

The Smile South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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Parents Evening

Next week, teachers will be meeting parents for the second time this academic year to talk about the progress of the children. This is an important opportunity to hear how your child is working towards the end of year expectations, particularly in the basic skills. Our new assessment systems in Year 1 and Year 2 allows us to track their progress towards these expectations. More information about these is available on the school website.

You will notice that we are now using a new marking system in the children's maths and literacy books. The work is marked with pink and green highlighters. The children have quickly picked up that the areas marked pink are good and those marked green are areas for improvement. They can then respond to "tickled pink" and "green for growth" marking. As they become more confident they will assess their own work and that of others using the same system.

Maths Cafés and Year 2 SATs meeting

At the end of this term, we will be inviting everyone to join us for our Easter maths cafés. (See back of newsletter for dates). Don't forget to put these dates in your diary!

On the same day as the Year 2 maths café, we will be holding a meeting for parents to talk more about the new year 2 tests which the children will do in May. These are in maths, reading and grammar, punctuation and spelling. We are working hard to ensure all children are well prepared for these. We will be able to provide ideas of how their learning and preparation can be supported at home. If you are unable to attend this meeting, we will ensure the information is communicated.

Parent View questionnaire

Please could we ask parents to log onto Parent View and complete the questionnaire; https://
parentview.ofsted.gov.uk We are keen to gather your views about the school. Not only does this contribute to an
Ofsted inspection, but, as importantly, helps us to plan future school improvement. We are expecting a visit from
a team of inspectors and have been busy making sure we are ready to show them what a fantastic group of learners
we have at South Wootton Infant School.

Independence

This half term we will be focusing on our school value of independence. We want all our children to be confident, independent learners with the safe and nurturing environment of school. Assemblies this half term will focus on ways we show independence and how this can help us both now and in the future.

As part of this could you please encourage your child in Year 1 and Year 2 to come into school on their own in the morning as much as possible. Having the responsibility of ensuring that they are ready for learning and have everything they need is important as they need to do this for the rest of the day!

Free School Meals

Whilst all our children are entitled to free School Meals through the government Universal Infant FSM scheme, children could bring additional funding to the school if they qualified for free meals anyway. Please ask at the office for more information if you are in receipt of any benefits and think your family may qualify. We can then use this money to support your child's learning.

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Smile! Work! Inspire! Succeed!

	Children of the Week		
	1st—5th	8th—12th	22nd-26th
	Feb	Feb	Feb
Dragonflies	Abigail	Rhyley	Isobel H
Bumble Bees	Ava	Ben C	Lexi
Caterpillars	Chester	Millie	Casey
Crickets	Khadijah	Byron	Jack
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Butterflies	James	Louie	Misha

Diary dates

February

Monday 29th - Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

March

Wednesday 2nd - Parents Evening 3.30-6pm Thursday 17th - Class Photos Friday 18th - Sports Relief

21st March—Reception Maths Café 22nd March—Year 2 Maths Café 23rd March - Year 1 Maths Café

24th March - School closes for Easter

PTFA QUIZ NIGHT

On Friday 11th March the PTFA are holding a quiz night for parents and friends. More details will follow.

Put the date in your diaries but please note this event is for adults only!

Birthdays

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

Anton Liscsey, Finley Anderson, Thomas Anderson and Isabel Chaplin who are now 5 years old.

Emma Hutchinson and Charlotte Freear who are now 6 years old.

Bramley Pearson, Lily Adams, Oscar Calton, Gracie-May Bacon, Jordan Cooper and Sophia Denton who are now 7 years old

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who has celebrated their birthday this month.

Attendance

For the month of February the class with the best attendance were

DRAGONFLIES

with attendance total of 98.8%

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now at 96.4%. Our whole school target is 97%. We are currently below our target and would ask that you please remember that we do not authorise any holidays in term time.