

Wootton Bassett Infants' School

July 2021

Goodbye from Mr Hazzard

I'm writing this sitting in my office looking at the bare boards (all the children's work which so many people enjoy seeing has been taken down) and thinking about my time at Wootton Bassett Infants' School. I came here, initially for one year, to oversee the amalgamation of the Infants with Noremars. Obviously, this didn't happen and I ended up staying here for fourteen years. I already lived in Wootton Bassett and lots of people tried to dissuade me from taking a job in the same place. But I have loved the sense of community and seeing children, parents and grandparents around the town and I have always felt very proud to be the Head of the Infants and to play such a prominent part in the community.

I don't need to remind you what a strange year this has been and I really hope next year is able to return to normal and all the events that make Wootton Bassett Infants such an exciting place to be can take place: Harvest festival, the Christmas play and World Book Day trips to the bookshop. Even getting all the children together for a whole school assembly is something the staff are looking forward to. Everybody has worked hard to ensure the children are happy but we all want to return in September being part of a whole school and not a self-contained bubble.



I was delighted when Mrs Pass was appointed to the position of Headteacher and I am confident that the school will continue to move forward with our outstanding group of teachers, support staff and governors supporting her.

I would like to end by saying thank you to all those parents who have given me so much support during my time here and to wish you a very happy and healthy summer holiday.

Mark Hazzard



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Dates for your Diary

23/07 Term 6 ends - 1pm

01/09 TD Day

02/09 Year1 & 2 return

07/09 Reception start

21/10—29/10 Half term holiday

Farewell to Mr Hazzard

Whilst the summer holidays are usually a cause for excitement, this year there is more than a touch of sadness too as the end of term means that the time has come to say goodbye to Mr Hazzard, who is heading off to enjoy a well-deserved retirement after a long and successful teaching career, the last 14 years of which have been as Headteacher at our school.

Mr Hazzard's passion for art and all things creative have been at the heart of everything at the school during his time here and has been fundamental in creating a warm, fun and exciting environment in which our pupils can thrive and enjoy their time at school.

It's difficult to put into words just how much of an impact Mr Hazzard has had on so many people's lives and since he announced that he would be retiring this summer, we have been blown away by the number of pupils and colleagues – past and present – who have been in contact to share their stories and memories. I wanted to share just a few of these which I think sum up the sentiment behind all of the comments we've received perfectly:

"I had the privilege of working with Mark at Windmill Hill between 1993-1998 in the early days of my teaching career, when he was Deputy Head. I have many good memories of the most amazing artwork and some fantastic performances, which as a musician, I was able to be a part of. He was always a really supportive colleague and I wish him a long and happy retirement. Thank you Mark for all your encouragement and support."

*"I loved that he remembered all the names of the children (past, present and some future!). I had always known that I wanted the girls to go to the infants, but meeting with him and seeing his office covered in the art work of the children, certainly made me feel even more sure!
I always knew when he'd taught my daughters; they'd come home very happy and covered in paint!
Enjoy your retirement Mr Hazzard, you will be missed!
X"*

"I was lucky enough to be taught by Mr Hazzard at Windmill Hill. I am now 27 and when I look back he is the one teacher I really remember with really happy school memories. The passion and the care he put into what he taught was incredible and he knew perfectly just how he really could teach us through a fun and valuable way. Every learning moment was a fun one and that is why I remember him so fondly."

"Our memories of Mr Hazzard are of his kindness & sense of fun. My daughter loved it when she walked into class & Mr Hazzard had his brown apron on because that always meant Art which she loved. Christmas plays were legendary, he always sat on the front row to provide reassurance to any nervous performers (& maybe a gentle reminder of lines). He was always a welcome sight at the Fete BBQ, remembering each child's name as he served them. I also remember a class trip to the book shop & when we got there, he was ready & waiting to read a story to the children, they loved it. Overall we just feel lucky that our children attended Infants & were nurtured & developed by Mark and his team. We wish you a wonderfully happy & healthy retirement Mark, you deserve it!"



Mr Hazzard will be hugely missed by all of the pupils and staff at the school. His passion for art and creativity and determination to do the best for every child are now embedded at the core of the schools values and the whole team are determined to carry this forward for many years to come – a legacy that Mr Hazzard can feel very proud of.

Everyone at the school wishes him all the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

Marcus Farr
Chair of Governors

Plans for September

We are very much hoping to be able to return to school as normal in September. If anything changes over the summer holidays, we will inform you as soon as possible. Please read all the information carefully and contact the school office if you have any questions.



Dates and times

DATE	YEAR GROUP	DROP OFF TIME & PLACE	PICK UP TIME & PLACE
Thurs 2 Sept	Year 1 & 2	8:50am Lower Playground	3pm Lower Playground
Friday 3 Sept	Year 1 & 2	8.50am Lower Playground	3pm Lower Playground
Mon 6 Sept	Reception	8.50am Top Playground	12pm Top Playground
Tues 7 Sept	Reception	8.50am Top Playground	12pm Top Playground
Wed 8 Sept	Reception	8.50am Top Playground	1pm Top Playground
Thurs 9 Sept	Reception	8.50am Top Playground	1pm Top Playground
Fri 10 Sept	Reception	8.50am Top Playground	1pm Top Playground
Mon 13 Sept	Year 1 & 2	8.50am Lower Playground	3pm Lower Playground
	Reception	8.50am Top Playground	3pm Top Playground

Both gates will be opened at 8.50am, with school starting by 9am. If you arrive after 9am you will need to buzz at the main entrance (middle gate) for entry/

Parents will stand in the playground with their child until the teacher or TA collects them. If you have a child in both year groups, please drop your Reception child off first and then bring your Year 1 or 2 child to the lower playground thereafter.

At the end of the day the gates will be opened at 2:50pm, please wait on the play and the children will be dismissed from their classrooms. Again, if you have children in both year groups, please collect your Reception child first.



School Office

The school office is open from 8:30-4.00. You can visit in person, email admin@woottonbassett-inf.sch.uk or phone 01793 852254. Miss Lynne or Mrs Farr will be happy to pass messages to the teachers or answer your questions or queries. This is the most effective way to ensure messages are passed to the correct person.



School Dinners

All our children are entitled to a meal at lunchtime. These are provided by Dolce and can be ordered through School Grid. Existing parents can continue using their existing log in. Any new parents should have received an email from School Grid with your log on details (this may have gone into your spam or junk). Meals must be ordered by 8.55am to ensure your child gets their choice. Any problems please speak to the school office.



Please let the school office know ASAP if you have not received this email.

Children, can of course, bring a healthy packed lunch. Any grapes, sausages or other items that could cause choking must be cut length ways.

Back to School Checklist

- Uniform - this can be ordered from [Wootton Bassett Infants' School \(myclothing.com\)](http://myclothing.com) or we have a small amount in school.
- Water bottle - Children will need a named water bottle in school every day.
- PE Kit - All children will take part in PE lessons both indoor and outdoor. Therefore they will need t-shirt, shorts, leggings or jogging trousers, a jumper or hoody and a pair of trainers or well fitted daps.
- Long hair should be tied up and other than plain stud earrings, no other jewellery is allowed.
- Weather appropriate clothing - coat, hat etc
- All children will be given a book bag, that needs to be bought to school every day

The PTA will be having a uniform amnesty during the school holidays. More details can be found on their Facebook page 'Friends of Wootton Bassett Infants School'



Medication/Inhalers

If your child has asthma and may need to use an inhaler during school time, you will need to complete a form (available from the office) and provide a copy of their Asthma care plan.

Prescribed medication can only be administered following agreement with the school nurse. We can not give children other medication but you are welcome to come in and administer it yourself.

Absence

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, you must ring or email the school by 9:30. We have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of all the children and are obviously anxious if we don't hear from you. We will ring all the contacts you have given until we are able to confirm the reason for absence.

We look forward to seeing you all in September and wish you a very happy summer holiday.

Full school information can be found on our website



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Our Staff from September 2021

Senior Leadership Team



Mrs Alison Pass
Headteacher



Mrs Rebecca Tebbitt
Assistant Headteacher



Miss Jenny Pearce
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Tom Hill
SENCo

TEACHERS

Miss Hannah Macaulay	Reception
Miss Rachel Crimp	Reception (3 days)
Mrs Jen Bowditch	Reception (2 days)
Mrs Rebecca Tebbitt	Year 1 (3 days)
Mrs Emily Smith	Year1 (2 days)
Miss Steph Noyes	Year 1
Miss Jenny Pearce	Year 2
Mrs Nicky Anderton	Year 2 (3 days)
Mrs Tiff Hughes	Year 2 (2 days)

SUPPORT STAFF

Miss Beckie Lynne	School Business Manager	
Mrs Lisa Farr	Deputy Admin Officer	
Mrs T Hulbert	Mrs N Brown	Mrs J Randell
Mrs M Bullock	Mrs K Thatcher	Miss N Fairbanks
Mrs L Benham	Mrs V Edwards	Mrs K Kingdon
Mrs C Barton	Mrs I Davies	Mrs J Loveday
Mrs E Thomas	Mr P Stokes	Mrs L Clarke

Our Reading Challenge Winners

All the teachers have been so impressed with the children's efforts when it comes to reading at home.

This terms winners are Ryan (Year 2 Mrs Pass), Poppy (Year1 Miss Noyes) and Chloe (Reception Miss Macaulay) and they will be going with Mr Hazzard to choose a book from the book shop tomorrow.



Keep reading at home, maybe join the Library Summer Reading Challenge and don't forget you

Congratulations to ...

Cillian and Alexa from Year 1 for completing their Doodle Maths - well done



Cerys P from Year 2 and her sister undertook an epic walk and raised £736 for Crohn's and colitis UK.



We'd like to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Edwards (Miss McKay), Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Frempong and Mrs Smith, who are leaving us for pastures new. Thank you all for your hard work.

Wootton Bassett Library Reading Challenge

Sat 10th July - Sat 4th September

This years challenge is 'Wild World Heroes'. Libraries will be running the challenge slightly differently to previous years - giving out packs of materials (a fold out map and stickers) to be taken away, with information for parents and carers regarding giving out the stickers to their children. Materials are limited, so will be available while stocks last.

We are sorry but we won't be able to listen to children talk about each of the books they read, however, once children have read their six books they are invited to return to the library from Monday 2 August to receive their medal and certificate.

If they prefer, children will be able to take part in the challenge online, where they will also find games, competitions, book recommendations and much more to inspire them.

For more information click here : <https://youtu.be/CFX1i7vMfOc>

