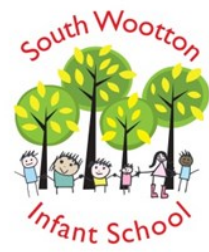




South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



Issue 3

26th November 2021

A busy month

What a busy month November has turned out to be. We started with Parent Consultations at the beginning of November. Hopefully, everyone was able to meet with the class teacher to hear about how the children have settled in and for those in Year 1 and Year 2 to share their learning targets.

We have continued to deliver our curriculum and have enhanced this with visits and visitors. A team of 10 children attended the area Cross Country, impressing everyone with first and third place finishes.

We also had a special visit in the middle of the month from Ofsted, who have returned to running their full inspection programme again. Whilst we were expecting their visit at some point this year, the phone call when it came was a bit of a surprise for everyone. We have just received a copy of the draft report (which is confidential at this stage) but hope to be able to share the results of their visit with the whole community before Christmas. Thanks to everyone who completed the Parent Survey. Ofsted were impressed with the number of responses they received.

Festive Plans

Unfortunately our Festive plans have once again been affected by COVID although we are determined this year, as last, to ensure that the children do not miss out on any of the usual experiences.

Children will be learning and performing a Christmas nativity in their year groups. This year we are going to Church for these performances but hope to film them and make these films available for everyone.

As we cannot safely hold a full Christmas Fayre for children and parents, Mrs Chimes has offered to run a Christmas Fayre for the children on Friday 10th December. The Year 2 children will help to organise games and activities for all year groups. Also we have been able to arrange a special visitor from the North Pole who may bring presents for the children. We will have a photographer in school to capture this and you will be able to buy a picture of your child with Santa. (more details to follow). The children can come to school in their Christmas jumpers on this day.

On Thursday 16th December the children will be able to watch a virtual pantomime. Hopefully this will be as much fun as it was last year!

Christmas dinner will be on the last day of term. More details to follow about this. On this day the children can wear their Christmas jumpers again!

Term finishes on Friday 17th December and the children return on Thursday 6th January.

Church in the Woottons Christingle

Canon James Nash has sent a letter to the Woottons schools explaining the new arrangements for the annual Christingle services at both the Churches in the Woottons. Due to the restrictions on congregation numbers (75 for the Church here in South Wootton) places need to be booked. Please see letter attached to this newsletter email for more details.

PTFA

The PTFA have now met twice in person and are keen to resume as many of their fundraising efforts as they can. They are sending out their own newsletter next week which will have more details but here is a list of their upcoming events and fundraisers.

- Christmas cards—orders to school by Monday please
 - Smartie challenge
 - Santa visit—Friday 10th December - they are providing the gifts for every child
 - Cake sale - Friday 17th December - donations on the day - sale at the end of the day
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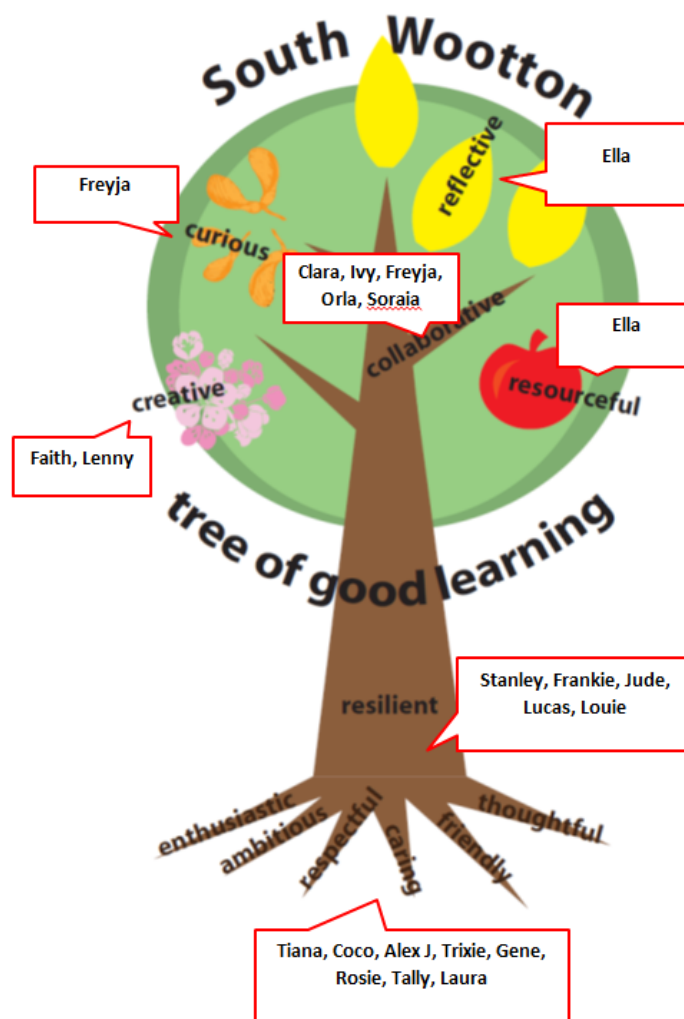
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Smile! Work! Inspire! Succeed!

DON'T FORGET

All children
need welling-
ton boots in
school for
outdoor
learning.

Golden Learners for November



Birthdays

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

Freyja, Trixie, Emily, Lilly, Leja and Freddie **who are now or will be 5 years old.**

Cody, Ivy, Rose, Sophia, Maxwell, George, Rosie, Annabelle, Alex, Austin, Trixie, and Tiana **who are now or will be 6 years old.**

Seth, Bailey, Lily, Esmee, Alice, Nancy, Matilda, and Matthew **who are now 7 or will be years old.**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrates their birthday in NOVEMBER

Attendance

For the month of November the class with the best attendance was **RABBITS**

with an attendance total of 97%.

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now 93.5%.

Our target for the year is 96% which is ambitious given the current situation!



Christingle Services 2021

Please Reserve your Seats!

I am very pleased to announce that we are holding live Christingle Services this year. However, because of the current situation regarding COVID 19 and high infection levels, we have made some significant changes:

1. We will be offering 4 Christingle Services this year – 2 services at each church
2. None of the Christingle Services will take place on Christmas Eve this year. Instead, we will run them on the evenings of four schooldays leading up to the end of term – each service will begin at 6.00pm
3. Because our church buildings are relatively small, we are placing a limit on the number of people (adults and children) who can attend each service.
4. At St. Mary's Church, South Wootton, we are limiting the number of people (adults and children) who can attend each Christingle Service to 75
5. At All Saints Church, North Wootton, we are limiting the number of people (adults and children) who can attend each Christingle Service to 70.
6. Because we are having to restrict numbers who can attend our Christingle Services this year we wish to give priority to families with young children. Of course, grandparents will be welcome to come as part of a family.
7. We ask that you email james@churchinthewoottons.net to reserve your places. Please tell James who will be attending and the ages of your children. We will then issue you with a family ticket.

These are the Christingle Services we are offering this year:

When?	Where?
Wednesday 8 th December 6.00pm	All Saints Church, North Wootton
Thursday 9 th December 6.00pm	St. Mary's Church, South Wootton
Monday 13 th December 6.00pm	St. Mary's Church, South Wootton
Tuesday 14 th December 6.00pm	All Saints Church, North Wootton

We are really looking forward to seeing you this Christmas from Canon James, and all of us at The Church in the Woottons.