

Reminder: Please do not park in front of the School gates this blocks access to vehicles in and out.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club	Yr6 Grammar Guru Easter Disco	Yr6 Grammar Guru Homework & ICT Club Cross Country Club	KS2 Multi Skills Club English Excellence No Foxes Fun with Figures No Yr6 Grammar Guru CANCELLED	Good Friday Holiday

Maths No Problem

Over the past few years, we have been working on developing our problem solving skills in maths. We started with Talk for Maths and moved onto using speech bubbles to explain our reasoning when problem solving. This has seen pupils grow in confidence and their understanding deepen as they have to explain the answer rather than just give it.

After Easter in Y1-4 we will be introducing a maths scheme called 'Maths No Problem' which is based on the teaching methods used in Singapore which have proved to be very successful in developing competent mathematicians. The approach is very different to how we currently teach maths and will look quite different in the children's books. The key changes are that pupils spend much longer on a theme within maths, the idea being that they secure their understanding within their age related expectation. Also all pupils start at the same point in the lesson, but through skilful questioning and ongoing assessment teachers will ensure pupils make good progress and deepen their understanding of concepts. All lessons will start by working with practical apparatus to explore a given problem. They will then move through pictorial representations onto abstract calculations or questions. By that point pupils should be secure and have a range of strategies they can rely upon.

As I have said, it is very new to all staff and will take time for us to get used to. We are obviously mindful of national tests and do not wish to cause confusion for pupils so this will not start for Year 2 until after their SATS tests have been completed.

We hope to host 'Hands on...Maths No Problem' at some point in the summer term so you can come in and see for yourselves how the new lesson structure works and how children deepen their understanding of concepts.

Mrs Cross
Executive Head

Spot Light on Excellence...



Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you to the parents and children who have supported our Easter festivities. It was fantastic to see the creations which clearly took you a lot of time and effort. Well done to all who took part and to our winners. Thank you to our Governors who had the difficult job of deciding the winners when there were so many wonderful entries to choose from.

We are sorry that some people didn't receive the text message that was sent out - Eschools have since notified us of a problem. If you didn't receive the message then please speak to the office so we can rectify any issues. We also apologise that the assembly itself was a little chaotic. We have reviewed the event and can assure you that events in the future will run more smoothly. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding on Wednesday.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Head

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term

27/03/18: School Disco - 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Spring Term ends Thursday 29th March

Easter Holidays - Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April

Summer Term

16/04/18: Summer Term Begins

19/04/18: Animal Man Visit

May Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

14/05/18 to 17/05/18—SATS WEEK

22/05/18: Photographer - Class Photographs

Half Term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

08/06/18 - 11/06/18: Manor Adventure Trip - Badgers

22/06/18: Staff Training Day

Summer Term ends Friday 20th July 1pm finish

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Last Week's Postcards Home

Ladybirds = Finley Moore

Butterflies = Hattie Slessor-Hutchings

Dragonflies = Astan James Clarke

If your child receives a postcard please bring it back to school so it can be shared in our celebration assembly on Friday afternoon! This postcard is your invite to our celebration assembly on Friday at 2.40pm in the hall.

Easter Bonnet and Egg Winners!



Our list of worthy winners for Wood End Easter Competition 2018



Ladybirds Best Bonnet – Ivy Hathaway
Most Creative – Cody Bryan

Butterflies Best Bonnet – Poppy Rowe
Most Creative – Hattie Slesser Hutchings



Hedgehogs Best Bonnet – George Moppett
Most Creative – Jake King

Dragonflies Best Bonnet – Macey Allen
Most Creative – Florence Kinson



Foxes Best Egg – Charlie Grace Nunan
Most Creative – Imogen Slesser Hutchings

Badgers Best Egg – Charlie Owen Sanders
Most Creative – Harley Sadler



Very well done to everyone who took part, the entries were absolutely fantastic!



Week 3 went like this: we started our Easter Egg collection - thank you for all the donations! We all danced to the dance alarm stopping whatever we were doing to dance to Justin Timberlake 'Can't Stop the Feeling' and we all loved it....then back to our learning! The children wrote thank you notes to grown ups who help them outside of school. We baked fairy cakes and shared them with the MSAs and kitchen staff (as a surprise) before the Friday lunchtime shift. We marched to the dinner hall as loudly as possible singing 'if you're happy and you know it....' We ended the week with surprising parents with a little sing song before the children went home. A really enjoyable, happy week

Spreading the Happiness!



Wood End Club Forthcoming Events.....

Quiz Nite ~ Every 3rd Thursday of the month
Sun 1st Apr~ Easter Bonnet Parade—prize for best bonnet
Sat 7th Apr~ Disco & Games 12noon start All Welcome!
Jersey Boys & Simon Garcia—singer/saxophone
Tickets available behind the bar
Sat 14th Apr~ Bob & Wendy's Karaoke in the Bar!
Sat 19th May~ Simon Garcia—singer/saxophone
Sun 27th May~ Bank Holiday Fun Day/BBQ/Bouncy Castle
All Welcome!

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Don't forget to log into eSchools to see what is happening on your children's class pages. The eSchools 'App' is available for you to download from the Apple or Google Play stores. The App will allow you to receive text notifications directly from the school to your mobile device. Login is also available via the School website

Attendance W/E 16/03/18

	Last Week	Year
Ladybirds	97.00%	95.46%
Butterflies	94.09%	91.95%
Hedgehogs	92.41%	94.78 %
Dragonflies	100%	95.39%
Foxes	93.21%	94.18%
Badgers	93.81%	96.12%

Please ensure you make contact with the school each day that your child is unable to attend