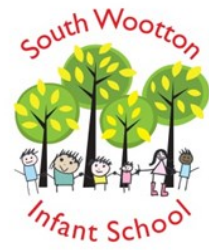


South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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Welcome Back Parents!!

It has been lovely to be able to gradually invite parents back into school over the last few weeks. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to share your children's books together. These drop in sessions will be repeated next term too so if you missed your slot there will be other occasions on which you can come in.

Mrs Chimes has been in charge with running the Easter Egg hunts this week in conjunction with the PTFA. We do hope your children enjoyed them

STOP PRESS!

Fox Cubs are again the winners of the half termly book prize for having the most reads at home! Well done Fox Cubs

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very restful Easter holidays. Hopefully the sun will shine again and we can all enjoy times outside as a family, recharging our Vitamin D levels!

Fond Farewell

We have said a very sad goodbye to a much valued colleague today. Miss Firth is leaving us for pastures new. She has worked at the school since 2013 and provided invaluable support to children through the school in this time both in her role as a class TA, our Speech and Language specialist, Breakfast Club supervisor and MSA. We know you will all join us in wishing her all the very best in her new job.

PE Kits in school

From the beginning of next term, teachers have asked if all the children can have a PE bag in school each week. In the bag they will need shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings and a pair of trainers or plimsolls. In this way we can be flexible with their second PE lesson each week and go out when it is fine! The joggers or leggings are needed for Forest Schools as their legs need to be covered for these sessions and we know many of the children will start coming in summer dresses or shorts.

COVID and Absence

The DfE have issued (yesterday) some updated guidance around COVID and schools. The Local Authority are now updating their guidance to schools based on this. We will email any changes to the current guidance on Tuesday 19th April, before the children return on the 20th April.

COVID has had a devastating impact on our attendance this half term. In March, our attendance figures across the whole school dropped to 88%. Staff absence has also been high as the virus has taken hold. Not all of the absence was due to Covid or other illnesses as several families took the children out on holiday in this month. Please remember holidays in term time will be unauthorised and may result in a fine.

PTFA Updates

PTFA has begun to meet regularly and would welcome additional members as they are beginning to plan more events again. Their fundraising enables the school to purchase extras for the children when school budgets are becoming ever tighter, The Smartie Challenge raised £350 which is brilliant. For the Easter holidays they would like to challenge children to create a decorated egg.

Here are some dates for your diaries. Further information to follow

Friday 6th May - BINGO in the school hall

Sunday 22nd May - Car Boot Sale on the school field

Friday 8th July - School Summer Fayre

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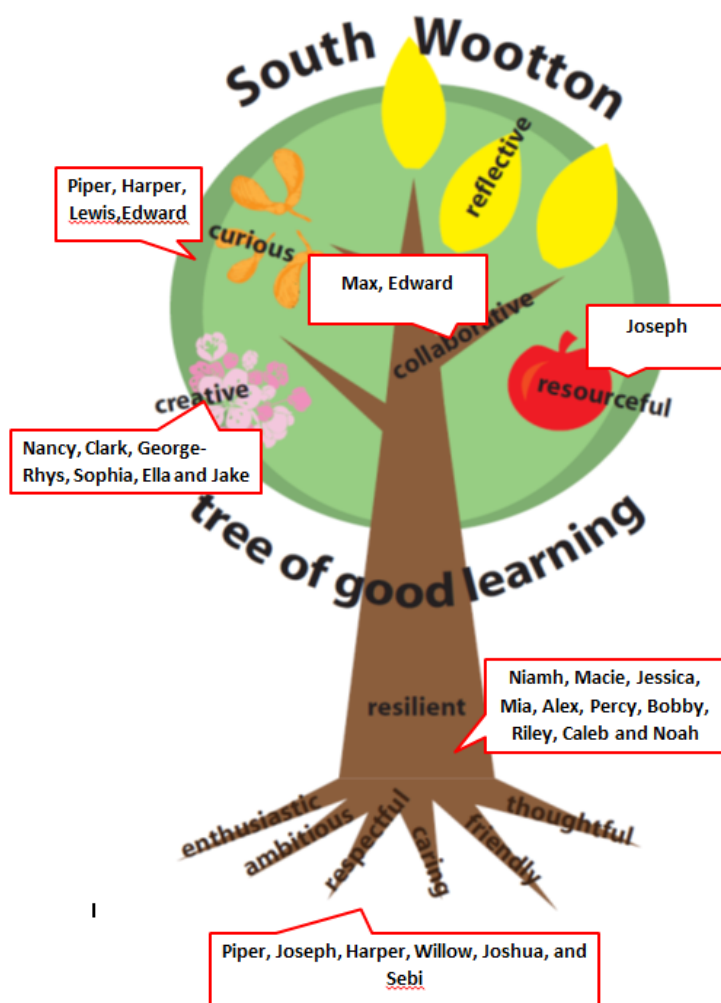
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Smile! Work! Inspire! Succeed!

DON'T FORGET

All children
need welling-
ton boots in
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learning.

Golden Learners for March



Birthdays

The children who have celebrated their birthday in March are:

Ivy, Jude, Erin, Oliver, Ella, Felix, Louie and Will **who are now 5 years old.**

Indie, Rose, Emilie, and Eli **who are now 6 years old.**

Faith, Ella, Mia and Ollie **who are now 7**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrates their birthday in MARCH .

Attendance

For the month of March the class with the best attendance were HEDGEHOGS

with an attendance total of 93.84%

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Class attendance in March 2022 was the lowest ever recorded.

Our overall attendance is now 94%

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