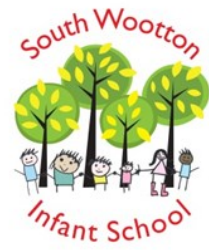


South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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Bursting Bubbles

As you will all be aware now, we had to send home a class bubble yesterday following a positive test result for a pupil in Year 1. It makes us realise that the virus is out in the community and reminds us all that we must not become complacent. We need to be following the Government guidance of Hands Face Space. The possible symptoms to look for at home continue to be a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss of smell/taste. In the event that your child displays these symptoms they should remain at home and arrangements made for them to be tested.

Within school, the children wash and sanitise their hands regularly. They are reminded to avoid touching each other and to create space where possible although the Department for Education recognise that we are not able to enforce social distancing with young children. They do remain within their class bubbles during the day in Year 1 and Year 2 with Reception creating a Year group bubble due to the open plan classroom and outdoor space.

The morning routine of dropping the children at the gate is working well. Please remember to ensure there is adequate space by dropping your child and leaving the area around the gate as soon as possible.

In the afternoon, please ensure you are wearing a face covering when entering the school site to protect yourself and the other adults. Only 1 adult should come in to collect a child/children. If you have to wait to collect a Year 2 child, please ensure that younger siblings remain with you on the playground and do not play on the equipment etc. The weather has not been kind to us in the last few weeks and it has often been raining. We do try to ensure that the children are brought out promptly. Please ensure you maintain social distancing while on site. If you need to change your collection arrangements please notify the office so that the message can be passed onto staff.

As the positive case has coincided with half term, we are not providing remote learning for the affected bubble. However, if this were to occur in term time, or individuals have to self isolate, teachers are planning remote learning that will run alongside learning in school. At the moment this will be communicated through Tapestry. We are planning to include more virtual teaching through the use of video etc.

Parent Consultations

We are holding our Parents evenings remotely this term on Tuesday 3rd November and Thursday 5th November.

Teachers will telephone you within the agreed hour to update you on your child's progress since the start of term.

The calls will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes to ensure there is time for them all to be completed. If you have not arranged an appointment please contact staff via Tapestry so that one can be made.

Well Being Support

We are making well-being a major focus this year. We want to ensure the children are happy in school and able to access the learning. It is understandable that some children may struggle to make sense of the strange world we are living in. We, as adults, find it difficult enough. There is a great deal of support out there for both the children and parents at this time.

JustOneNorfolk (<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>) is a website that has a range of support for all health needs not just those associated with Covid-19. It has been created as a one stop shop for all things child health related.

Protecting our emotional health is as important at this time as our physical health.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual photos will be taken on **MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER**.

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**Smile! Work! Inspire!
Succeed!**



DON'T FORGET

All children need wellington boots in school for outdoor learning. These should be clearly named.

RED TED award

This half term Mrs Burt is pleased to announce that the class with the most "reads" is

RABBITS CLASS

Well done to them. They will receive some new books to share in their class bubble.

Attendance

For the month of October the class with the best attendance was **OWLS** with an attendance total of 99%.

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now 98%. Our target for the year is 96% which is ambitious given the current restrictions but we are doing well. This time last year our attendance was 97.27% so we are up on last year even with the current situation!

Birthdays

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

Olivia **who is 5 years old**

Harper, Donnie, Sophie, Willow and Rosie **who are now 6 years old.**

Jesse, Ryan, Dylan, Logan, Alice, Isabelle, William and Bailey **who are now/will be 7 years old.**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrates their birthday this month.
