

Reminder: Only gold and silver stud earrings are to be worn in school.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Badger Class African Drumming Workshop	Hedgehog Class Trip to Sudbury Museum of Childhood Cross country Club starts	Hedgehog Dance performance for parents 2.40pm in the hall FOWES disco 3-5pm	Staff Development Day School closed to pupils

School Attendance

The attendance of the majority of pupils at Wood End is excellent. Our pupils love coming to school to learn and I often hear of children who hate having to miss a day through illness. Many of our children come to school even if they are not feeling 100%. Our aim this year is to have whole school attendance that exceeds the national average of 96%.

It sounds obvious but children are more likely to succeed when they attend school consistently. It is not just about the lessons that are missed when pupils are absent, children also find it very difficult to engage in lessons when they return back to school. Often they will have missed key important teaching points that would have allowed them to access the next stage of learning.

Good attendance at school is vital for pupils to achieve their full educational potential. Pupils with good attendance records benefit in the following ways:-

- Continuity of learning which makes progress and retention easier*
- Enhanced performance in lessons and examinations*
- Continuity of relationships and friendships with adults and peers*
- Good habits that are formed for later life*

Children by law must attend school and all schools are required to record details of pupils' attendance and absence at school. We do so at the beginning of each morning and afternoon sessions and within strict time limits. We are also required to report poor attendance.

Our focus is however very much on reward. We encourage children to be on time and attend by giving children lots of praise when they are 'being brave for carrying on' with minor ailments like a cold. We reward 'never lates' and 'good attendance' by giving children certificates on a termly basis, which the children are very proud of. We do however understand that children are sometimes unwell and certainly don't wish children to come into school unwell just to achieve an attendance reward, and for this reason we also include children whose attendance is also very slightly below 100%.

I am also very proud of all the wonderful staff at Wood End. Their attendance rates are brilliant and it is very rare for our staff to have a day off school. On many occasions I have had to tell staff that they need to go home when they have been unwell. They know how important consistency is and want the very best for all of our pupils. They all work extremely hard and are very tired by the end of the week. Even when they are not feeling 100% themselves, they still manage to smile when in school.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mrs M Cross

Executive Headteacher



Learning together in Ladybirds

All photographs can be purchased via ParentPay for £3 per A4 colour copy.

Spot Light on Excellence...

Democracy in Action

This week we have elected our e-safety officers. These are children in Fox and Badger class who promote knowledge and understanding of being safe when working online. This follows elections that occurred at the beginning of the year to elect our house captains and school council.

The children who wanted to be considered for the role of house captain, which was the majority of the class, prepared speeches and presented them to the members of their house team. A vote then took place to choose the best candidate for the job.

Each class has also elected two school council members. These children hold responsibility for attending meetings and sharing information with their class. They have the power to make real changes and improvements to our school.

Part of 'British Values' is the right to democracy. Giving our children these opportunities to be elected by their peers is an essential way that our children can see the power of democracy in action.

Mrs J Smith
Associate Headteacher



Charity Update

We will be selecting a single charity for the school to sponsor again this year. If you have any suggestions or thoughts please let us know.

Free Fruit

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) helps your child to achieve '5 a Day'. Fruit and vegetables are a good source of nutrients and form part of a healthy, balanced diet. If your child is aged four to six they are entitled to receive a free piece of fruit or a vegetable each school day. However, we would like to make you aware that the school does not order this daily provision. The school cannot say what fruit or vegetables will be available to your child in any way and whether they will like the fruit or vegetable from day to day.

PE kit

Now the weather is getting colder please ensure that your child has a rack suit for PE in years 1 to 6. We would ask that this be either blue or black and without a logo if possible.

We must also emphasise that when swimming all children with long hair must have swimming hats as detailed in the School Prospectus which is on the school website.

Thank you

Consent forms and data collection sheets have been sent home this week. Please complete these and return them to school as soon as possible.

FOWES Disco

Dust off those dancing shoes! It is the FOWES school disco on Thursday 19th October. £2 payment should be made in advance. The children do not need additional money on the day



School Bank



We are re-launching the school bank. If you are interested in saving a bit of money each week please see Gail Clarke in Squirrel classroom, accessed from the playground on Fridays between 8.30 and 8.45.

Parents Evening

Our first parents evenings will be Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November. We will send information about booking slots online soon.

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2017-2018
17/10/17 Badger class Drumming Workshop
18/10/17 Hedgehog Class trip
18/10/17 Cross county club starts
19/10/17 FOWES disco 3-5pm
20/10/17 Staff Inset Day
23/10/17 - 27/10/17- Half Term
22/12/17 - End of term
08/01/18 - Spring Term starts
19/02/18 - 23/02/18 - Half Term
26/02/18 - Staff Inset Day
29/03/18 - End of term
16/04/18 - Summer Term Starts
07/05/18- Bank Holiday
28/05/18-01/06/18 Half term
22/06/18 - Staff Inset Day
20/07/18 - End of term
These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.



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.

Last weeks Postcards Home

Butterfly =
Darcie Hamilton
Hedgehog = Warren Illsley
Dragonflies =
Florence Kinson
Foxes = Scarlet Rosenbach

Wood End Club presents
the fabulous

Bob and Wendy Karaoke

Saturday 21st October 2017

Year 2 Swimming



This year our children in year 2 have been attending swimming lessons at Kingsbury High School Swimming Centre.

"If you are a new swimmer you need to hold the bar in the shallow end." Luke

"At first you might think it is scary at the deep end but I have got used to it now." Megan

"When you are trying to swim you have to do what the swimming teacher tells you." Jack D

"When you are in the deep end you learn lots of new strokes." Astan James

"You have to try to be the fastest when we do races." Warren

"Sometimes you learn to do backstroke." Tia

"Some people know the strokes and some people don't but that's ok." William

"I always listen to the teacher so that I know what I am doing." Sophie

It is clear from speaking to the children that they love to go swimming and they are making the most of this valuable opportunity.

Stop It Please!

Children need to be taught to deal with things they don't like happening to them properly. In school we tell them that hitting back is not acceptable. We simply ask:

'If someone does or says something you don't like, say 'Stop It Please!'. If this doesn't stop the problem, go to an adult who will ALWAYS deal with the problem immediately.

Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Ladybirds	95.83%	97.05%
Butterflies	94.17%	94.69%
Hedgehogs	99.66%	90.76%
Dragonflies	98.97%	93.84%
Foxes	94.67%	95.69%
Badgers	97.83%	97.05%



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