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## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to everybody, I hope that you have all had a very good summer enjoying one of the hottest summers on record so they tell us. I hope that you all had a good rest and got to spend some quality time together.

The children have returned and seem to have settled in so well in their new year groups. We have a number of new children who have started with us over the summer and I would like to welcome them to our lovely school.

Building on the success of last year, we have looked closely at the Be The Best You Can Be themes for the year, we will be giving our Values a bigger priority and including some 'healthy' competition and celebrating some different skills over the year. Details are either included in this newsletter, or will be made available as time draws near for them.

## TERM 1 — Value: Honesty Be The Best You Can Be - Reader

### September

Thu 27th Year 1 Trip to Holdenby House  
Fri 28th MacMillan Coffee Morning - 9.45-11.30  
Wed 20th Inter-House Competition - Spelling Bee

### October

Tue 9th Individual School Photographs  
Wed 10th Reception 2019 Open Day - 1.30pm  
Fri 12th Harvest Celebration  
Tue 16th Parent-Teacher

## Inter-House Competitions



This year we will be organising a range of competitions between the four houses. In the past we have had the traditional sports day and the carol singing competition. We wanted to open this up to other talents and skills the children may have, linking with our motto of 'Be The Best You Can Be'. So we will be including a spelling bee, maths competition and an art/drawing competition. See the year ahead for dates. We look forward to seeing children being celebrated for their range of talents.

## Attendance and Punctuality

This is still very important to the education of your child. Any time they miss will be missed opportunities for learning, so it is important that they attend school regularly and on time.

Remember that doors open at 8:45 and close at 8:55. If you arrive after that time, you will be recorded as late and will need to access the school via the main entrance. When you arrive late, your child will have to go into their classroom when everybody else will have started their learning and they can become unsettled and it causes disruption for the teacher and the other children.

You will also remember that in 2010 the government changed the law relating to holidays during term time. Unfortunately, I do not have any discretion over authorising holidays and have to refer any family that has more than 5 days of unauthorised absence.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be taking part in this national event and holding a coffee morning for all parents on Friday 28th September from 9.30-11.00am in the school hall. If you are able to bring cakes, either homemade or bought, to help support this event, they would be very welcome.



We hope that many of you are able to join us to raise funds for this very worthy cause.

We would also like you to provide cakes that we can sell to the children (for 20p) at break time, so cupcakes would be very welcome, as well as providing some money for your children on that day.

## Forecasts and Knowledge Organisers

Each half term last year, we sent home a Knowledge Organiser for science. This provided you with the key knowledge that your child needed to know for that unit of work. You can use this to help you extend their home learning if you wanted to supplement that given by the teachers.

This year teachers are extending this to include knowledge organisers for either history or geography, where these are being taught that term. Again you can help your child with learning some of the key knowledge and facts, which will support them back in their lessons in school, or you can use it as a starting point to extend the home learning.

## Job Vacancy

We have an exciting vacancy for a caring lunch time supervisor to join our team as soon as possible. The hours are 11.45 am - 1.15 pm Monday to Friday during term times only. The hourly rate is £8.50. The summary of duties includes:

- Supervising all pupils on school premises before during and after they have eaten lunch
- Assisting other team members with setting up and clearing away of the tables and benches for lunchtime
- Ensuring the health and safety of all pupils
- Organising and supervising appropriate activities for pupils
- Maintaining the care and wellbeing of all pupils in the school

If you are interested in the position, please pick up an application form from the office or email Sharon Onley at [bursar@wootton.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@wootton.northants-ecl.gov.uk)

## Staffing

Mrs Morrison and Mrs Bilson, who have both worked at Wootton Primary School for a number of years, have decided not to return to school over the summer holidays. Mrs Bilson will still be making an appearance as a swimming teacher on Wednesday afternoons, so, she will still see the children. They have decided to pursue other careers or take time to spend with family. We would like to thank them for their hard work and wish them the very best of success for their futures.

## Reading

As stated towards the end of last academic year, we are going to have a big focus on reading across the school. This includes reading lessons and reading for pleasure.



There is plenty of research to demonstrate that reading with our children is vital in supporting them in so many ways. Academically it helps with listening, spelling reading fluency and comprehension, and developing their vocabulary. But also reading with your child, even up to Year 6 can help with wider skills, such as developing a positive attitude to reading itself, developing a wider understanding of the world around them as well as showing your child that you are investing in them and providing them with self-esteem and confidence as you are spending quality 1 to 1 time with them.

Therefore we will be running a number of events and enhancing what we do in school. The WSA provided £5,000 last academic year which we invested in new reading books and non-fiction books in the library. We will also be expecting you as parents to help your child at home with reading so that we can work in partnership to benefit your child. Attached to the email with this newsletter, Miss Lambdon has compiled lists of suggested books that you could read at home with your child. This is a least of books for each year group.

We would like to thank you for your support in this very important aspect of your child's development.

## Music Tuition from NMPAT

For those of you whose children learn to play a musical instrument with teachers from NMPAT, the timetable for this academic year is:

Day	Teacher	Instrument	Times
Monday	Mr Smith	Upper Strings	9.00 - 10.20
Tuesday	Mrs Anderson	Keyboard/Piano	9.10 - 3.00
Wednesday	Mr Smith	Guitar	8.40 - 1.15
Friday	Mr Fountain Mrs Hannent-Corbett	Brass Woodwind	8.45 - 9.35 11.10 - 11.40

