

Wootton Bassett Infants' School

Newsletter

Issue 9 — Term 4, February 2023

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful, fun half term and are looking forward to the topics, activities and events we have planned for this term.

Our year 2 pupils will be taking their SATs during May and we have arranged a SATs workshop for parents on Thursday 9th March to discuss what they are, how they will work, and give you a chance to ask any questions you may have.

The year 1 pupils, and any year 2 pupils who did not score 32 or more in their phonics check last year, will be taking the Phonics Check within the two first weeks of June.

Please can we ask you NOT to book time away during these weeks.

As you are aware, Ofsted Inspectors recently visited our school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you each of you for the wonderful support, well wishes & cake. We will share the report with you once we have received it, which hopefully, will not be too much longer.

Don't forget the door is always open if you need anything.

Mrs Pass - Headteacher

Our school value this term is:

'We are honest'

Headteacher

Mrs. Alison Pass

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Dates for your Diary

- 20-02 Term 4 starts
- 27-02 World Book Week
- 01-03 West End in Schools
- 02-03 Library visit
- 02-03 Book Swap
- 03-03 Visit Noremarsch (collect from NJS)
- 09-03 SATs Workshop for Parents
- 17-03 Comic Relief (non-uniform)
- 20-03 Year 1 Space Dome
- 21-03 Parents Evening
- 23-03 Parents Evening
- 24-03 Hopstacle (sponsored event)
- 29-03 Easter Egg Hunt at Noremarsch
- 31-03 End of term 4 (1pm finish)
- 17-04 Term 5 starts
- 01-05 May Day Bank holiday
- 08-05 Coronation Bank Holiday
- 08-05 Year 2 SATs begin (3 weeks)
- 25-06 End of term 5 (3pm finish)
- 26-06 TD Day
- 05-06 TD Day
- 06-06 Term 6 starts
- 09-06 Year 2 swimming starts
- 12-06 Phonics check (2 weeks)

Outdoor Learning Sessions

This terms outdoor learning sessions with Mrs Clark will take place on the following Monday afternoons:

Date	Class
Mon 27 th February	Mrs Hughes/ Mrs Anderton
Mon 6 th March	Miss Pearce
Mon 13 th March	Mrs Smith/ Mrs Tebbitt
Mon 20 th March	Reception
Mon 27 th March	Miss Noyes

The children will be outside most of the afternoon, so please ensure that your child is dressed suitably for their session including appropriate footwear, this can be trainers or wellies. Children can attend school that day in their outdoor clothing.



BOOK WEEK

27th February—Friday 3rd March

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023



World Book Day is celebrated all over the world every year. However, at Wootton Bassett Infants we like to go that little bit further, we celebrate all week!

Our book focus this year is 'The Owl & the Pussycat' by Edward Lear and we have planned lots of exciting classroom activities, events and visits throughout the week.

Monday 27th February

Assembly = Mrs Pass & Miss Noyes will be starting of the week with an assembly introducing World Book Week and 'The Owl & the Pussycat'.

Tuesday 28th February

Classroom Activities = classes will be learning the Owl and the Pussycat poem along with completing tasks and activities throughout the day. PE lessons will be as usual.

Wednesday 1st March

West End in Schools = A theatre group will be visiting school to provide their 'Bringing books to life' dance workshops for all classes.

Thursday 2nd March

Library Visit = Each class will take a walk up to our local library where the librarians will show the children around the library, and look at how to find books including the Dewey decimal system.

Book Tokens = The children receive a £1 National Book token that can be exchanged for this years World Book Day authors. Moonraker Books are providing the books and the children will have the opportunity to exchange their token for a brand new book.

You can help your child choose their £1 book by showing them the exciting 'Look Insides' at [2023s-1-books](https://www.worldbookday.com/2023s-1-books) ([worldbookday.com](https://www.worldbookday.com))

Friday 3rd March

Book Swap = We'll be hosting a children's book swap. Please drop off your unwanted books in the box at the gate in the morning and your child will be able to chose a different one to share at home with you.

Please ensure the books are in good condition and have no torn pages.

Assembly = The children will be reciting the Owl & the Pussycat poem.

Sharing Books with Noremarsh = We will be taking the children to Noremarsh, where they will visit a classroom and share books and activities. Please arrange to collect your child from the playground at Noremarsh at 3pm on this day.

Book Shop = Moonraker Books will have a pop up bookshop at Noremarsh from 3.15pm please feel free to have a look round and maybe purchase a book or two.



Term 3 Reading Raffle Winners

Well done to Joshua in Reception, Flynn & Reggie in Year 1 and Flo & Ella in Year 2 for winning the reading raffle last term. The children's success was celebrated in our sharing assembly and all received a National Book Voucher to spend on a new book of their choice.

Strike Dates

Just a reminder of National Education Union (NEU) strike dates, which might affect your child.

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

We will only consider restricting attendance or closing the school if we are unable to provide safe staffing levels. You may want to plan alternative childcare for the strike days in event that we do have to close to some or all children.

'We are proud of our achievements and those of others'

Doodle Maths

Congratulations to this terms 'Top Doodlers'

Heidi, Noah, Bryony, Sophie, Imogen



Doodle builds confidence and ability in maths by creating every child a personalised work programme tailored to their strengths and weaknesses. Using Doodle for just 10 minutes a day is proven to help children make three months of progress in just one month!

Get started with Doodle

1. Scan the QR code to download the free apps and get logged in using the login information provided by your child's class teacher
2. Once logged in, create a parent account to track your child's progress. Press the arrow and select Settings > Parent details.
3. Use the DoodleConnect app or visit parents.doodlelearning.com regularly to keep up to date with your child's progress.

Click the green chat icon on the website to speak to our Parent Support Team or visit help.doodlelearning.com for help articles.

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On **Friday 17th March** children can wear non-uniform for a donation to Comic Relief.

Suggested donation £1

Non-uniform must be weather appropriate with sensible footwear and no one pieces i.e. onesies or one piece fancy dress costumes. These can make going to the toilet very tricky.

Thank you

Parents Evening is coming soon. Information to follow

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