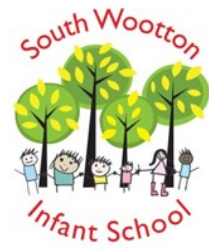


South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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Happy Easter to all

The month of March seems to have sped by in the blink of an eye. It has been as busy as ever in school. We have continued our learning about farms in Reception, dinosaurs in Year 1 and the wider world in Year 2. All of the children have enjoyed trips this month. Reception visited Church Farm, Year 1 went to the Dinosaur Park and Year 2 went on the train to Cambridge Botanic Gardens. On all of these visits the children demonstrated their learning. Staff at the Botanic Gardens were very impressed with both the knowledge and the questions of the Year 2 children. As usual, the behaviour of all the children on these visits was a credit to the school!

There has been quite a high level of absence this term, both children and staff. Hopefully the holiday will act as a circuit breaker and allow us all to recharge the batteries ready for a healthy return for the summer term.

Goodbyes

We have said some sad farewells today. Two children are leaving SWIS, Oliver in Reception and Clara in Year 1. We wish them all the very best for the future. Hopefully they will both stay in touch with us so we can hear about their new adventures.

As was communicated last week, at the beginning of next term we will also be saying goodbye to two members of staff. Mr Smith is retiring and Mrs Martin is moving on a new job. We wish them all the very best too!

Future events

Children are due to return to school on the 18th April for the first half of the Summer Term. Again it will be a busy time. There will be two Bank Holiday Mondays when school will be closed: Monday 1st May (May Day) and Monday 8th May (coronation). We are going to celebrate the coronation in school on Friday 5th May. We would like to invite you (weather permitting) into school for a Coronation picnic at 12.30pm. The children will be provided with a special lunch by the school kitchen. Following that we will have a special Coronation Reading Café from 1.15pm. Don't forget that the PTFA are holding a Coronation Bingo Night on that date too!

In May, the Year 2 children will have their SATs tests. It is very important that they are all in school during that time. There will be more information on Tapestry about the SATS and Year 2 staff would like to invite parents into school at 2.45pm on Tuesday 18th April for a short information / question and answer session.

Attendance and Holidays in Term Time

The importance of being in school every day, on time and with their book bag cannot be stressed enough. The latest Department of Education guidance states parents are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies.
- Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness).
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.
- Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

Please avoid booking holidays in term time. It is not only the days missed for the holiday but also the time it takes for your child to settle back into the classroom learning routines. They can miss important steps in learning which can be difficult for them to catch up on.

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Smile! Work! Inspire! Succeed!

DON'T FORGET

Please name all school uniform. In the summer term children will often take off sweat-shirts etc. These can be returned more easily if named!

Dates for your Diary

APRIL

18th - Return to school
SATs information for Year 2 parents @ 2.45pm
24th—PTFA Meeting

MAY

1st—Bank Holiday School closed
2nd—Class Photos
5th - Coronation Picnic (12.30pm) and Learning Café (1.15pm)
8th—Bank Holiday—School closed
26th—Last day of Term

JUNE

5th- Return to school
14th—Reception Heights and Weights
30th—Sports Day (pm)

JULY

21st—Last day of Term

Birthdays

The children who have celebrated or their birthday in March are:

Lewis, Wiley, Harry, Ruby and Scarlett **who are now 5 years old.**

Ivy, Jude, Erin, Oliver, Ella, Felix, Louie B and Will N **who are now 6 years old.**

Indie, Rose L, Emilie, Amaya and Eli **who are now 7 years old.**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrates their birthday this month.

Attendance

For the month of March the class with the best attendance was OWLS with an attendance total of 97.5%

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now 95.08%. Our target for the year is 97% and we are well below this. If there had been no holidays taken in term time our attendance would be over 96%.