

Wootton Bassett Infants' School

Newsletter - Issue 2

Our School Value for this term is:

We listen to each other

Welcome back from Mrs Pass

We hope you all had a lovely break. Thank you for your support over Term 1- it was lovely to be able to welcome you into school for our Open Evening, Parent's Evenings and subject workshops as well as our Harvest Festival. We hope to be able to offer a range of trips, visitors and events over the next term, but we all continue to be at the mercy of Covid and any restrictions introduced by the government. Please see the dates section for information about the fantastic events we have organised for this term.

We hope to be able to have our usual Nativity performances for the children in Reception and we are planning an outdoor Christmas Carol Concert for the whole school in December.

We have provisionally planned a summer performance for the children in Year 1& 2 so more information will follow.

As I am sure you are aware, the South West continues to have high Covid infection levels and the rate in Wiltshire remains considerably higher than the national average. As a result, we are following the most recent advice by:

- suspending whole school assemblies for the next two weeks
- reinforced our hygiene and hand washing routines
- Continuing to ventilate rooms
- asking any visitors not to attend if they have symptoms and are supported by negative lateral flow tests.

Recent advice recommends daily lateral flow tests if there is a confirmed case in your household, but the children should continue to attend school unless they have symptoms.



Headteacher

Mrs. Alison Pass

School Office Contact Details

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Dates for your Diary

04/11	Outdoor Learning Day
10/11	PTA Magic Show
16/11	Y1 Trip - Cinema
17/11	Y2 Trip - Steam Museum
19/11	Children in Need (Non-uniform)
07/12	Reception Christmas Play
08/12	Reception Christmas Play
10/12	Theatre in School 'The Snow Queen'
14/12	Whole School Christmas Carol Concert
16/12	Y2 Trip - The Watermill Theatre
17/12	Term 2 ends, 1pm finish
04/01	Term 3 starts
17/02	Term 3 ends, 3pm finish
18/02	TD Day
28/02	Term 4 starts
18/03	Red Nose Day
08/04	Term 4 ends, 1 pm finish
25/04	Term 5 starts
26/05	Term 5 ends, 3pm finish
27/05	TD Day

COVID Symptoms Reminder

Please do not send your child to school if they:

- Have a high temperature of 38.5° or above
- A new persistent cough
- Any loss or change in taste or smell.



If a child develops any of these symptoms in school, they will be isolated and you will be asked to collect them immediately.

Outdoor Learning Day - Thursday 4th November 2021

We are looking forward to our first Outdoor Learning Day tomorrow. All the children will be celebrating with a special day outdoors to encourage positive well-being and healthy outdoor learning. Children do not need to wear school uniform. Please dress them in old, warm clothes and ensure they have a coat with them.

They **MUST** have sensible outdoor shoes or wellies with them.



We will hopefully share some photos with you in the next newsletter.

Reading Challenge Winners

We have been so impressed with the number of children reading 5 times a week at home. Last terms lucky winners each picked a book to take home. Well done Charlie, Matilda, Miyu and Alfie.



Remember to sign your child's reading record each time you read with them at home. They will receive a raffle ticket for every 5 reads.

Keep up the good work!



Razamatazz Magic Show Wednesday 10th November

We hope the children are looking forward to the Magic Show which the PTA have kindly organised.

Look out for your child's ticket in their book bag at the end of this week.

PE in School

The children are all enjoying the PE session run by 'Premium Sports'. These sessions always take place outside unless there is extreme weather. They also do PE in the school hall with their teachers.

Children need to have both an indoor and outdoor PE kit. They need a t-shirt, shorts, leggings or joggers, and a jumper or hoody. They also need trainers or well fitted daps.



Absence Reporting

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the school office on 01793 852254 by 9:30am.

We have a responsibility to report attendance on all child and are obviously concerned if we have not heard from you.

We will contact all the named people on the pupils records until we are able to confirm their whereabouts.

Thank you

Safeguarding

We take the welfare and safeguarding of all the children in our care very seriously.

If you have any concerns around the safeguarding of a pupil, you can speak to one of the following people

Mrs Alison Pass
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Tom Hill
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Miss Steph Noyes
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Flu Vaccination Postponement — New Date Wednesday 5th January 2021

The School Immunisation Team normally aim to complete the flu vaccines in schools by the end of December. However, this year there has been significant additional work to deliver the Covid 12 - 15 vaccines and the all year group flu vaccines programme. In view of this the flu delivery schedule has been extended to February, although we will aim to complete all sessions by the end January where at all possible.

Whilst flu often starts to circulate from late December, the peak can occur at any time and can often occur in February or later. The advice from Joint Committee for vaccinations & immunisations (JCVI) is immunising children in January will still provide protection in these circumstances and is therefore beneficial.

We apologise that this is later in the season than we would normally like to deliver and we thank you for your ongoing understanding at this time.

Any queries should be directed to Virgin Care on **0300 247 0082** and not the school.

Thank you

Virgin Care School Age Immunisations Team

School Photographs

Photos are in your child's book bag today

Please let the office know if there are any problems.

You can still order photos online until 24/11 but free p&p to the school is no longer available.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning.



**We raised over
£145!!!**

Year 2 Noremarsch Fun Run

The Year 2 children enjoyed their trip to Noremarsch at the end of last term. Everyone did brilliantly.

Congratulations to all the winners!



Phonics Workshop for Parents

We have taken the decision to postpone the Phonics Workshop for Parents. This is partly due to the current local authority advice but also changes to the teaching of Phonics in schools.

We will send out a short survey asking for parents for their opinion on times for future workshops.



Christmas Holidays



We break up for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 17th December** at **1pm** and return on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

This may be different from other local schools including

Noremarsh and Royal Wootton Bassett Academy, so please check carefully if you have children in several schools.

Collins Big Cat E-books

We are sending out details for the Big Cat Collins E-Book Library at the end of this week. Your child's login can be found in the front of your child's reading record book. Teachers have allocated books for your child. Please use this for additional reading materials.

You can access the login via this link:

[Collins E Book Login](#)



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



We are once again supporting the British Legions Poppy appeal in selling various items including snap and wrist bands.

There are also traditional paper poppies, along with some beautifully crocheted poppies made by Mrs Tebbitt.

They are available to buy from outside the school office until Remembrance Sunday, 14th November.

Miss Lynne and Mrs Farr are available in the office as soon as the gates are open.



Family Visiting Service



- Feeling isolated, suffering low mood or struggling to cope with your child/children?
- Struggling to socialise and make new friends in your local area?
- New to the area or are you a new parent with no or limited support around you?

If so, the Family Visiting Service could be for you. We can match you with a Volunteer to help and support you in the family home or out in the community.

Contact the FVS Coordinator, Nicola Trollope on: 01249 464008/07933 264790 or email NicolaT@therisetrust.org

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SNOWMAN COMPETITION



12/11/21
CREATE AN A4 SNOWMAN PICTURE USING PAINT, CRAYONS OR CHALK
(please do not use glitter or coffee wool)

WIN A NINTENDO SWITCH

Please write your name, age and school on the back and send in your picture in the sack before 12/11/21. The cook and head teacher will send the two best entries to us and we will announce a winner on 18/11/21.



Plus runners up prizes!

... and a pack of Christmas cards displaying the winning snowman design set



School councillors
Autumn 2021

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