

# Wootton Bassett Infants' School Newsletter



Issue 2 October 2024

Our School Value for this term is:

**We are Kind**

Dear Parents/carers,

It's hard to believe that we are over half way through the term. The weeks really are flying by! It has been lovely to see the new Reception children settle into school and the KS1 children enjoying their learning in their new classes.

It was great to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival and thank you for all your generous donations. These will be collected by the Food Collective and distributed to those in need.

As you can see there are lots of dates for the diary as the next few weeks offer many exciting events & activities. We look forward to seeing you all at our parents evening before the end of term but remember my door is always open if you ever have any issues or concerns to raise with us.

It just remains for me to say thank you for your ongoing support and enjoy the half term break when it arrives.

Mrs Pass

## Dates for your Diary

- 08-10 Flu Vaccinations
- 09-10 SEN Coffee Morning
- 10-10 Victorian Day
- 11-10 Yr2 Fun Run at NJS
- 15-10 Parents Evening
- 17-10 Parents Evening
- 18-10 School Photographer
- 21-10 Outdoor Learning Day
- 21-10 End of Term 1 (3pm finish)
- 22-10 TD Day
- 23-10 TD Day
- 04-11 Start of Term 2
- 12-11 Open Morning at NJS
- 15-11 Children in Need (non-uniform)
- 27-11 SEN Coffee Morning
- 29-11 Christmas Lights (school closing at 2pm)
- 04-12 Yr 1 & 2 To The Watermill
- 05-12 Reception Nativity
- 06-12 Panto in School
- 11-12 Film Night in School
- 16-12 Christmas Carol Service
- 19-12 Rock Steady Concert
- 19-12 Christmas Parties
- 20-12 End of Term 2 (1pm finish)

## Victorian Day - Thursday 10th October

We are really looking forward to our Victorian Day, the staff alongside 'The Victorian School' have been planning a fabulous day. We'll be sharing photos after the event.

Take a look at the letter if you need more information:

[Victorian Day Letter](#)

If you haven't returned your slip and money, please hand it to a member of staff or take the school office. Thank you

**All enquiries or to report an absence please contact the school office**

Tel: 01793 852254

Email: [admin@woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

## Celebrating our successes

Well done to all those children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge at the library. The librarian was so impressed with not only the number that took part but the engagement from the children.



We'd also like to congratulate Ettie-Rue, Harry C, Imogen H, Iris G, Joshua, Mila M and Molly for completing the Doodle Maths Summer Challenge. They will all be receiving a certificate and badge.



## Safeguarding at Wootton Bassett Infants

We just wanted to introduce the school Safeguarding team and support your understanding of safeguarding in the school.

Safeguarding children is the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Every person who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play.

If you have concerns about a child's safety or welfare, please speak to one of the safeguarding team. However, all our staff are trained in safeguarding if you want to discuss any concerns with them.

### The Safeguarding Team



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Sometimes the children talk to the adults in school and disclose something that we need to follow up. This will usually involve a phone call from one of the team or a request to come in and speak to us. Sometimes we have to involve other outside agencies and make referrals to the Integrated Front Door (MASH). We would always inform you if this was going to happen and we always have the children's and family's best interests at heart. The door is always open if you need to talk to anyone about any concerns.

All incidents, concerns and disclosures are reported on our online system called CPOMS.



**Friday 18th  
October**

In previous years parents have ordered photos from a proof card. This year you will be given a QR Code to allow you to view the proof. Orders are **online** only and photos will be delivered to school.

Pre-school & older siblings are invited in from 8:30 to have their photo taken with their Infants sibling.

Please enter via the middle gate and go to the school hall.

Siblings in school will be taken during the day.

## Parents Evening - Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th October

We will be holding 2 parents evening where you will have a chance to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

Text links will be sent at 4pm today to book a 10 minute appointment. You will receive one link for face to face & one for online appointments. Please only book ONE appointment. Booking closes on Monday at 10am.

The teachers will also be sharing information about attendance at school.



## Young Carers

At Wootton Bassett Infants we are keen to support you and your child as much as possible, this includes if your child is a young carer.

In Wiltshire, a Young Carer is defined as 'a child who looks after or helps to look after someone who has an illness, learning or physical disability, a mental health illness or misuse of drugs or alcohol'. This maybe a parent or siblings or other family member.

If this applies to your child, it may be that we do not have this on our records. We would like to ensure that we have a record of this, to enable us to support you and your child.

- If you are a new Reception parent and your child is a young carer, please email Mrs Webb [Senco@woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Senco@woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk).
- If your child is in Year 1 or 2 but circumstances within your household have changed and you believe your child now qualifies as a young carer, please email Mrs Webb.

If you have any questions surrounding this, then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Webb.

## Christmas Card Project

The children have been busy making and designing their Christmas cards. A proof card will be sent out soon with details of how to order cards and other gifts online. These will then be delivered to school in plenty of time for Christmas.



## Picking up from School

We want to keep all our children safe therefore, if there is a change to who is picking up your child, and they are not one of the listed emergency contacts or on our safe list, please can you email or phone the school office. Your child will not be released to anyone not on these lists. Thank you



## Year 2 Fun Run at Noremarsh

This has been rearranged for Friday 11th October. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit and weather appropriate coat.

Once again, this is weather dependant and we will let you know of any changes.

## Could you help on our PTA?

Did you know that many of the extra activities in school are run by the PTA? The Scarecrow trail, disco, Frozen Fridays and so much more wouldn't happen without it.

They also fund the bookbags, annual panto, contribute towards school trips and many of the school learning subscriptions.

The AGM on **Monday 14th October 7pm** at The Cross Keys pub on the High Street.

Please go along and find out a bit more about what they do and how you can help - however big or small!

They look forward to seeing old and new parents for an informal get together.

## Do you shop at ASDA?

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

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