



The Smile

South Wootton Infant School Newsletter

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School Improvement update

As you know, we are constantly striving to raise the educational standards for all children at South Wootton Infant School. This term, we have introduced a new way of approaching homework and have already seen the positive benefits of home learning in motivating the children and providing support for their learning in school. Hopefully you will have a chance to see some of their fabulous work when you come in to school. The expectation is that they complete at least 4 out of the 8 suggestions.

We are in the process of ordering new classroom furniture to make an appealing "book corner" area in every classroom. Reading is the key to successful life long learning and we want all our children to have a love of books. Please could you ensure that alongside the topic related homework you read every day with your child. We will be monitoring reading closely over the next term and will be rewarding those children who read regularly at home. It only needs to be a 5 or 10 minute session each day.

Staffing

This term new staff in Year 1 and Year 2 have made a very positive impact on the learning in their respective classes and have given a new impetus to existing staff. Welcome to Miss Hayes and Mrs Buckley.

Interviews for the teacher posts in Reception will take place next week. We have had an exciting group of applicants and look forward to appointing new staff to join us after Easter.

Topic enhancement

Last week, a theatre group visited school to perform the Snow Queen as part of our Frozen topic. School funded this opportunity which enabled all the children to see quality theatre in the familiar surroundings of the school hall. Here are the thoughts of some of the Year 2 children.

It was the best day in school ever!

Jack

There was only 3 actors but they played lots of parts

Pemberley

At the beginning, a character came suddenly out of a trap door and gave us all a fright.

Ellis

WATCH OUT FOR SEPARATE NOTE ABOUT OUR PLANS FOR A "FABULOUS FINISH" TO THE FROZEN TOPIC!!

Reading Cafés

Don't forget all classes will be holding Reading Cafés next week. You are very welcome to come and join us.

Year 2—Tuesday 3rd February—2—3pm

Reception—Wednesday 4th February - 9.15—10.15

Year 1—Wednesday 4th February - 2—3pm

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Children of the Week

	12th - 16th	19th - 23rd	26th - 30th
Dragonflies	Jan Flynn	Jan Robyn	Jan Taylor
Bumble Bees	Isabelle	Freddy	William
Caterpillars	Will	Jayden	Srivatsa
Crickets	Huw	Fearne	Bramley
Ladybirds	Emmie	Charlie	Owen
Butterflies	Jack	Ellis	Libby

Diary Dates

February

Tuesday 3rd - Year 2 Reading Cafés
Wednesday 4th - Reception Reading Cafés
Year 1 Reading Cafés
Friday 13th - Whole School Frozen Day
Break up for half term
Monday 23rd - Back to school

March

Monday 2nd - Parents Evening 3.30—6pm
Wednesday 4th - Parents Evening 3.30—7pm
Thursday 5th - World Book Day
Thursday 19th - Tempest Class photos
Friday 27th - School closes for Easter

April

Monday 13th —Back to school

Happy Birthday

The children who have celebrated their birthday in January are:

Tilly Gardner, Macie Hayes, Kitty Wilkins, Rhys Johnson, Caleb Wilson, Nell Davies and Ikechi Igwe who are now 5 years old.

Ramin Shaikh, Rinoa Russell, Jayden Daley, William Ivanov, Alfie Cheyne, Alfie Gallon, Poppy Hayes and Lennon Mortimer who are now 6 years old.

Kyle Smith, Leon Smith, Rio Moyse, Ismay Russell, Keira Plume and Isla Craig who are now 7 years old.

Attendance

For the month of January the class with the best attendance was Ladybirds with an attendance total of 99.4%

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now at 96.7% which is just above our whole school target of 96.5%.

We are currently just above our target but please remember that we do not authorise any holidays in term time.