



The Smile

South Wootton Infant School Newsletter

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What's new

Hopefully, you will have all seen the upgrade to the Reception outside learning environment. Over the summer, we have had artificial grass laid which will ensure the children can use the area for their learning all year round. We have also changed the inside space, having a large cupboard removed which divided the classroom in half. The new children are enjoying the more open plan space and staff report it is having a positive impact on learning.

In Year 1, we have redesigned the morning timetable. The children are working in groups and are learning outdoors on a daily basis. This organization is enabling staff to work intensively with smaller groups and we are already seeing a positive impact in terms of progress. Mrs Diamond has returned and will be with us until Christmas. We will be interviewing early next month for a new teacher to start in January.

In Year 2, Mrs Angell has settled in really well and we all agree she is a wonderful addition to the staff team. We have all been impressed with how the children in both classes have settled down to the routines and expectations of life as the oldest members of the school.

We are using the website increasingly to showcase the work of the children. On the class pages, there is a weekly blog which outlines the learning from the week and can include pictures of this work. Please make sure you have a look. We intend to use it increasingly to post homework etc.

Coffee and Chat—Thursdays

On a Thursday morning from 9–10am, our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Pratt will be offering parents coffee and biscuits in the library. This is a chance to relax and chat with other parents. Mrs Pratt can offer help and support though the ups and downs of family life. As she herself says, "my role is to support you as parents/carers to help you and your child/children gain as much as possible from their school life."

Job Vacancies

We currently have several job vacancies in school. We need a cleaner to work 12.5 hours a week (3pm–5.30pm Monday to Friday) under the supervision of our Caretaker Mr Philpot. We also have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor, working Monday to Friday from 11.30am - 1.15pm. Please ask in the office for further details and job descriptions.

Parent Teachers Friends Association

Following the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, the PTFA have happily retained the support of Rachel Curtis as Chair and Tracy Hipkin as Vice-Chair. Jane Robins has also been re-elected as Treasurer. We do need more committee members - please ask Mrs Crosby if you are interested in joining. Two upcoming events are -

Car Boot Sale Sunday 10 - 1pm (8.30am for sellers)

Macmillan Coffee and Cake—Friday 3rd October 2-4pm

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Children of the Week

| | 15th—19th | 22nd - 26th |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Sep | Sep |
| Dragonflies | Owen | Olivia |
| Bumble Bees | Ithalia | Alfie |
| Caterpillars | Misha | Sophia |
| Crickets | William | Gracie-May |
| Ladybirds | Chloe | Erin |
| Butterflies | Jasmine | Pemberley |

Happy Birthday

The children who have celebrated their birthday in September are:

Laney Clarke-Twell, Lois Goodchild and Cady Kellegher who are now 5 years old

Will Burton and Jacob Turvey-Baxter who are now 6 years old

Isabelle Osler, Harvey Todhunter, Charlie King, Alfie Drew, Madeleine Butcher and Ben Sharp who are now 7 years old

Attendance

For the month of September the class with the best attendance was Butterflies with an attendance total of 98.3%.

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now at 96.2%. Our whole school target is 96.5% .

Student Council

The children have been busy applying for posts on the Student Council. Elections have been held this week and we are pleased to announce that the new Chairperson is Kyle, the Vice-Chair is Khyan, the Secretary is Lily R and the Treasurer is Mollie. The class representatives from Year 2 are Isla, Leon, Lara and Charlie. The class reps from Year 1 are Fearne, Yazan, Abi and Lennon. They have already had their first meeting and I look forward to working with them to improve the school. I'm sure they will be full of good ideas.

PS

Don't Forget—Individual photos are on Tuesday 7th October (Sorry but no out of school siblings)

Friday 10th October—Harvest Festival - Donations of food in tins and packets for the Foodbank on that day
