



The Smile

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. Year 1 and 2 have launched their new "Heroes" topic with a stunning start and everyone has been really impressed with the mature start the children have made.

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.

Year 2 Meet the Teachers - Monday 12th September @ 9 am in the school hall

Reception Meet the Teachers - Tuesday 13th September @ 9am in the school hall

Year 1 Meet the Teachers - Wednesday 14th September @ 9am in the school hall

Tapestry, the Website and Home Learning

We are now using Tapestry to communicate about learning in all year groups from Reception to Year 2. In Year 1 and Year 2, it will be used to record reading and practical learning as well as providing a copy of the Topic plans and Home Learning grids. Please could you ensure we have an up to date email address if you have one. The website will contain updated information about all things to do with school including policies for Safeguarding and Behaviour. Each class will also publish a weekly blog telling you all about their learning that week. We will continue to approach Home Learning in the same way. Suggestions for home learning activities will be sent home each half term. Many of these learning opportunities will be practical and Tapestry is an excellent place to record the activities. In the book bags the children will have a reading book, a library book and their reading record. We will continue to reward regular reading at home with raffle tickets giving the children a chance to win a book in the Friday draw.

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 Crosby if you are in receipt of any benefits so that we can apply to County and receive the extra funding.

Assemblies

We will continue to celebrate Birthdays and Child of the Week in Friday's assembly. Parents of children standing up are invited to attend these assemblies which are held at 2.45pm. We would like to encourage the "Children of the Week" to celebrate themselves by showing the rest of the school something special to them. This could be some work completed at school or at home, a certificate eg for swimming or sport or something related to a hobby/ interest.

Parent Teachers Friends Association

The PTFA are holding their AGM on Wednesday 21st 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 25th September. More details to follow next week.

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Smile! Learn! Believe! Achieve!



BIRTHDAYS



The children who have celebrated their birthday in August are:

Thomas Mason, Olivia Ord, Eden Doughty, Chloe Sharp, Rubilyn Russell
who are now 5 years old.

Lily-Rose Finney, Jack Skinner, Macy Gates and Alex Dewberry
who are now 6 years old

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who has celebrated their birthday over the summer.

What I need to bring...

Children all need a PE kit in school consisting of black shorts, a red or white t-shirt and plimsolls. If they are doing outdoor PE, the teachers will let you know if they need tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Please could all children keep a pair of wellie boots in school so they can access the field and the forest area through the year.

If possible, could the children avoid bringing large backpacks into school as the cloakroom spaces are limited.

Attendance

Where possible, your child should achieve 100% attendance at school. As a whole school, we are targeting improved attendance this year as there was another dip last year and the Local Authority have highlighted it as a critical issue. **Please, where possible, do not book holidays in term time or make medical or dental appointments within school hours.**

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 90.1-97%. 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. Again lates after the registers have closed will be considered as unauthorised absence. Being late is very disruptive to the learning as the teachers will have begun their teaching and the children will miss important input.

SOUTH WOOTTON INFANT SCHOOL

CALENDAR OF AUTUMN TERM DATES

5th September – 16th December 2015

September

Monday 5 th September	School opens
Wednesday 7 th September	New Entrants start school
Thursday 8 th September	New Entrants start school
Friday 9 th September	New Entrants start school
Monday 12th September	9-10am Year 2 “Meet the Teacher” coffee morning
Tuesday 13th September	9-10am Reception “Meet the Teacher” coffee morning
Wednesday 14th September	9-10am Year 1 “Meet the Teacher” coffee morning
Wednesday 21 st September	AGM of Parent Teacher and Friends Association in School Hall @ 7pm
Sunday 25 th September	PTFA car Boot Sale

October

Friday 7th October	PTFA Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in School Hall @ 1.30pm
Tuesday 11 th October	Tempest Ltd - Individual photographs
Friday 21 st October	1.30pm Whole School Reading Café
	School closes
Monday 31st October	School re-opens

November

Wednesday 2 nd November	Phonics workshop for Reception parents @ 2.30pm
Monday 7th November	Parents’ Evening 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 9th November	Parents’ Evening 3.30-6pm

December

Monday 12 th December	Whole School Christmas Play
Tuesday 13 th December	Whole School Christmas Play
Wednesday 14 th December	Whole School Christmas Play
Thursday 15 th December	Whole School Christmas Play
Friday 16 th December	Christmas lunch School closes

January

Thursday 5th January	School re-opens
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