



The Smile South Wootton Infant School

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Friday 4th April

Dates for the Diary

4th April	Break up for Easter holidays
23rd April	Back to school
28th April	Class photos
30th April	PTFA meeting—all welcome
2nd May	PTFA May Ball disco @village hall
5th May	Bank Holiday—school closed
8th May	Book Sale
18th May	PTFA Car Boot Sale
23rd May	Break up for half term

Attendance

Although our attendance is improving, as recognised by Ofsted, there has been a recent increase in parents notifying us of their intention to go on holiday in term time. Since September, Headteachers have no longer the right to authorise family holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances and an absence longer than 4 days for the purpose of a holiday can result in a fine for both parents of £60 per child. **Following discussions with the Junior School, we have decided that both schools will fine any parents taking their child/ren on holiday for more than four days if their attendance is already below 95%.** You will be aware that the law requires all parents to ensure that their child attends school regularly. Research has shown that children often do not catch up on work missed, which can have serious consequences for their learning and progress.

Ofsted Report

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find your copy of our latest Ofsted report. Whilst we are disappointed with the overall outcome, we accept that we have work to do to ensure we are judged to be a good school at their next visit.

As the report makes clear, our pupils make good progress in the Early Years Foundation Stage and attain levels significantly above the national average at the end of Year 2.

This has been maintained despite significant staff absence. Projections for our current Reception and Year 2s are that they will continue this improving trend.

Since the previous inspection, we have addressed and improved many of the key issues including:

- Marking and feedback
- Communication with parents

We are pleased that the inspectors also recognised Behaviour and Safety at the school has continued to be good.

Staff are now determined to make the necessary improvements and are currently busy drawing up action plans to address the issues which include:

- Ensuring that all teaching is of a high standard, with high expectations
- Improving writing so that it matches the high standards achieved in reading and maths
- Ensuring that boys make as much progress as girls
- Enabling all staff to take a lead in school improvement
- Maintaining an up to date school website
- Improving the skills and knowledge of the Governing Body to provide challenge to the school leadership

We are engaging with the Local Authority as part of the Norfolk to Good and Great campaign to support us in these developments.

Thanks to those parents who expressed their views on Parent View. It is really important that you have your say, whatever your views may be. We are always open to suggestions on how we can improve as a school. We have a space for a Parent Governor so if you think you could make a difference please look out for the forms coming home after Easter.

World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March it was World Book Day and the children had the opportunity to come into school dressed as a Traditional Tale character. As ever, the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and some of the costumes were very inventive. Diego, for example, wore a hoody that transformed him into a big, bad wolf- brilliant!!



A clutch of Red Riding Hoods!!

Café Culture at South Wootton

We have continued with our successful Reading Cafés in March as well as holding the inaugural Maths Cafés this week.

The Reading Cafés were held in the same week as World Book Day and in Year 2 had a writing focus as the outcome. The children became Fairy Tale reporters and wrote newspaper articles based on a traditional tale.

GOLDBLOCKS SAVES THE DAY

Firefighter Goldilocks saved the day at the Three Bears House. The fire started in the kitchen when the porridge boiled over and caught fire. Hero Goldilocks, first on the scene, put out the fire and let the bears move in with her.

Reporter: Ellie



The Ugly Swan

Once upon a time there was a little swan that looked different than his brothers and sisters. He had a short neck and they all had long necks. They didn't want to play with him and they called him ugly. This made him very sad...

Reporter: Theo



PUSS IN SLIPPERS

Puss in Boots had sore feet. His new boots kept hurting his toes and he had two with plasters on. His friend Felix said that he should try slippers.....

Reporter: Lexie



Parental feedback from the Maths Cafés in Year 1 and 2 this week has indicated that they were a great success. The chance for parents to join their children in mathematical challenges taken from a book.

Earlier this month, the whole school visited the Junior School for Science Cafés. These took place during National Science and Engineering Week and were the return invitation following the Junior School's visit to us last year.



Traditional Story writing

We continue to focus on writing and the children in Years 1 and 2 have been reading Traditional Tales and writing their own versions.

*Dear Three Bears
I am sorry that I went in
your house but you left the
door open so I opened it.
Before I knew it I was in.
Baby Bear, I am sorry that
I broke your chair but it
already had a crack.
Love from Goldilocks
Letter by Thomas A*

Dear Three Bears

I am sorry that I went into your house when you did not expect me but it was a bit your fault because you left your door open. I am sorry I sat on Baby Bear's chair but I didn't realise there was a crack on the chair. Please can you forgive me.

With love from Goldilocks

Letter By Ismay

Deep in the dark forest lived three wolves. They were nasty. Jack went into the three wolves cave. Jack ate daddy's meat first. It was too hot. Then he ate mummy wolf's meat. It was too cold. Then he ate Baby wolf's meat. It was just right...

Part of a story by Caleb

One sunny, dry Spring morning, I (the dog) was playing with my friends. We were doing a wordsearch in the newspaper when Little Red Hen came over and said,

"Can you help me plant these seeds?".

We said, "No we won't. We are much too busy doing this."

Then she walked away.

An alternative version by Ashton

One evening, when I was walking home from work, I saw a mysterious, big beanstalk growing up into my beautiful garden. I trotted into my castle. Just as I opened the big, wide door I could smell a little boy's breath. I asked my wife if she had seen a boy. But she said no. She actually had but she didn't tell me. Jack was the boy's name. But I took my mind off the boy and decided to count my money. I was tired because I had been working so hard so I fell asleep. *An alternative version by Grace Chamberlain*

Prehistoric Encounters by Reception

On 1st April, children from Dragonfly and Bumble Bee classes made their way excitedly to the Dinosaur Park at Lenwade. They had a brilliant day out discovering all the dinosaurs and playing on the wonderful play area.

I want on a bus. well down the big red bus. lots and lots of things I had lots of fun.

I was luscious. The dinosaur has sharp teeth the dinosaur has sharp teeth the dinosaur has sharp teeth the dinosaur has sharp teeth.

We went in the indoor play area.

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By David

By Ekene



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Smile! Learn! Believe! Achieve!



Our Sports Relief run at the Junior School raised £150. Well done everyone!!

Children of the Week

	3rd - 7th	10th - 14th	17th—21st	24th- 28th	30th—4th
	March	March	March	March	April
Dragonflies	Louie	Lilly	Will	Alfie	Ethan
Bumble Bees	Elisse	Leo	Huw	Ramin	Amelie
Caterpillars	Emmie	Georgia	Caleb	Eloise	Lily A
Crickets	Matthew	Thomas	Katelyn	Ellis	Jack
Ladybirds	Camilo	Sophia-Rose	Oscar	Amelia	Lily
Butterflies	Lexie	Lily	Ben	Beth	Ben

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish all our children celebrating a birthday Many Happy Returns!

Congratulations to:

Ruby Claxton, David Horton-Rojas,
George Hollands, Gracie Gooding,
Alice Wilson

who are now



Ellis Auken, Emmie Clinch and Lily Ash

who are now



Amelia Gooding, Malachi Bernard and Henry Chong

who are now



Attendance Matters

Since September, Headteachers are no longer able to authorise any holidays in term time. If parents take their children out of school for a family holiday, the absence will be unauthorised and may result in a fine of £60.

For the month of March, the class with the best attendance was

BUTTERFLIES

with an attendance total of 97.7% **CONGRATULATIONS** to them.

Our overall attendance has shown some improvement and is now at 96.6%

Our whole school target is 96% so well done we are above target!!!