

Reminders: We have spaces at our before and after school club. To book contact the school office on 01827 872237.				
Week commencing 9th May 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3pm-4.15pm-Year 6 Maths Booster Group</p> <p>3pm-4pm-Cricket club</p>	<p>3pm-4pm-KS1 Multi Skills</p> <p>3pm-4pm-Cross Country club</p>	<p>8am-8.40am-Choir club</p> <p>12pm-Homework club</p> <p>3pm-4.15pm-Homework club- Mrs Joynson</p> <p>3pm-4.30pm-Maths booster for Year 6</p> <p>3pm-4pm-Athletics club</p>	<p>12pm-Newspaper club</p> <p>3pm-4pm-Football club</p> <p>3pm-4pm-Gymnastics club</p> <p>3.30pm-Bookworm club</p>	<p>2.35pm-Celebration Assembly</p>

**Letters sent home this week: SATs breakfast club, Broomey Croft Farm**

## Dear Parents

Last week, I discussed the importance of our broad and balanced curriculum at Wood End. I shared with you the rich opportunities and memorable experiences that children experience on a daily basis that enable them to have a rounded education. This is an absolute pre-requisite at Wood End. The more balanced our curriculum, the more well informed Individuals our children will become.

However it is also worthy to note that despite a rich, stimulating curriculum, children still need and are required to take tests that assess their learning over a given period. For example in Year 1, children will be assessed by their teacher on their ability to use their phonic knowledge by taking the Phonics Screening Test. In Year 2 and 6 children are tested on their learning to date in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (Year 6 –this year only) and Maths. In all other year groups, children will be assessed each term. Testing is an essential determiner in our lives. Even as adults we are tested in various aspects to assess our knowledge in certain areas. Getting through tests and preparing for them in a methodical and logical way enables us to live out that area of our lives as confident individuals.

Therefore the same can be said for our children. The thorough preparation that our children have had before they embark on their SATs tests next week, will allow them to arrive each day with a confidence in tackling subject areas that they already know.

Francis Assisi quotes, 'Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.'

I wish all our Year 6 children my very best wishes for their SATs next week. They go in to them being incredibly prepared by our hardworking Year 6 team and staff at Wood End. I am certain they will do us proud.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Carolyn Hadley-Head of School



## Beech class find dinosaur footprints in school playground!

### Stars of the week

**Well done to all our stars this week!**

★ Beech — Shari Smith-For becoming much  
★ more confident with her writing.

★ Cedar — Evan Skelding-For trying hard to  
★ use phonics in his writing.

★ Oak—Brandon Lewis-For excellent efforts  
★ with Maths learning.

★ Pine — William Gilks-For concentrating really  
★ hard in all lessons.

★ Willow — Callum Dove-For excellent effort in  
★ all areas of learning.

### *Ensuring that we do our very best to keep children safe*

We are immensely proud of our excellent record for keeping our children safe. Parents, Governor and other visitors to the school describe our work in this area as 'outstanding' and told us that our children feel very safe in school and are very well looked after.

We complete a great deal of this work in this area in the background. Apart from maintaining an excellent level of physical security, we also carry out regular reviews ranging from us asking 'unfamiliar friends' to attempt to 'breach security' to daily site checks and monitoring sessions. At each weekly staff meeting 'safeguarding' is a 'standing item' and we also regularly remind all of our colleagues of their responsibility.

We do not however 'guarantee' absolute security. Schools are not military establishments, we don't have security guards and we need to make sure that we are accessible to literally hundreds of individuals every single day. We also need to make sure that our environment is inspiring, exciting and loved by our children. A prison we are not! In schools our aim is to reduce risk to an absolute minimum by making sure we restrict entrances, ensure adults in school are 'DBS checked', children are always supervised, reminding parents not to drop children off early or collect late and all manner of other measures. Vigilance is tested regularly and is always reported as a significant strength.

Perhaps our greatest weapon is however in being 'proactive' by teaching children how to cope with or avoid 'danger'. If children can avoid problems and are taught how to deal with them, they will significantly reduce the chances of getting themselves in trouble and will remain safe. Each week we provide a 'keeping safe reminder'; we have regular assemblies about 'safety' and teach children that when in trouble they DO NOT avoid 'strangers' but find the 'safest stranger'.

Over the next few weeks, in common with many schools locally, we will be talking to the children about our emergency procedures in case of an incident such as an unknown person being on site, or a local incident such as a factory fire. We always tackle issues of this nature with absolute sensitivity, making sure our messages are appropriately age related and use our years of experience working with children to ensure that we do not worry them.

Mr May

Executive Headteacher

The majority of our trips and visits in school, the elements of the uniform we provide, clubs and activities and swimming lessons are significantly subsidised by the school or are completely free. We work hard to keep costs as low as possible for EVERYONE, however, children in receipt of free school meals are usually offered trips and visits free of charge using funds we receive from the Government dedicated to supporting them.

### Myths and Legends

*A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face*

*'It doesn't matter if my child arrives early for school'*

It certainly does! Children should not arrive on site before 8.30am, the reason being that there are no staff on duty until this time. There are excellent before and after school care facilities available on site should parents wish to make use of these.

Weekly Safety Message ... Each week we give the children a quick 'outside of school' safety reminder in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week: 'If you go out shopping and lose your adult, what would you do?'



### **Attendance**

Our attendance this term so far is 96.3%

**Let's see if we can reach our target!**

Our school attendance target is  
**97.5%**

### **Housepoints**

Our housepoint winners this week with 146 housepoints are Kingsbury- Well done!!!



Our new charity for this year is Polesworth Group Homes, supporting adults with learning disabilities. We have raised £248.48 from donations at the Christmas performance and our Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for your support.

### Academic Year 2015-2016

#### Summer Term 2016

Half Term (1 week)	Monday 30th May
EYFS Induction Meeting	Thursday 9th June
Year 6 Residential-Manor Adventure	Friday 10th June
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 1st July
KS1 and 2 Sports Day	Monday 11th July
Nursery and Reception Sports Day	Tuesday 12th July
Reserve KS1, 2 Sports Day	Wednesday 13th July
Showcase Evening	Wednesday 13th July
Reserve Nursery/Reception Sports Day	Thursday 14th July
Staff Development Day	Friday 15th July
Leavers Assembly	Wednesday 20th July
Leavers Evening	Thursday 21st July
Last Day of Term	Friday 22nd July
Early Finish 1pm	Friday 22nd July

### Academic Year 2016-2017

#### Autumn Term 2016

Staff Development Day	Monday 5th September
Children Return to School	Tuesday 6th September
Staff Development Day	Friday 21st October
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 24th October
Early Finish 1pm	Friday 16th December

#### Spring Term 2017

Staff Development Day	Tuesday 3rd January
Children Return to school	Wednesday 4th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 20th February
Easter Holiday Begins	Monday 10th April
Staff Development Day	Monday 24th April
Children Return to School	Tuesday 25th April
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 29th May
Early Finish 1pm	Friday 21st July

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.

**New and amended dates shown in bold.** Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

**Please Note Early Finish** : Friday 22nd July 2016. Arrangements will need to be made to collect children earlier than usual. Please let us know if this causes any difficulties.

**Every single school day a child has a 'bump bash'.**

**They fall over in the playground, walk into another child, knock themselves, graze a knee etc.**

**We DO NOT send a 'bump note' home every time this occurs, indeed there is no legal requirement for a school to do so. Instead we make an assessment of the 'accident' and inform parents if we feel it is serious enough to warrant a note.**

### **FOWES Events**

**Lots of events are about to take place led by our wonderful and ever growing FOWES.**



**Friday 13th May-Coin drop**

**Thursday 19th May-FS and KS1**

**Disco**

**Thursday 26th May-KS2 disco**

**Friday 17th June-Non uniform day**

**Saturday 25th June-Summer Fayre**

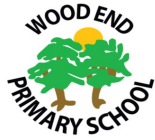
### Sun Awareness

Please do not send in sun creams, sprays or lotions for your child to apply in school. Unfortunately we reluctantly do not allow these in school due to the potential for damage to children's eyes. Please apply long lasting sun protection BEFORE coming to school which are available from £4.99 in many supermarkets, high street shops and chemists such as Asda, Sainburys, Savers, Superdrug, Boots etc.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**



**"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." Francis of Assisi**



## Volunteers

We are currently recruiting for additional volunteers across school.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in supporting our children in any aspect of their education.

## **Community Advertising**

Do you run your own business or community organisation or know someone who does, who would benefit from being advertised in our school newsletter? Please contact the school office for prices on



01827 872237

## Wood End Club



57 Tamworth Road, Wood End. Atherstone

Function room available for events

TABLE TOP SALE

Sunday 24th April, 1pm start

To purchase a table contact Susie;

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