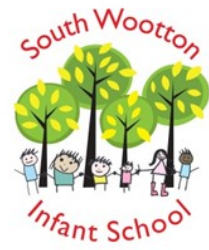




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## South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



Issue 5

27th January 2023

### New Year—New learning

Term has started well with the children settling into their new learning well. Hopefully you will have all seen an overview of the learning planned for this term either on Tapestry or the school website. This should help you to support your child's learning.

Already this term Year 1 have been visited by the Norwich Puppet Theatre who taught them about Mae Jemison, a NASA astronaut. They also learnt about light through shadow puppets,

Year 2 have been into Kings Lynn this week to visit True's Yard and the Stories of Lynn Museums to find out about King's Lynn and its importance as a port.

Reception have been celebrating Lunar New Year this week which has included a visit to Mrs Burt's Chinese restaurant (the school hall!!!). Noodles appeared to be the favourite food on the menu!

### Maths Cafés - Friday 3rd February

On Friday 3rd February it is NSPCC's Number Day. To recognize this Miss Brice has planned Maths Cafés in all the classes. Before the start of these she is also giving an overview of how number is taught at SWIS. The meeting will be at 1.45pm with the chance to join your children in class from 2pm. We look forward to seeing you if you are able to join us.

### Parent Consultations

We finish for half term on Friday 10th February and come back to school on Monday 20th February. We will be holding parent consultations that week on Monday and Wednesday from 3.30pm—7pm. These will be virtual and you will be able to book your appointment from Monday 6th February.

We will again be holding BOOK LOOKS after school which will be a chance for your child to share their work with you. These will be on Friday 3rd and 10th March from 3.15—3.45pm.

### PTFA update

The PTFA continue to work hard to raise funds to support the school. Their Christmas fundraising was very successful and they raised over £1000 from the raffle alone. Thank you to everyone who supported them.

They have provided money to support school trips and events especially helpful as the costs of transport for trips is becoming increasingly expensive.

They have also given the school money to buy books. We have been able to purchase some lovely books by new authors as well as old favourites.

They are planning VALENTINE PARTIES for all the children on Friday 10th February. Please return the slip and £3 to the school office if your child would like to attend.

### Attendance update

Attendance remains a focus for improvement. The school now has to report weekly attendance to the Department for Education. There are termly meetings with the Attendance Officer who analyses the data and questions individual pupils where the attendance drops below 90%. The Local Authority have expressed concern about the number of holidays being taken in term time. They have updated their attendance guidance and it will now be important to note that

**If you take a holiday in term time any future absence will be unauthorised without supporting medical evidence.**

If in any six week period you have 9 sessions (4.5 days) unauthorised absence you can receive a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Appointments taken in school time will need to be evidenced and it will no longer be possible to collect a child straight after afternoon register and still receive their mark.

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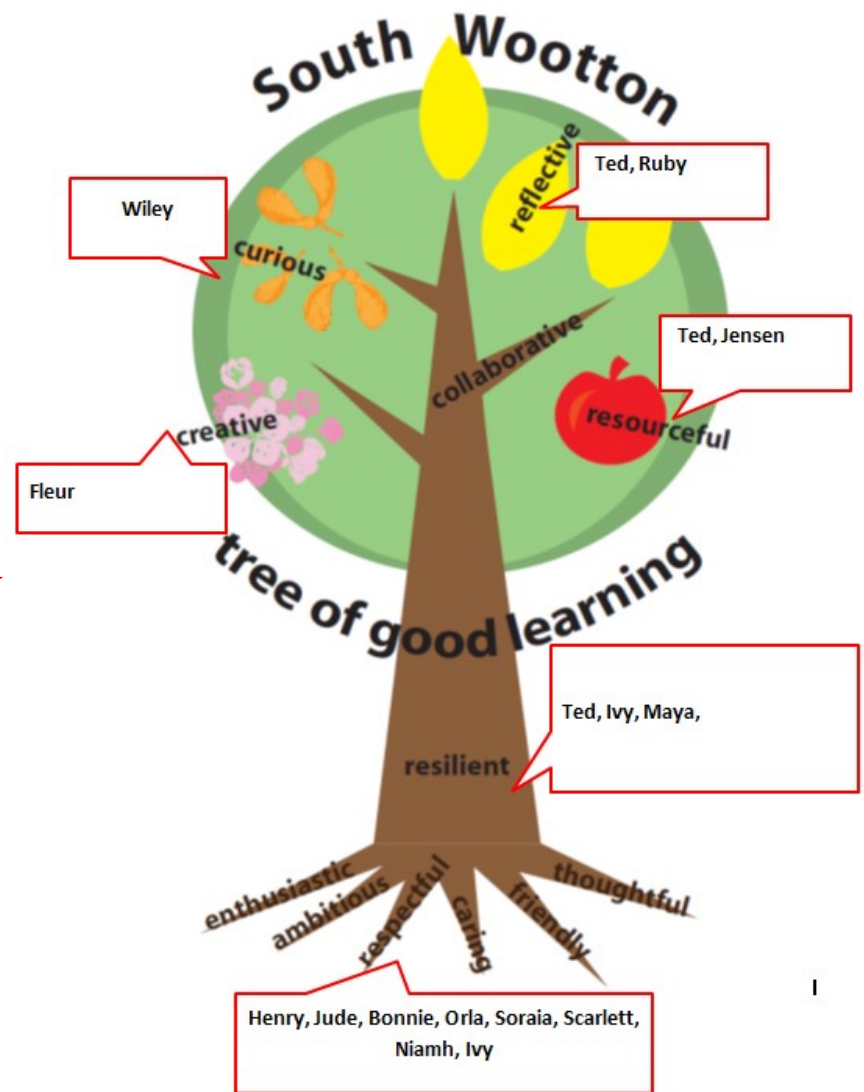
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Smile! Work! Inspire! Succeed!

**DON'T FORGET**  
All children  
need welling-  
ton boots in  
school for  
outdoor  
learning.

## Golden Learners



## Birthdays

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

Arthur B, Isabella, James, Ted and Arthur F  
who are now or will be 5 years old.

Noah, Orla, Harriet, Henry and Emme  
who are now or will be 6 years old.

Joseph, Alex O and Archie  
who are now or will be 7 years old.

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrates their  
birthday in JANUARY

## Attendance

For the month of January the  
Class with the best attendance is  
HEDGEHOGS

with an attendance total of 97.8%.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to them.

Our overall attendance is now 94.39%

Our target for the year is 97% so we are significantly below. Please ensure your child is in school every day that they are well.