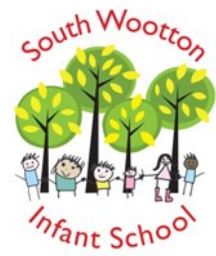


The Smile South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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Our Learning Challenge

We are continuing to work on our project around Challenge. Over the holidays, staff came into school and set up new learning environments. These are meant to encourage the children to be independent learners and to make choices about how they learn,

Our focus remains on "Resilience" which is one of the important dispositions for learning. We want the children to welcome the challenge of not knowing rather than worrying. Our topic work is being planned as a series of questions or enquiries for the children to find the answers to using their skills as, for example, historians or scientists,

We are working in partnership with other Norfolk Schools and a large primary school in Brighton to deliver the work on "Joy Of Not Knowing". More information will follow next term.

Celebrating our Learning—we love to dress up!

The children will have two opportunities in the next few weeks to dress up at school. On World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March, they can come to school dressed as their favourite STORY BOOK character. Mrs Burt would also like them to bring the book in too if they have it! We will then have the chance to share our favourite books with each other.

On Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March we are planning a two day Fabulous Finish.

On Thursday 16th March, Mad Science will be in school to deliver workshops with the children who will investigate scientifically castle related problems. (normal school uniform required for all scientists!!)

On Friday 17th March, we are welcoming back Black Knight Historical who will be helping us recreate a Medieval Day in school. As part of this, the children can dress up as kings, queens, princes, princesses, knights or dragons. We are funding this event from the school budget with the help of the PTFA so there will, on this occasion, be no charge for parents.

Parents Evening

We will be holding our second Parent Evenings of the year next week on Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March from 3.30pm until 6pm. If you have not made an appointment yet please contact the office and we will book an appointment for you. All consultations will take place in the hall and we are hoping to keep on time with appointments being no longer than the scheduled 10 minutes. If a friend or family member could look after siblings, this would help with space in the hall and ensure that you will be able to discuss your child's progress comfortably with their class teacher,

We will also be updating you on how your child is responding to our "Challenge" curriculum. If you cannot make either date then staff will try to find a mutually convenient one.

50th Anniversary of the School—April 1967 - April 2017

Student Council have been challenged with deciding what we need to do as we move towards the school celebrating its 50th anniversary in April. As you know, the children are going to be completing a two week project all about the school at the end of this term and we plan to have a celebration on the last day of term, Friday 31st March. Don't forget this mini-topic will start with a Maths Workshop and Café for parents and carers on Monday 20th March. At 1.30pm you will be able to find out how maths is taught in school and then join the children for Maths Café activities all centred on the number 50.

Don't forget if you have any memories of the school in previous years, please share these with us. We are very keen to trace any of the "children" who started here on April 11th 1967, when the school opened.

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Smile! Work! Inspire! Succeed!

PTFA
BINGO Night
Friday 10th March

Doors open 6.30pm
Eyes Down 7pm

An fun night out for our
schoolchildren and their
parents

Diary dates

February

27th - Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6 pm

March

1st - Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm

2nd - World Book Day

15th - Hedgehogs Class Assembly @ 2.45pm

16th - Mad Scientists workshops

17th - Castles Dress Up Day

20th - Maths Workshop and Café @ 1.30pm

21st - Tempest Class Photos

24th - Comic Relief Red Nose Day (more info to follow)

31st - School closes and Anniversary Celebrations

April

18th - Back to school

February Children of the Week

	30 th —3 rd	6 th —10 th	20 th —24 th
FOX CUBS	Lennon	Henry	Lola
RABBITS	Isaac	Dylan	Charlie-Roy
OWLS	Chloe	Halle	Codey
HEDGEHOGS	Sidney	Lucie	Amelia
RED SQUIRRELS	Emma	William	Lois
OTTERS	Ava	Taylor	Chloe

Birthdays

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

Polly Anderson, Elsie-May Collison, Hope Garrod, Alfie Nicol, Lola Proctor and Caleb Watts **who are now 5 years old.**

Finley Anderson, Thomas Anderson, Isabel Chaplin, Anton Liscsey **who are now 6 years old.**

Charlotte Freear and Emma Hutchinson **who are now 7 years old.**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrates their birthday this month.

Attendance

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

RED SQUIRRELS CLASS

with an attendance total of 97.7%

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now at 96.9%. Our whole school target is 97% so we are currently just below our target. We would ask that you please remember that we do not authorise any holidays in term time.