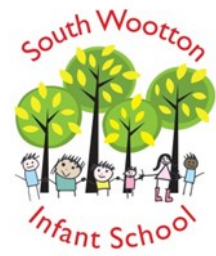


The Smile South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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Our Learning Challenge

This term we are completing a school improvement project alongside a group of local schools supported by an HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector of schools!) We have chosen to focus on **CHALLENGE**. We want our learners to develop their resilience, to realise that we all learn best through making mistakes and that we can always improve.

So instead of saying

I'll never do it! It's too hard!

I'm rubbish at this.

I made a mistake.

This will do.

we will try thinking

This may take some time and effort.

What can I do to improve?

Mistakes help me to learn and improve.

Is this my best work?

You can support your child with their "growth mindset" by asking questions about their learning. What did you learn today that made you think hard? What will you do to improve your work? What did/will you do to challenge yourself today?

We will be providing more information throughout the project. Although we are going to work intensively on this area over the rest of this term, we hope to embed it further so that all our learners will make the best progress they possibly can.

Preparing to learn

As part of our focus on challenge and independence, we would like to ask that children in Year 1 and Year 2 come into school on their own as much as possible. We are happy for you to walk around to the Playground with them, but would like to see them come into the cloakrooms and organise themselves for learning on their own where possible. If you need to pass on a message to the teaching staff, this can be done via the office although if it is something urgent then a member of the teaching teams will always be available to talk to.

We have plans to use the hall from 8.45 to 9am with groups of children and it will be closed to others during this time.

In order to ensure that the children can take responsibility for their own belongings, please can you ensure everything they bring to school is named including hats, scarves and gloves!

Parents Evening

We will be holding our second Parent Evenings of the year after half term on Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March from 3.30pm until 6pm. Parents can make appointments from Monday 20th February when the appointment boards will be available from 8.45am in the hall. If you cannot come in to school and make your appointment please contact the office and we will book an appointment for you. It is very important to come if you can to find out about your child's progress. 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

The school celebrates its 50th anniversary in April. 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 30th March. 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.

Parking

There have been complaints about parking outside school and several near misses when children are crossing the road. Please could you ensure you are driving safely outside the school and park with consideration for our neighbours. We recommend parking at the Village Hall or the Swan and then walking the short distance to school.

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Smile! Work! Inspire! Succeed!

PTFA
The next PTFA
meeting is
8th February
@ 6.30pm
Everyone welcome
BINGO Night
March
Date to be confirmed

Diary dates

February

- 8th - Owls Class Assembly @ 2.45pm
PTFA meeting @ 6.30pm
- 10th - School closes
- 20th - Back to school
- 27th - Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6 pm

March

- 1st - Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6pm
- 2nd - World Book Day (more info to follow)
- 15th - Hedgehogs Class Assembly @ 2.45pm
- 21st - Tempest Class Photos
- 24th - Comic Relief Red Nose Day (more info to follow)
- 31st - School closes

April

- 18th - Back to school

January Children of the Week

	9th - 13th	16th—20th	23rd—27th
FOX CUBS	Logan	Chloe	Joe
RABBITS	Liam	Alfie	Ozzy
OWLS	Lucy-Anna	Rhyley	Jack
HEDGEHOGS	Adam	Albie	Christopher
RED SQUIRRELS	Tilly	Rhys	Emma
OTTERS	Laney	Millie	Phoebe

Birthdays

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

Scott Claxton, William Lambert, Hope Mann, Logan Wilson, Jude Abou Chaker, Olivia Cwiklinska, Emilia Dent **who are now 5 years old.**

Rhyley Barker, Lenny Clark and Adam Jackson **who are now 6 years old.**

Tilly Gardner, Macie Hayes, Rhys Johnson, Caleb Wilson, Nell Davies and Ikechi Igwe **who are now 7 years old.**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrates their birthday this month.

Attendance

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

RED SQUIRRELS CLASS

with an attendance total of 99.17%

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now at 97.2% . Our whole school target is 97% so we are currently above our target. We would ask that you please remember that we do not authorise any holidays in term time.