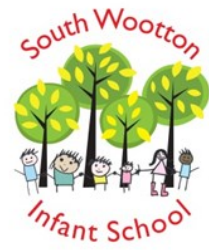




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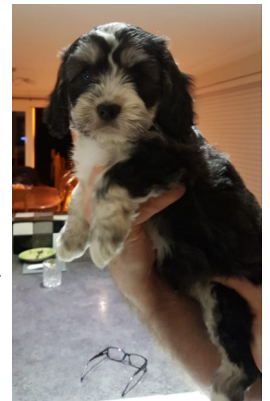


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New arrival

After half term, we shall be welcoming a new member to the South Wootton Infant School team. Denis, a Bichon Frise/Cocker Spaniel X, will be joining us. At that point he will be 12 weeks old and will be trained to spend time with the children as a therapy dog and reading companion. Many schools are seeing the benefits of having a "School Dog", in fact there have been two articles in the EDP about them since the New Year. Children can benefit educationally and emotionally, increase their understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills through contact with a dog. In addition to these benefits, children take great enjoyment from interaction with a dog. By having a dog in school we want to encourage those children specifically who are vulnerable, or those who are less confident with learning to have a friendly audience and to look forward to a challenge. Having a dog in school can encourage reluctant children to come to school. The vast majority of dogs are gentle and loving, offering children opportunities to improve social development skills, unconditional acceptance and the chance to do something really well. For some children, a dog will be a special friend, helping them to build self-esteem, relax and have fun. For others, time spent with a dog will be a reward for excellent effort with a difficult challenge. We will send out more information about Denis before half term.



Online Safety

It has come to our attention this week that some children are accessing inappropriate games on their computers or tablets either playing them online or watching Youtube videos of others playing them. They are then re-enacting these games at school when on the playground at break and lunch times. Unfortunately these games have resulted in a rise in the number of injuries the children receive. It is really important that the children are taught about the dangers of the internet alongside the benefits. The 5th February is Safer Internet Day. We will complete work with the children in school on staying safe online. This could be a good chance to review the parental controls on all your devices at home and ensure you know what your child is watching and playing.

Fit Friday update

Many apologies to children in Owls class who have been looking forward to swimming this term. So far the pool at Greyfriars school has been out of action for various reasons. We will ensure that the children in Owls class get the same (if possible) number of sessions as Hedgehogs.

We are aware that some parents have ordered FIT FRIDAY hoodies in the next size for their children from our uniform supplier, Stratfords. Could we ask if you do this that you return the original hoodie as we will be able to reissue them in future years. Thank you

Up to date contact details

Please can you ensure we have up to date contact details both for yourselves and those you have named as emergency contacts. If you have moved and/or changed your phone number or email it is very important that you pass on the updated information to us so that we can ensure our records are up to date. Mrs Crosby and Mrs Playford in the office would be happy to check your details are correct. Due to new data protection regulations, we do not want to send out forms with a lot of personal information on them.

Absence for sickness - guidance

We have an outbreak of a vomiting bug, mainly in Year 1 Owls Class but other year groups have been affected. Please note the children need to be **symptom free for 48 hours** before their return to school to minimize the spread of infection. We have reported this outbreak to Public Health England and are following their guidance.

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Smile! Work! Inspire! Succeed!

DON'T FORGET

All children need wellington boots in school for outdoor learning. These should be clearly named.

January Golden Learners

	7th—11th	14th—18th	21st—25th
FOX CUBS	Harley-Reece	Esme	Zeke
RABBITS	Joshua	Ellamea	Isaac
OWLS	Chidubem	Harry S	Maddie
HEDGEHOGS	Lily-Rose	Harley	Elle
RED SQUIRRELS	Neidas	Chloe	Eshal
OTTERS	Liam	Hope G	Charlie-Roy

Dates for your Diary 2019

January

30th - Reception Reading Workshop for Parents @ 2.45pm

February

5th - Year 2 trip

15th - Owls Class Assembly @ 9am
Reading Cafés @ 1.30pm
BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

25th—Back to school

March

4th - Parents Evening 3.30—6pm

6th - Parents Evening 3.30—6pm

14th—Science Learning Café @ 1.30pm

19th—Class Photographs

PTFA Meeting @ 6.30pm—all welcome

Birthdays

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

Evie A, Mya, Harry H, Mollie and Phoebe **who are now or will be 5 years old.**

Amelie, Ava, Holly, Emily and Maddie **who are now or will be 6 years old.**

Scott, William, Hope M, Olivia and Emilia D **are now or will be 7 years old.**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrates their birthday this month.

Please note that we are happy to celebrate birthdays in school with cakes but it does help if these could be pre-cut or be individual cupcakes.

Attendance

For the month of January the class with the best attendance was OTTERS with an attendance total of 97.69%

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now 96.59% Our target for the year is 97% so we have dropped a little below this.