

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS JONES...

Welcome to November's Newsletter. We have had a fantastic start to this half term. Our art room is up and running and all children are now using it for one afternoon each week. We have just completed our assessment week and we are now gearing up for all our Christmas activities. Thank you for your continued support. I have been showing lots of different visitors around the school recently and am always proud of all that we have achieved.

Celebration Assemblies

It has been great to see so many of you at our celebration assemblies on a Friday morning. Myself and Miss Guiler are available afterwards until 10am should anyone want to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

We are busy preparing for our Christmas activities! We have created a timetable of events so that you can share these with your children so that they know what is happening each day in the run up to the end of term.

We are looking forward to lots of fun whilst continuing to learn and try our best every day.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

We will have a Christmas tree in our front entrance. This year we are inviting families to donate a decoration for the tree. There will be some tags in the office so that you can add a Christmas message to your decoration... e.g. Happy Christmas from the _____ family.

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS

In response to our Parent Questionnaire where you told us that you would like more information about how your child is progressing at school, we will be introducing a termly report which will give you some information about your child's attainment, attendance, behaviour and effort throughout the term. We are hoping that this will give you a snapshot of how your child is doing in school and will keep you more informed of the progress they are making.

SHARING ASSEMBLIES

Sharing Assemblies take place alongside our celebration assemblies termly for each class. We have loved seeing all the learning that has been taking place in Blue Whales, Black Rhinos, Red Pandas and Orangutans! Our remaining sharing assembly will take place on **Friday at 9.00am** on 29th November when we will see and hear about the learning from Sea Turtles.

CLUBS

We have had lots of children attending clubs this half term. Our school run clubs will end next week and will start again in the Spring Term. We will send out the sign up information in January.

HEALTHY SCHOOL SNACKS

We aim to promote a healthy lifestyle and balanced meal choices. In Reception and Key Stage 1 we provide the children with a piece of fresh fruit for their snack. KS2 children can bring in a piece of fresh fruit for their playtime snack should they wish to. If the children bring in a snack that is not fresh fruit, we will give them a piece of fruit and they will bring their alternative snack home to eat later. Thank you for your support with this.

Keep up to date on our School Website and on Social Media...



STAFFING

We are pleased to welcome our new Teaching Assistant, Miss Lancaster onto our staff team. She will be working across the school and we look forward to getting to know her over the next few weeks and months.

From January, Miss Bridge will be stepping back from teaching in Sea Turtles and will be focusing on her SENCO role. She will be working in school for 3 days each week. We thank her for all her hard work with Sea Turtles and we look forward to seeing her around the school in her SENDCo role. From January, Ms Ravn, who is a qualified teacher, will teach in Sea Turtles on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Brighton will teach on a Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, the children will have their forest school session in the morning (Miss Brown will work with the half of the class who are not completing forest school) and they will have their creative learning session in our creative room with Mrs Jones on a Wednesday afternoon.

UNIFORM

Thank you to those of you who ensure that your child is always wearing the correct uniform. Please see the link below to our uniform policy. Wearing a school uniform gives our children a sense of pride and belonging and it is an important part of our school.

From January, if children do not come into school wearing the correct uniform, we will ring you so that you can bring in the correct uniform.

If you are not able to bring anything for your child to change into, we will provide some spare uniform for them to use for the day. Please note that trainers are only permitted for PE and we do not allow branded items of clothing to be worn as part of a PE kit or school uniform.

Our School Uniform Policy

https://www.woolpitprimary.net/_files/ugd/29c785_d98981ec58cc43e785a9fd5ee50c7ac1.pdf

The ten wonders of Woolpit!

During their time at Woolpit Primary Academy, every child will experience the following:

1. Represent Woolpit Primary Academy as part of a sports team.
2. Participate in a variety of school trips, including visits out of the county.
3. Experience the four seasons through Forest School sessions.
4. Support younger members of our school community.
5. Make use of up to date technology to develop learning.
6. Take on a leadership role.
7. Develop art and music skills in our creative space.
8. Take part in global projects that have a positive impact on the world.
9. Play an active part in the local community.
10. Perform in front of an audience.

10 Wonders News...

WONDER NO.7: Our creative room is now fully up and running. All the children have an afternoon each week in the art room and they have produced some fantastic results!

WONDER NO.8: Our RAW (Rights At Woolpit) team have been busy organising our Children in Need fund raising and also choosing the next Article for us to think about as a school. They have chosen Article 38 which states that children...

... have a right to protection in times of war. If you are under 15, you should never have to be in an army or take part in a battle.

EARRINGS

Please note that earrings are not to be worn for PE. Please ensure that your child does not have their earrings in on a PE day or that they can take them out themselves (we are not allowed to take them out or put them back in for the children). Earrings should be small studs - hoops and dangly earrings are not safe to be worn in school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.