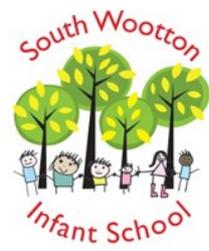


South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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Seasons Greetings

On behalf of all the staff at South Wootton Infant School, I would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for all your support over the past term. By working together, we can provide the best possible educational experience for your children.

Hopefully, most of you would have been able to join us in Church this week to celebrate the Christmas Nativity with your children. Each service was unique and all the children performed so well. Yesterday, we enjoyed our school Christmas dinner with the catering staff serving over 200 Christmas meals—amazing!

We are now looking forward to 2020 and are busy planning the learning for the next term. The Spring Term is always a very important one in which the children make a lot of progress. We will see you all back on Monday 6th January.

Golden Home Learning

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:

FOX CUBS - Joshua, Edie, Ella, Rosie, Matthew, Harry D, Lily, Sophie, Marissa, Harry L, Edward and Seth

RABBITS - Laura, Ben, Eliza, Alice, Lily T, Evie-Mai, Jude, Willow, Jessica, Charlie and Esmee

OWLS - Annabelle T, Alice, Archie, Evie, Isabelle, Jacob, Jesse, Kacey-Rose, Harley-Reece, Joseph C, Mya, Thea and Zeke

HEDGEHOGS - Braidie, Gracie, Ryan, Broden, Lillia, Ellamea, Logan, Elsa and Martha

RED SQUIRRELS - Maddie, Ava, Ella, Amelie, Caitlin, Bella, Savanna, Aeryn and Poppy

OTTERS - Ella T, Lacey, Evie, Thalía, Ella S, Isabella, Charlie, Eriks, Peter, Frankie, Prim, Bella, Lacie, Madeline and Eliana

After School Club

The Junior School are starting after school care from January. This will run from 3.30—5.30pm, Monday to Friday. If you are interested in your child attending this, please initially make enquiries directly with them. Spaces are limited to ensure staffing ratios so will be given on a first come first served basis.

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 please name
hats and gloves
that come into
school!

Birthdays

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

Seth, Bailey, Lily, Esmæ, Alice, Nancy, Matilda and Matthew who are now/will be 5 years old.

Mia, Matthew, Freya and Eleanor who are now/will be 6 years old.

Isabella, Finlay, Reggie, Henry and Phoenix who are now/will be 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.

Dates for your Diary 2020

January

6th—Return to school

NEW DATES LIST IN THE NEW YEAR!

Attendance

Children with 100% attendance this term are: Leo, Joshua D, Harry D, Rosie, Lily H, Edward, Marissa, Esmæ M, Teddy, Hollie, Mia, Poppy, Jack, Matilda F, Isaac, Matilda M, Ilaria, Harry S, Ben, Esmæ, Isla, Evie A, Logan A, Beau, Erin, Martha, Joshua N, Ryan, Isabelle, Sophia, Thomas, Kacey-Rose, Joseph C, Oscar, Freya, Elsie, Zeke, Jacob, Joseph, Mia T, Lacie, Primrose, Ella S, Evie T, Ella T, Farrah, Holly, Amelie, Ava and Caitlin.

For the month of December the class with the best attendance was OWLS with an attendance total of 97.56%

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now 96.59% Our target for the year is 97% and we are below this. A third of the absences are due to holidays being taken in term time.
