

Welcome to all our new learners ...

A huge welcome to all our new learners in year 7 and EYFS.

What a fantastic first few days to the new school year! I feel extremely privileged to see our school grow with new learners and new staff each year. Learners have settled well and I have been delighted to see our older learners helping our new starters.

Communication is important to us at Wootton Park and we are always looking for new ways to engage with our families.

As well as sending regular newsletters, emails, our website, drop in sessions, our Facebook page and WPS Primary twitter, we have launched two new twitter pages.

Please follow us at <https://twitter.com/WPSPhysicalEd> for live sports news and <https://twitter.com/PrincipalWps> for regular updates.

We achieved so much last year, such as our amazing EYFS good level of development and Year 1 phonics results, achieving IQM Centre of Excellence status, Bronze School Games Mark and numerous sporting and community achievements. We look forward to communicating our journey this year.

Bring on 2018-2019!

Kind regards



Dan Rosser
Principal

STEM science trip

A group of learners attended a STEM Science trip to Silverstone.

On Friday 13th July, 15 learners went to Silverstone racetrack, we all had an amazing time. The reason we went was for Formula Student, which is a competition for young people to design a car and race it on the racetrack. It was a great opportunity for the 15 learners that went and it will always be remembered. The day started when we had a tour of the racetrack. We went into some of the garages where the young people were making their car. We also had a look at the racing track and got to see some cars practising while we were having lunch.

After lunch we went inside to build a racing car out of knex. The one thing we had to remember was to fit a pipe so we could blast it with air. Rebecca won. The prize was to have 'the Wootton Park Way' and her initials 'R.M' printed on the Bloodhound 360! The Bloodhound 360 is a supersonic car which will be attempting to break the land speed record next year.

Over all the day was a big success and everyone that went on the trip would all love to go again.

Thank you to Miss Walker for organising the trip and Mr Winchcombe for driving us there.

Submitted by Caleb, year 8.



Community litter picking

Community Litter Pick on Tuesday 17th July

Thank you to the six of our learners and East Hunsbury Parish Council for taking part in a community litter pick. The group spent a few hours filling bags with litter from the local area.

We look forward to more community projects with the local community next year too.



Gold House win sports day!

A fantastic few days for Sports Day commenced on the last week of summer term at Wootton Park School with all learners competing in 8 events. The finale was the relays which were completed in the afternoon in front of a crowd of parents. All learners were fantastic throughout sports day with excellent attitude and effort.

Sports Day Results

- 1st - Gold
- 2nd - Red
- 3rd - Silver
- 4th - Blue

Year 7 Victor Award

- 1st - Pharrell
- 2nd - Szymon
- 3rd - Tommy-Lee

Year 8 Victor Award

- 1st - Jaidon
- 2nd - Tennyson
- 3rd - Bobby

Year 7 Victrix Award

- 1st – Phoebe
- 2nd – Holly
- 3rd – Oyin

Year 8 Victrix Award

- 1st – Tali
- 2nd – Joy
- 3rd – Lucia



Non-uniform day

Learners are invited to wear an item of white clothing to support World Peace Day.

On Friday 21st September, learners are invited to take part in world peace day and are asked to donate £1.

Friday 21st September



Non-uniform day celebrating World Peace Day.



Cake sale

Learners are invited to bring in cakes and biscuits for this charity event

Parents are invited to support Macmillan Cancer coffee afternoon. The PTA and Learner Council will be holding a coffee and cake afternoon from 2pm until 4pm. If you would like to bake a cake, please drop this into the school office on Thursday 27th September.





Show My Homework secondary information evening

There will be an information evening on 20th September for secondary phase parents to learn more about the Show My Homework programme used with learners.

The evening starts at 6pm. Please book your space at: www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and enter code 5vdy4.

The Friends of Wootton Park School

The FOWPS are an important part of Wootton Park School and they are recruiting ...

At Wootton Park we are extremely lucky to have a very active and engaged Parent Teacher Association in the Friends. Through events and fundraising organised last year we were able to fund the school minibus, new basketball hoops, reading subscriptions, playground equipment, a STEM project, craft materials and the licence for us to set up as a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Centre (more news to follow...). We could not offer all the opportunities we do without this wonderful support. The Friends do need as much support as possible to plan and staff events. If you would be interested in getting involved with us, please do get in touch with us at PTA@woottonparkschool.org.uk or contact the PTA link teacher, Mr Kilcoyne. The Friends will be making a brief presentation at the end of the 'Show My Homework' session on the 20th of September, and hope to see you at the AGM in November.

Prospective parents' evenings

Thank you to all the secondary learners that have volunteered to help show our school to future learners.

On Tuesday 18th September, Wednesday 26th September and Monday 8th October we will be holding our open evenings for prospective new year 7 learners for September 2018. All enrichment clubs will be cancelled on these dates for secondary learners. Learners are to be collected at the end of the school day and return at 5.15pm if they are helping on the evening.

EYFS open evenings for prospective new EYFS learners will take place on Tuesday 16th October and Wednesday 14th November.

Welcome to new staff

We have added to our already amazing team with new teaching and support staff. Please visit our school website to find out a little more about our staff.

<https://www.woottonparkschool.org.uk/about/our-staff>

Welcome to...

Mrs Steere	Vice Principal	Miss Butler	Year 1 Teacher
Mrs Macdonnell	Assistant Principal	Miss Smith	Year 2 Teacher
Mrs Wade	Teacher of English	Miss Rawden	Year 2 Teacher
Miss Percival	Teacher of Maths	Mrs Spencer	Teaching Assistant
Miss Clarke	Teaching Assistant	Mrs Pemberton	Teaching Assistant
Mrs Ford	Teaching Assistant	Miss Saundery	Teacher of MFL
Mr Robinson	Teacher of ICT	Miss Hughes	Teaching Assistant
Mr Craven	Teacher of Science and Maths	Miss Edge	Acorns Wrap Around Care Assistant
Miss Danes	Office Administrator	Mrs Ewart	Catering Assistant



Laura Bassett visit

On Thursday 19th July, Laura Bassett, England International visited school and spent the day with learners.

Wootton Park School welcomed Laura Bassett, England international footballer, as part of the Mintridge programme. Laura started the day with a presentation to all the girls in Year 7 and 8, giving them an insight into her life as a professional footballer and what it has taken to play sport at an international level. She then ran coaching sessions for the girls and boys football teams and another group of Year 7 and 8 girls and the learners had opportunities to ask Laura questions and have photographs with her. The learners involved thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. In the afternoon, Laura visited the Primary classes, running a question and answer session and giving the learners an opportunity to hold and try on one of her England caps and hold her World Cup bronze medal. As part of the programme, Laura will now mentor Bella and Josie for the next 6 months and they will also get the opportunity to attend a National level football fixture. All learners involved with the day enjoyed the experience and we hope that it is a day they will remember for some time to come.



Congratulations Will!

A year 9 learner celebrating success.

On Saturday 1st September, Will and his rowing team of U14 boys competed in the National Sea Cadet Combined Regatta in London. It was neck and neck at the end of the 3rd race and so went to a race off. The Northampton Boys brought home the silver medal and helped take the Eastern Area to joint overall regatta winners with Southern Area.

10 weeks ago Will had never been a coxswain; he is still to be assessed for his Supervised Coxswain qualification but has led the team through district to regional and now national. It was gruelling, (the heat, a non-linear course, equipment failure, team injury and the need to lodge a protest due to a false start) but he led the team with maturity and sportsmanship.

Parent portal on Arbor

Arbor is a great resource to view your child's timetable, track progress, checks clubs they are booked into and to update personal information.

All parents with parental responsibility will have received an email to activate and set a password for their account. It is advised that you access this on a desk top using chrome as the amount of data may be too large for smart devices.



Absence during the school day

What to do for any absences

If your child is ill, please call the school and leave a message on the absence answering machine. Please remember to give the learner's name, class and brief description of the reason they are absent. After a sickness bug, secondary learners are to be away from school for 24 hours and primary learners 48 hours to try and stop the spreading of any germs. If a learner is unwell at school, they will be sent to the office. We will contact parents directly and ask them to come and collect their child. We ask that you try to book all doctor, hospital and dental appointments outside of school hours. Of course, there are occasions where this is not possible. If this is the case, please give the school as much notice as possible of the appointment by filling in an absence request form. These can be collected from the school office or found on the school website in the parent zone. We also require supporting evidence of the appointment such as a copy of your hospital letter or text message confirmation.

Medication in school

What to do if your child has medication

All medication must have a medication form completed and be prescribed. You can get the medication forms from the school office or on the school website. If your child has long-term medication such as inhalers, please ensure they are in school. Please note that we can keep one in the school office with a completed medicine form. Some secondary learners will carry their own inhaler. This is permitted but we still need a form completing and a record that they will carry the inhaler themselves.

If your child has allergies and has medication for this such as piriton and epi-pens, we will also need these in school. Without the paperwork, we will not be able to administer any medication. We can administer short-term medication such as antibiotics however only if it is prescribed and you complete our medication form. Unfortunately, we are not able to administer any medication without the pharmacy label on.

Please note that we cannot administer calpol unless the doctor has prescribed this. It is important that you make the school aware of any changes to medications/conditions so we can keep our records up to date.

Wider services available for children and young people

If you need information or have any questions about the wider services available for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Northamptonshire, please refer to the Local Offer for Northamptonshire by using the link to their website below:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/SEND/local-offer>

The Local Offer provides information and guidance on what is available for parents/carers and children in areas such as:

- Special educational provision
- Health provision
- Social care provision
- Other educational provision
- Arrangements for children and young people to travel to schools and early years education
- Leisure and sports opportunities

If you are having trouble finding a service, the Local Offer team can be contacted on 0300 126 1000, option 5, or by email LocalOffer@northamptonshire.gov.uk

If you have any queries regarding SEND provision at WPS, please contact Mrs Claire Woodbridge, SENCo, on 01604 931139 or email c.woodbridge@woottonparkschool.org.uk

