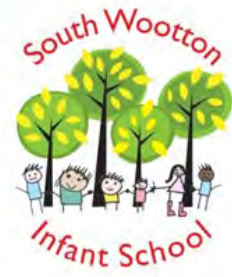


The Smile South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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Pupil Progress and Assessment

This term parents have had the opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss their child's progress. All the children are working towards a set of end of year expectations from Reception through to Year 2. The way we assess children in Year 1 and Year 2 has changed and we are now considering whether they are on track to meet the end of year expectations. These expectations are published on the school website.

Children in Year 2 will take a number of tests in May in reading, Spelling Punctuation and Grammar and maths which will be used to inform teacher assessment. In Year 1, the children will take part in the phonics screening in June. These are important assessments for both year groups and we would request that no holidays are taken in the summer term so that the children can be given the best possible opportunity to shine.

Parent View

We are always looking at ways to improve our school and are keen to listen to the views of parents. Please could you complete the Ofsted "Parent View" questionnaire. There is a link on the website and the survey should take only a few minutes. If you would like to speak to us about any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to come in and talk to a member of staff.

Christmas Plans and Home Learning Challenge

Staff are busy finalising plans for this year's festive celebrations. Next Wednesday 2nd December, we are holding a bedtime reading café. Families are invited to come back to school at 6pm for an evening of Christmas crafts and a Christmas bedtime story, with hot chocolate and marshmallows for the children and mulled wine and mince pies for the adults.

The PTFA Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 11th December with the usual stalls and games plus a special visitor from the North Pole.

The Christmas performances will be every afternoon from 14th—17th December at 1.45pm. Tickets (2 per family) will be available from Monday 7th December.

We will end the term with our Christmas Church service on Friday 18th December @ 9.30am and Christmas lunch. We would like to decorate the hall with snowflakes this year and are challenging the children to make a snowflake which can be hung from the hall ceiling to create a snowstorm! The stars last year were amazing and we are hoping to create a lovely effect again this year. Please could the completed snowflakes have a thread so they can be hung (approx. 1m) and be brought into school by Thursday 10th December. Be creative - named flakes will be returned!

Parking

We have received an email from a local resident complaining about parking at the beginning and the end of the school day. People are parking across driveways making it difficult for residents to get vehicles out of their properties and also parking on grass verges and up onto the pavements. This in turn endangers pedestrians and especially the children coming to and from school. As reported on an earlier newsletter, there has already been a near miss involving a car and a child this term.

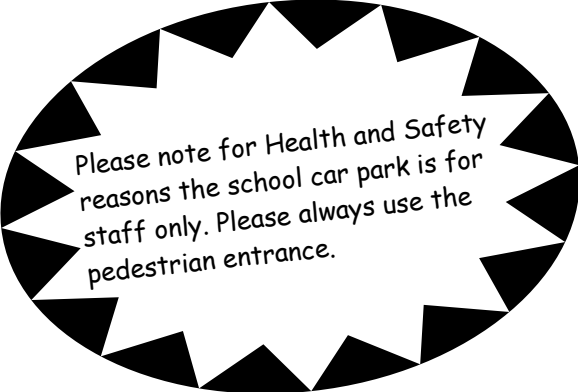
We want everyone to reach school and home safely and would request that everyone parks responsibly with care both for local residents and the children. Where possible, we would ask that people use either the village hall car park or the car park at the Swan. **Please help us to keep everyone safe and ensure that our neighbours are not inconvenienced.**

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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.

November Children of the Week

	2nd—6th	9th—13th	16th—20th	23rd—27th
Dragonflies	Harry	Lucy-Anna	Robert	Pixie
Bumble Bees	Isabel	Mehdi	Thomas	Charlie
Caterpillars	Flynn	Owen	Lyla	Nell
Crickets	Freddy	Ralf	Maisie	Alfie
Ladybirds	Oscar C	George	William	Alice
Butterflies	Harley	Oscar J	Calum	Gracie

Diary dates

December

Wed 2nd-Christmas Bedtime Reading Café 6-7pm

Mon 7th - Tickets for performances available

Fri 11th —PTFA Christmas Fayre 2-4pm

Mon 14th—Christmas Performance 1.45 pm

Tues 15th—Christmas Performance 1.45pm

Wed 16th - Christmas Performance 1.45pm

Thurs 17th - Christmas Performance 1.45pm

Fri 18th— Christmas Church Service 9.30am

School Christmas Lunch

January

Tuesday 5th—School reopens

Staff Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner to join the team, working alongside our caretaker.

Monday-Friday 3—5.30pm

Please ask in the office for further details and an application form.

Closing date Friday 4th December

Birthdays

The children who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthday in November are:

Charlie Oakes, Kara-Mae Ely, Lucy-Anna Collins, Isaac Johnson and Codey Williams **who are now 5 years old.**

Alfie Clear, Robyn Marchetti, Arabella Wallen-Bennett, Millie Turner and Ithalia Gilham **who are now 6 years old**

Ekene Igwe, Lola Hammond and Ellise Eggleton **who are now 7 years old**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who has celebrated their birthday this month.

Attendance

For the month of November, the class with the best attendance was

DRAGONFLIES

with an attendance total of 98.9%

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now at 97.5%. 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.