



## Newsletter 8: 6th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a good break over the Christmas period.

I have enjoyed meeting you at the gate this week and am delighted to be Headteacher of such a warm and welcoming school. I will be on the gates at the start and end of the each day and will regularly catch the bus with the Wootton children before and after school. Please do come and say hello and introduce yourself, if I haven't met you already.

I am delighted to be working with Mrs Murrey on Wednesdays and Thursdays, collaborating together to ensure a smooth transition for the children and staff. Ash class have settled very well this week and it is wonderful to have them on-site full time.

Finally, if you have any concerns you would like to discuss, please make an appointment to see me by contacting the school office. School always works best as a partnership between home and school and I look forward to working with you all to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our pupils.

Mrs Ward

### Attendance

Tackley School attendance for the Autumn Term was 93% and Wootton School attendance for the Autumn Term was also 93%. The target for both schools for the academic year is 96%.

We continue to monitor attendance very closely and communicate with parents when their child's attendance goes below 95% for this academic year.

### Website update

Class pages on the school website will show updated information for the Spring Term by the end of next week. This will include information about homework, PE and Forest School. Planning overviews can also be found on these pages so you can see what your child will be learning throughout the term.

### After School Club (ASC)

If parents need to make contact with the After School Club between 3:00 – 5:00 please email [asc@tackley.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:asc@tackley.oxon.sch.uk) ASC staff will check this email during the sessions.

From January invoices will no longer be issued at the end of the month. By 3:00 on Friday's all taken sessions will be correct on ParentPay. Parents who have made late bookings over email or the phone will be required to complete payment before the start of the following week. If you have any queries please contact Mrs York in the school office.

### Forest School

Forest School re-starts next week for children in Ash, Medcroft and Nethercote Classes. Harborne Class will not be doing Forest School this term, they will resume after the Easter holiday. Rousham Class will also not be doing Forest School until after the KS2 SATs in May.

Forest School afternoons are:-

- Medcroft Class (Nursery and Reception)— Wednesday's (no change)
- Year 1—Mondays
- Year 2—Tuesdays

### PE

There is a slight change to the PE sessions for Years 1 and 2 this term:-

- Year 1—Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Year 2—Mondays and Wednesdays
- Harborne and Rousham—Mondays and Wednesdays (no change)

Please ensure children come to school in their PE kits on the appropriate days.

### Volunteers

If any parents/carers are willing to come into school to listen to readers in Ash class for one or two hours a week we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office.

### KS2 SATs Meeting—Thursday 12th January

A SATs information meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, 12th January. This year we have decided to follow a different format. The information has been emailed to Year 6 parents.

Our whole school value this term is: **RESPECT**

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12



### Ash Class

Ash Class children have enjoyed their first week at Tackley. This is what they said about their experiences...

- I've made lots of new friends (Max G)
- I love all about my new classroom (Annabel L)
- We like our new classrooms and our playground (Aurelia L and Maddison R)
- We like playing in our new role play area ( Mimi Mck and Holly Bro)
- I've had lots of fun in the first three days and I have made lots of friends (Aria P)
- I like the slide on our new playground (Orla B)
- I love playing on scooters (Jorgie B)



### Medcroft Class

This week in Medcroft Class we have started our new topic, 'Stomp, Chomp, ROAR!' The children were very excited to find a mysterious egg in the classroom and had lots of fun observing, discussing and predicting what could possibly be inside it! We had lots of interesting guesses; from lizards, to dragons and many more! After lots of anticipation, the egg started to crack and a baby dinosaur finally appeared. We are looking forward to learning lots more about dinosaurs this term.



### Wootton PTA/FOWS (Friends of Wootton School)

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. We hope you all have a wonderful time.

A huge thank you to all who came to the Christmas party and all who helped organise it. All the children seemed to really enjoyed themselves dancing and the party games.

We hope you were all happy with the Christmas presents you received from the Christmas shop too. A special thanks to Rebecca for organising this.

Happy New Year and best wishes from all at FOWS.

### Tackley PTA

It's been a few years since the PTA have been able to host an adults shindig in the village hall. For many of us who are new to the village, we have yet to experience such an occasion! So **SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 4th March 2023**. The PTA are planning an adults only evening. More details to follow but for now, put the date in your diary and get your baby sitters booked in!

### READING ACHIEVEMENTS

READING	Nethercote	Harborne	Rousham
25 Reads			
50 Reads	Nathan E, Scarlett S		
75 Reads	Laurie L		Alex J, Bella S
100 Reads	Jack Ca, George C, Ruby EH, Tommy H, Esther L, Alfie P, Hazel W	Livvy B, Joe E	Arann LP, Zach L, Pippa M, Scarlett W