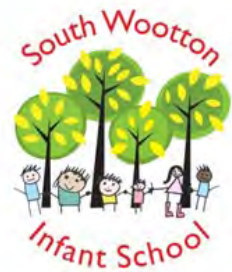


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South Wootton Infant School Newsletter

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Welcome... and Meet the Teacher

Today we have welcomed the final group of new entrants into Reception and are ready for all the excitement and learning that this new school year will bring. We have a full team of staff, teachers and support staff, who are all pleased to see everyone and have already got the new school year underway with "Stunning Starts" and some "golden" moments. Mrs Hayes was very pleased to award Srivatsa with GOLD on his third day in school and was very surprised when 3 children in her class got all the questions right in her maths quiz - the first time ever!

There is the chance to **Meet the Teachers** next week to find out more about the year ahead and ask any questions that you may have.

Reception Meet the Teachers - Tuesday 15th September @ 9 am in the school hall

Year 1 Meet the Teachers - Thursday 17th September @ 9am in the school hall

Year 2 Meet the Teachers - Friday 18th September @ 9am in the school hall

There will also be the opportunity to join us for a **Phonics and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) workshop at 9am on Tuesday 29th September**. At this meeting we will explain how we teach phonics and also give more information about the requirements of SPAG in the new National Curriculum. You will have the chance to see these being taught in the classrooms as part of the morning.

Free School Meals

All children at SWIS are eligible for a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme. It is important that we know if your child would be eligible for free meals at whatever age as this generates extra funding for the school through Pupil Premium. Please see Mrs Thomas if you are in receipt of any benefits so that we can apply to County and receive the extra funding.

Traffic

Please be very careful on the road outside school as it is very busy at the beginning and end of the school day. If possible please use the Village Hall car park. There was a near miss this morning as a car reversed and nearly knocked over a child crossing.

Job Vacancies

We currently have several job vacancies in school. We need a cleaner to work 12.5 hours a week (3pm—5.30pm Monday to Friday) under the supervision of our Caretaker Mr Philpot. We also have 2 vacancies for Midday Supervisors, working Monday to Friday from 11.30am - 1.15pm. Please ask in the office for further details and job descriptions.

Parent Teachers Friends Association

The PTFA are holding their AGM on Wednesday 23rd September @ 7pm. Please come along and see how you can become involved with the school and support us through fundraising activities. The first event this year will be a **Car Boot Sale** on Sunday 27th September. More details to follow next week.

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National Prayer Weekend

25th—27th September

Rev Wilkins has asked the school to support the Church in the National Prayer Weekend

On the weekend of 25 - 27 September, The Church in the Woottons will be praying for our local community. The school has a box for prayer requests. There is no prayer request too big or too small.

The prayer slip box will be available in the school entrance until the 24th September.

Assemblies

Our Celebration Assembly will now be on a Friday afternoon at 2.45pm. At this assembly we celebrate birthdays and the Children of the Week from each class. You are welcome to join us when your child will be standing up.

Attendance

Please see the attached letter for details of our policy on holidays in term time and unauthorised absence. Where possible, your child should achieve 100% attendance at school. As a whole school, we are targeting improved attendance this year as there was a slight dip last year.

Our whole school attendance target is 97%.

Good attendance (green) will now be considered by the school to be 97% and above. Attendance to watch (orange) will be 91-97%. Attendance of concern (red) will be 90% and below.

Please remember to notify the office if your child is ill and cannot attend school. If we do not hear from you, the absence could be recorded as unauthorised.

The children are expected to be in school by 9am for register and will be considered late if they are not in school by 9.05am.
