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# The Smile South Wootton Infant School Newsletter

Issue 2

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## New term...new curriculum and assessment

It was lovely to see some parents at the Meet the Teacher meetings last week. Hopefully your child has settled well into their new class. The **website** is a good source of information for the learning in each class. The topic plans are on there and also the home learning grids. On the class pages the children complete a weekly blog with their teacher reflecting on their learning that week. We are now using Tapestry in Year 1 as well as Reception and the teaching staff are delighted with the home school communication it offers.

This year, Year 1 and Year 2 are both working on the new National Curriculum and the children in Year 2 will be assessed against this in May 2016 and the results reported to the Local Authority and the DfE. The new curriculum has higher expectations of what children in these years should be able to do and we have added leaflets which explain the end of year expectations for children in Year 1 and Year 2 to the website. There are new tests in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) and maths for Year 2 children which the children will complete in May next year.

Mrs Burt is holding a **PHONICS AND SPaG WORKSHOP FOR ALL PARENTS on Tuesday 29th September @ 9 am**. Come along to find out more about how these areas are taught and experience phonic and grammar lessons in Year 1 and Year 2.

We are in the process of developing a new assessment system. The children in Key Stage 1 are no longer assessed in levels, but rather whether they are working towards, meeting or exceeding their age-related expectations. When you have your first Parent Consultation after half term, the class teachers will be able to explain to you whether your child is on track to meet or exceed these expectations and how we are supporting them on their learning journey. Children in Reception are currently being assessed to provide a picture of them as learners as they arrive in school. Again the teachers will be able to give the children clear next steps to develop their learning from this point. They will be assessed against the Early Years Foundation Stage Early Learning Goals at the end of the year.

## Healthy Eating, packed lunches and water bottles

School meal menus are put together to comply with very strict food regulations and are there to promote healthy eating. Where a majority of children appear not to enjoy an item on the menu this will be changed in consultation with NORSE who provide the school meals. An up to date menu will be added to the school website for your reference.

If you choose to send your child with a packed lunch, please note that these too should be nutritionally balanced and promote healthy eating. They **should** include at least one portion of fruit or vegetables, a source of non-dairy protein, a starchy food such as bread or pasta, a dairy food such as cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais. They **should not** contain confectionary such as chocolate bars, chocolate coated biscuits and sweets. Cakes and biscuits are allowed but only one item in a lunch box, no fizzy drinks and limited snacks such as crisps. Please note we are a **NUT-FREE school** and packed lunches **MUST NOT** contain nuts in any form. The school recognises that some pupils may require special diets and as such cannot always comply to these standards. Please talk to the school if this is the case.

All children should have access to **plain water** during the day and are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school. These bottles should not contain squash, fruit juice or flavoured water. They are permitted to bring an extra drink to have with their school dinner if they prefer to drink these. If class drinks bottles are found to contain anything other than water, they will be replaced.

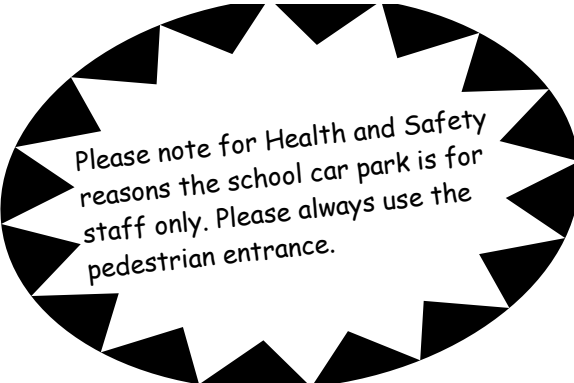
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Please note for Health and Safety reasons the school car park is for staff only. Please always use the pedestrian entrance.

## Children of the Week

	7th—11th	14th—18th	21st—25th
	Sep	Sep	Sep
<b>Dragonflies</b>		Elsie	Alfie
<b>Bumble Bees</b>		Robby	Alyssa
<b>Caterpillars</b>	Jack	Maisie	Zac
<b>Crickets</b>	Macie	William	Emma
<b>Ladybirds</b>	Will	Jayden	Ruby
<b>Butterflies</b>	Oliver Mc	Ellie	Fearne

## Diary dates

### September

Tuesday 29th—Phonics and SPaG workshop for parents @ 9am

### October

Friday 2nd - MacMillan Coffee Afternoon @ 2pm in School Hall—join PTFA to raise money for this good cause—Cake donations gratefully received

Sunday 4th - PTFA Car Boot Sale 10am start

Tuesday 13th - Individual photographs

Wednesday 14th - Harvest Festival service @ 2.30pm in Church—donations of tinned and packet foods gratefully received for the King's Lynn Food Bank

Monday 19th - Year 1 Maths Café @ 2pm

Tuesday 20th - Reception Maths Café @ 2pm

Wednesday 21st - Year 2 Maths Café @ 2pm

### End of Term

### November

Monday 2nd—School reopens

## Birthdays

The children who have celebrated their birthday in September are:

Lucie Hudson, Scarlett Wilson, Elsie Marrow, Joshua Sim, Esmerelda Tickle, Alfie King, Sophia Harper, Harry Thompson, Medhi Bensihem

**who are now 5 years old.**

Laney Clarke-Twell, Lois Goodchild, Cady Kellegher

**who are now 6 years old**

Will Burton, Jacob Turvey-Baxter

**who are now 7 years old**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who has celebrated their birthday this month.

## Attendance

For the month of September the classes with the best attendance were DRAGONFLIES AND LADYBIRDS with an attendance total of 98.8%

**CONGRATULATIONS to them.**

Our overall attendance is now at 98.1%. Our whole school target is 97%. We are currently above our target but please remember that we do not authorise any holidays in term time.