

# Wootton Bassett Infants' School

## Newsletter

Issue 4 — November 2022



### Maths Workshop - Wednesday 16th November 2:30pm

You are invited to a Maths Workshop for parents/carers. There have been many changes in the curriculum and we now subscribe to a new Maths scheme which we'd like to tell you about.

This workshop will enable you to learn more about how we teach maths and, how best to support your child at home. Please come to the main entrance (middle gate) for a 2.30pm start.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

### Children in Need - Friday 18th November

We will once again be supporting BBC Children in Need. We invite all the children to wear non uniform (spotty or otherwise) for a small donation towards the charity. Please remember it is a normal school day so children must wear practical, sensible clothes and shoes.

### PTA Non-uniform Day - Friday 25th November

The PTA are running a stall at the Christmas Lights Evening on and they would like donations of sweets and chocolate for the stall. Therefore, children can wear non-uniform in exchange for a donation. Again, please wear sensible clothes.

If you can help on the night, it would be much appreciated - you can email [wbispta@gmail.com](mailto:wbispta@gmail.com) or vis Facebook

### Film Night - Thursday 1st December

The PTA have organised a film night for all the children. Full details will be coming out later this week, so keep your eyes peeled!



### Introducing our new Chair of Governors - Mrs Michelle McDermitt

"I joined the governing body in 2018 when my two children attended the school and I took on the role of Chair in September this year. I am also the link governor for Safeguarding, SEND and Pupil Premium and really enjoy spending time in school with the staff and children.

Outside of my governor role, I am an internal audit manager for WHSmith and have worked for them for over 15 years, specialising in finance, compliance and operations.

In my spare time I enjoy crafting, reading and getting out and about for long walks in the countryside".

Our School Value for this term is:

**We listen to each other**

### Headteacher

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### Dates for your Diary

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| 16-11       | Maths Workshop for Parents                 |
| 18-11       | Children in Need (non-uniform)             |
| 25-11       | Non-uniform day for PTA donation           |
| 01-12       | Film Night                                 |
| 01-12       | Year 2 Open Morning                        |
| 02-12       | High Street Christmas Lights (closing 2pm) |
| 05-12       | Year 2 to The Watermill Theatre            |
| 05-12       | Reception Nativity (Rehearsal)             |
| 06-12       | Aladdin performance in school              |
| 08-12       | Reception Nativity 9:45am                  |
| 12-12       | Christmas Carol Concert 5.30pm             |
| 15-12       | Christmas Parties (in school)              |
| 16-12       | Break up at 1pm                            |
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| 02-01       | New Year's Day Bank Holiday                |
| 19-01       | Reception to The Oriental Aroma            |



### Attendance

**95%** (up to 14/11/2022)

Our attendance has dropped from 97% due to:

Unauthorised absences

A sickness bug

# What's coming up in December?

## High Street Christmas Lights

**Friday 2nd** is the Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council Christmas Lights Evening.

Due to the High Street closing early, our school will be finishing at **2pm** to allow both parents and staff to get home before the closure.

## Year 2 trip to The Watermill Theatre

On **Monday 5th**, our Year 2 children will be going to the Watermill Theatre in Newbury to see a performance of Rapunzel.

If you have not returned your slip, payment and lunch order, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you

## Open the Book

Our friends from Open the Book will be in school on **Wednesday 7th** to tell the story of 'The First Christmas'

It is an assembly that the children always enjoy, especially if they get to take part.

## Aladdin Production

We have a visiting Theatre Company coming into school on **Tuesday 6th** to perform Aladdin for the children.

This is being paid for by our wonderful PTA and therefore there is no cost to parents.

## Reception Nativity



Our Reception children will be performing the Nativity Story on **Thursday 8th** at **9.45am**. We are holding it at St Bartholomew's Church and we would like to thank Revered Jane Curtis and her colleague's for hosting us, we think it will make a perfect setting.

We will be sending out more information at the beginning of December but we wanted to make sure you put the date in your diary now!

## Carol Concert in School

We are really pleased to be holding a Carol Concert at School again this year. It will take place on **Monday 12th** starting at **5:30pm**.

The children will be performing a selection of Christmas songs and carols for you to enjoy.

The PTA will be selling refreshments.

## Christmas Parties

Each class will be having a Christmas party during the school day on **Thursday 15th**.

Children can come in wearing non school uniform ready to enjoy fun, games and a small treats (dietary requirements will be considered).

**Full details of all events will be in our December Newsletter**

## Year 2 Fun Run Winners



Even the torrential rain didn't stop our Year 2 children enjoying their trip to Noremarsh for the annual Fun Run.

They all made such an effort and the Noremarsh staff were very impressed with their behaviour. Congratulations to our winners - Kayleigh, Lola, Georgina, George, Jasper and Noah.

## PTA Pumpkin Trail

Well done to everyone who entered the Pumpkin trail competition and to those who took part. There were 168 entries which raised over £100 to be shared between us and Noremarsh Junior School. The lucky winner of the trail was our very own Isla G from Year 1.



## School Christmas Card Project

We loved seeing all the Christmas cards the children had designed and we hope that if you bought any, you did too!



**Your purchases helped raise £119.50 for our school.**

Please let the school office know if you have any issues with your order.

## Parents Helpers

Could you spare an hour a week? Would you like to help our children learn? We are always looking for parents/carers/grandparents to help in the classrooms with reading, changing library books etc.

As long as you help in school at least once a month, your DBS remains valid and your help is very much appreciated.

All volunteers need to complete a DBS check and complete our safeguarding training. If you can help in any way please speak to the school office for more information. Thank you

## Welcome to ACE Club

You may have noticed that we have welcomed ACE Club back into school. We are really looking forward to working with them.

The children have all settled in well and are making full use of the hall and playground.

