

Wootton-by-Woodstock CE Primary School



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NEWSLETTER 2

Dear Parent,

The school's value for October is Cooperation. In school we must cooperate a lot in order for the systems to work and the school to function, especially now, with all of the additional restrictions to maintain. We need to work together while keeping ourselves apart. In this way we can:

"Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:40

The children are being amazingly successful at cooperating and, once again, we praise them for their understanding, following the rules and doing as we ask.

VIRTUAL PTIs

This term parent teacher interviews will take place in the week beginning 12th October. All PTIs will take place via Google Classroom. Parents will need to sign up to an appointment slot beforehand. To do this go to the school website, log in to the parents' secure area, select the appropriate teaching group and then select your preferred time. PTIs will be held via Google Classroom. You will need to log in to Google Classroom just before the appointed time using your child's log in details. Teachers and parents will need to be mindful of the ten-minute time slot. Should you have specific issues to discuss with the class teacher in addition to general progress then please make a separate appointment at another time so that these can be discussed in full and without hurry. Thank you.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

As you will be aware, teachers are now using Google Classroom to set the week's work for all children irrespective of whether they are in school or working at home. This means that all pupils have a good working understanding of the system and any pupils in isolation or quarantine will be able to access the tasks seamlessly. So seamlessly, in fact, that one or two children have started to do the week's work on a Sunday before arriving at school. Class teachers send their plea: if your child is attending school then please do not allow them to do the class work before it has been taught in school. Working from home is not the same as Homework. There is a topic area set up which is called Homework. In here the children will find their weekly homework tasks which should be completed in addition to work done in school (or at home when self-isolating).

REMOTE LEARNING POLICY

To reflect our new blended learning practices and meet Government expectations the school has a new Remote Learning Policy. This can be found on the website and is intended to reflect our current systems for teaching and learning during the pandemic. Should any parent have any feedback on the policy and school practice then please email comments direct to me at head.3657@wootton-woodstock.oxon.sch.uk. Thank you.

MRS MURREY

Mrs Lauren Murrey, head teacher from Tackley School, is in Wootton school on Friday mornings and will be so for the foreseeable future. Whilst the current circumstances do not allow for a great deal of conversation some of you may wish to meet her or indeed, may have already met her by the school gate at drop off time. Clearly, not everyone will be able to meet her in this way. When circumstances allow, we will arrange an opportunity for all families to meet Lauren, perhaps a little more formally.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

Please would all families try and stick to their appointed drop off and pick up times. The staggered start and finish times are an important part of the strategy for reducing contact between families. If your time is not working out well for you and causing particular difficulty then please contact the school and discuss this with Mrs Withey. Together we may be able to find a solution or arrange alternative times that are more suitable.

TRACK AND TRACE

Please note that there is a new Privacy Notice, available to view on the school website. This incorporates new items in relation to Covid_19 and Track and Trace. Should the school need to use the Track and Trace service then your details may be shared with appropriate organisations outside of the school. We do not need your permission to do this because Track and Trace systems are in the public interest.

SWIMMING

We are sorry to report that swimming lessons will not be taking place this term. Chipping Norton Pool is not taking school bookings at this time because of risks associated with the Coronavirus. We will, of course, inform you when swimming can resume.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS REMINDER

Please note that the deadline for ordering photographs is **Monday 5th of October**. We are aware that this was not stated on the envelope sent to parents. Thank you.

HARVEST 2020

We wish to thank the children for their hard work with regard to providing a video harvest service and raising £105 for the Food Bank. The videos are available to view on the parents' secure area of the website, if you need a reminder of your login and password please contact Mrs Withey. Thank you, also, to those who have brought in contributions of food. We will continue to collect food contributions for the food bank over the following week. Should any family wish to donate then please send contributions with your child by Friday 9th October. Thank you.

FLU VACCINE

All primary school children will be offered the flu vaccine this year, you should have received a letter from the school nurse team via email this week with instructions for giving online consent. Please note the letter explains that even if you don't wish to give consent the online form must be completed to confirm your wishes, if you have any problems completing the online form please contact Mrs Withey for assistance.

With best wishes,



Valerie Lucas
Head Teacher