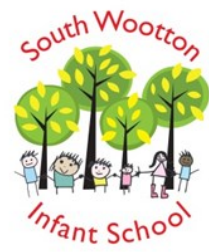




South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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The curriculum—what is my child learning and how are they doing

This year we are looking closely at our school curriculum. Here at South Wootton we are proud of the many and varied learning opportunities that your child is given. We cover all of the National Curriculum requirements and enhance these with additional learning which interests our pupils. Did you realise that we have to teach all 10 subjects under the National Curriculum? These are English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Art and Design, Music, Design Technology, Physical Education and Computing. In addition we also teach Religious Education and Personal, Social and Health Education. There is so much to fit in—no wonder children and staff are exhausted by the end of each week!

We have designed our curriculum to make links between subjects through topics and often teach subjects such as science, history and geography in blocks. We try to ensure that the learning is through hands on practical activities whether its handling artefacts in history or running experiments in science. We are hoping to have the website updated this term with all the learning plans for the year. Watch this space!

Next week will be the first opportunity to meet with the teachers to find out about your child's progress this year. Appointments will take place in the school hall and will be kept strictly to 10 minutes to enable us to remain on time for all appointments. Should there be a need to discuss anything for longer than this, please make another appointment to see your child's teacher. Mrs Waterman our SENDco will be there on Wednesday if you would like to make a separate appointment to see her if you have any additional concerns about your child and their needs.

Golden Home Learners

Staff have been very impressed with **all** the Home Learning completed in the last half term. The children have embraced the challenges and we have seen some lovely evidence on Tapestry. We do ensure that all the learning completed at home is celebrated in class through "show and tell" and our Home Learning displays.

Golden Home Learning certificates for exceptional home learning have been awarded to:

OWLS - Annabel T-S, Elsie, Emiliana, Esme, Freddie, Freya, George, Joseph T, Libbie, Mia and Oscar

HEDGEHOGS - Beau, Eleanor, Evie, Freddie, India, Isaac, Joshua, Matthew, Phoebe, Sophia, Tayler and Thomas

RED SQUIRRELS - Farrah, Jenson, Emily, Arthur, Maddie, Holly, Amelie, Bella, Aeryn and Kevin

OTTERS - Eliana, Lacie, Bella, Alfie, Frankie, Eriks, Charlie, Isabella, Evie and Lacey.

Parking and Driving outside school

As the days get shorter and it is darker in the mornings and afternoons, we would like to remind you of the necessity for walking and driving carefully outside school. There have already been some near misses reported to us where cars and pedestrians have nearly collided. We are going to ask for the yellow zig zags to be extended in front of the pedestrian gate and would ask that you think before parking there. Also, it is safer for your child to get out of the car onto the pavement rather than into the road. Using the car parks either at the village hall or The Swan enable your child to get out of the car safely and keeps the road clear for moving vehicles.

Attendance and Holidays in term time

There continues to be a number of holidays being taken in term time. Children are expected to be in school for 190 days a year-leaving 175 days available for family holidays, days out and celebrations. It is the responsibility of parents to come in and speak to the headteacher **BEFORE** booking a holiday particularly if there are exceptional circumstances as to why the holiday needs to be taken at a certain time. We will also be following up absences due to illness which are longer than 48 hours with a home visit if necessary to maintain effective home school links.

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**Smile! Work! Inspire!
Succeed!**

DON'T FORGET
Children should
only wear small
stud earrings and
these should be
removed for PE.

Also children all
need coats in
school now it is
getting colder.

Dates for your Diary 2019

November

- 4th - Parents Evening 3.30 - 6pm
- 6th - Parents Evening 3.30 - 6pm
- 12th - Cross Country @ WNRC - more details to follow
- 13th - Year 2 trip
- 19th - Flu immunisations
- 22nd - Red Squirrels class assembly @ 2.45pm

December

- 6th - PTFA Christmas Fayre
- 11th - Bedtime Reading Café 5.30 - 6.30pm
- 16th - Year 2 Christmas Celebration 2pm @ Church
- 17th - Year R Christmas Celebration 10am @ Church
Year 1 Christmas Celebration 2pm @ Church
- 18th - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Break up for Christmas Holidays

October Golden Learners

	30th Sep - 4th Oct	7th - 11th Oct
FOX CUBS	Lily H	Joshua D
RABBITS	Jessica G-A	Willow
OWLS	Harry	Liam
HEDGEHOGS	Isaac	Dylan
RED SQUIRRELS	Kevin	Maddie
OTTERS	Harley	Isla

Birthdays

The children who have celebrated their birthday in October are:

Harper, Donnie, Sophie, Willow and Rosie **who are now 5 years old.**

Jesse, Ryan, Dylan, Logan, Alice, Isabelle, William and Bailey **who are now 6 years old.**

Isaac and Dexter **who are now 7 years old.**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrated 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 October the class with the best attendance was FOX CUBS with an attendance total of 97.96%

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now 97.27% Our target for the year is 97%. Lets keep this up!