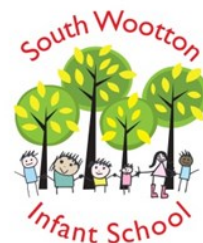


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Next steps....

On Wednesday 10th July, the children will spend the day in their new classes. Our current Year 2 children will spend another day at the Junior School (as well as Wednesday 3rd July).

Our class structure will be:

RECEPTION: FOX CUBS—Miss Beth Ely

RABBITS: Mrs Sarah Newman (Mrs Chimes on maternity leave)

YEAR 1: OWLS—Mrs Rebecca Burt

HEDGEHOGS: Miss Rachael Brice (Mrs Gould on maternity leave)

YEAR 2: RED SQUIRRELS—Mrs Nina Angell

OTTERS: Mrs Katie Buckley

The children currently in Reception and Year 1 will find out what class they will be in on our transition day. Classes may be mixed to ensure the best possible combination of children for successful teaching and learning.

RED TED

The children are continuing to collect awards as part of our RED TED reading scheme. Mrs Burt is looking forward to her celebration tea party. Children who have read 250+ times this year will be invited to the party along with their RED TED bear, dog or monkey on Monday 22nd July at 3.15—4.30pm.

Please continue to read regularly at home even if this milestone is unobtainable. Reading together every day, even if only a few minutes, has a massive impact on a child's progress and attainment across the curriculum. Every time the children receive a certificate for reading (Rocket, Star or Cosmic), they also have a ticket out into the end of year draw. The winner will receive an e-reader.

Retirement and staff changes

The time for Mr Philpot to retire is coming ever closer. We are hoping to present him with gifts to mark the end of his time at the school and any contributions would be welcomed. Please send them into the office in an envelope marked "MR PHILPOT". We have appointed a replacement, a Mr Andrew Smith, who will join us for the last week of term. We look forward to welcoming him into the South Wootton family!

Mrs Ash has also decided to have a change of career, following five great years supporting the learning of children at the school. She will leave at the end of the term to become a Marie Curie nurse, supporting people through the most difficult times at the end of life. We will truly miss her many skills here, particularly all she has done to improve the PE and sport within the school. If your children have benefited from her skilled teaching, for example in gymnastics, and you would like to contribute towards a gift please also send this into the office in an envelope marked MRS ASH.

Holidays in term time

There continues to be a rise in the number of holidays being taken in term time. Children are expected to be in school for 190 days a year, leaving 170 days available for family holidays, days out and celebrations. We understand that prices can be significantly cheaper in term time—a frustrating fact for school staff as you can imagine—but we do submit all holiday absences of 10 sessions or more to the Local Authority for consideration of issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Effective learning does rely on the small building blocks being systematically put in place to enable all children to make the best possible progress. Gaps in learning can be difficult to catch up. Term time holidays taken now can impact on future academic progress.

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DON'T FORGET

PTFA summer
fayre

Friday 5th July

5pm—7pm

Children perform
at 6pm

Dates for your Diary 2019

July

3rd - Year 2 Transition Day at Junior School

5th - PTFA Summer Fayre - 5pm-7pm

10th—Transition Day

Year 2 at Junior School

11th - Full Governors Meeting

12th - Annual reports out

15th - Parents Drop in - 3.30pm - 4.30pm

17th - Sports Day from 12.30pm

18th - SEN parents Drop-in 2.30pm

24th - Year 2 leavers' service—9.30am

Break up for Summer Holidays

Attendance

For the month of June the class with the best attendance was RED SQUIRRELS with an attendance total of 97.7%.

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now 96.45% Our target for the year is 97% so we have dropped below this.

June Golden Learners

	3rd—7th	10th—14th	17th—21st	24th—28th
FOX CUBS	Thea	William	Oscar	Emiliana
RABBITS	Luella	Freddie	Dylan	Matthew
OWLS	Phoenix	Lacey, Bella, Poppy, Reggie, Kevin, Eli, Zach	Ruby	Isaac
HEDGEHOGS	Evie	Primrose, Henry E	Farrah, Kaia	Ella
RED SQUIRRELS	Mabel	Caleb	Jessica	Sophia
OTTERS	Liliana	Harvey, Scott	Olivia, Lola	Alfie
		Ralphie, Hope G, Emilia H, Elsie, Lily		

Birthdays

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

Oscar, Tayler, Thea and Finley **who are now 5 years old.**

Madeline, Chloe, Kaia, Lily-Rose and George **who are now 6 years old.**

Charlie-Roy and Tommy **who are now 7 years old.**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who has celebrated their birthday.

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.