolognese with Spaghetti

Peas & Carrots

Pineapple Loaf

Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast Chicken

Quorn Roast

Roast Potatoes, cabbage, sweetcorn & stuffing

Cheese & Biscuits

Thursday

Spaghetti Bolognese

Chickpea Curry with Rice

Roasted Mixed Vegetables

Oaty peach crumble with Custard

Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt

Friday

Fish Fingers

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.

KS2 Tuck Shop

All items 50p

Milk

Toast (2 Slices)

Crumpet

Portion of fruit

Slice of fruit loaf

Wootton Primary School Presents...

BAH Humbug!

Tues 11th Dec 1:30pm & 6:00pm

Weds 12th Dec 1:30pm & 6:00pm

Tickets £1

WOOTTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 2018

3PM

SANTA GROTTO

TOMBOLA

RAFFLE

LUCKY DIP

CAKES