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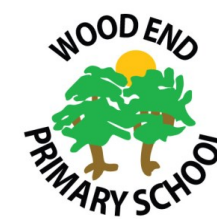
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WEPS weekly

6th January 2017

Reminders: We have spaces at our before and after school club. To book contact the school office on 01827 872237.

Week commencing 12th December 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3-4pm Y6 Maths Booster 3-4pm Y6 Reading Booster	3.45-4.45pm Y6 Maths Booster	8am-8.40am Choir club 3pm-4pm Homework club	8am Maths Booster Y6 3.30pm-Bookworm club	

Letters sent home this week: FOWES Thank You Letter, Cedar, Oak Theatre Group Visit, Ash Forest

Happy New Year!

It was wonderful to see all the children back again, excited to tell us all about their lovely Christmas and the fantastic presents they received. The children look marvellously turned out and are a real credit to parents and their significant efforts to send children into school in our smart school uniform. We really appreciate your support. We were also delighted to discover that many of our children had continued their efforts to read over the holidays.

This year will be a very exciting one for us. We start 2017 as an academy family of 13 schools across the Midlands. We are also building a brand new school in Warwick which will open next September and we are really positive about the opportunities this gives all the children, staff and our communities to benefit from all the skills, resources and finances of larger organisation.

Working as a large family of schools offers many benefits. Apart from significant financial advantages by purchasing as a large group, which means we can stretch our finances further, we also benefit significantly from sharing expertise across our schools and have found that by sharing our colleagues amazing talents and skills, as well as our resources, ultimately the children benefit hugely.

Over the course of the holidays our teachers have been not only taken a well-deserved opportunity to relax with their families, but have also spent time planning and preparing exciting lessons for the children. They have also organised exciting visits and visitors to come into school, which will engage the children and make learning really interesting. Many of them have already delivered an exciting 'starter lesson' or a 'problem' which we use to introduce our termly themes.

We look forward to welcoming you into school again this term, to attend one of the many opportunities we arrange to encourage you to get further involved in the life of our school and your child's education. Apart from our weekly 'Achievement Assemblies', we would be delighted to see you at one of our curriculum events, parent's evenings, assessment meetings or just to help us out on trips or hear children read.

Mr May—Director of Education



Cedar class getting into the Carnival spirit!

Postcard Home

Well done for all your hard work this week!

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| Beech - | Scarlet Smith |
| Cedar - | Macie Allen |
| Oak - | Phoebe Hardwick |
| Pine - | Bobbie York |
| Willow - | Macie Spencer |

Protecting your child on social networking sites

It would be easy to pull the plug on the home computer after reading all of the potential threats to your children while using social networking sites over the past few weeks, but it's important to consider how online communication in one form or another is shaping our children's future.

According to government statistics back in 2007, 55% of children aged 12-15 who used the Internet at home had created a page or profile on a social networking site, which equates to two in five of all this age group in the UK.

Indeed 55% of this group accessed social networking sites at home at least once a week.

Furthermore remember that **most** children and young people will have a positive, enjoyable experience when they access their social networking site.

But it is important to supervise your child's activity to an appropriate extent, without your child feeling you are trying to spy on them. Obviously much will depend on your child's age and it becomes trickier to supervise your child once they reach their teens.

But by perhaps setting some ground rules on home internet usage and showing some interest and understanding of your child's online activities you'll be helping to ensure their online experiences are as safe and happy as possible.



Myths and Legends

'My child should only be telling their parents about any problems'

On a daily basis our children tell us all sorts of weird and wonderful stories. We are very used to this and are highly skilled at distinguishing between 'fact and fiction'. Occasionally children tell us about things that are a 'child protection concern'. When this occurs we have a legal obligation to investigate the matter and occasionally need to refer issue to Social Services. On the rare occasions this occurs, not only is this a very difficult time for parents, but also for the school who respect 'our parents' highly.

Weekly Safety Question ... Each week we ask the children to consider an 'outside of school safety question'. We would be grateful if parents could also talk to children about our question.

This week:

'Can you remember your parents mobile telephone number?'

What does your child most enjoy about school?

A selection of comments from our most recent parental questionnaire which we are extremely proud of... (names removed for anonymity!)

"My Daughter is always happy to come into School and keen to tell me what she has been up to when she gets home"

"My child enjoys getting out into Forest School"

Housepoints



Our housepoint winners this week with 57 housepoints are:

Daw Mill, Kingsbury & Birch Coppice

- Well done!!!

Dates for your diary

Academic Year 2016/2017

Spring Term 2017

Snowdome Trip—Beech Class	Tuesday 10th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 20th February
Easter Holiday begins	Monday 10th March
Parents Evening	Wednesday 15th March
Parents Evening	Thursday 16th March

Summer Term 2017

Staff Development Day	Monday 24th April
Children return to school	Monday 25th April
Bank Holiday (May Day)	Monday 1st May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 29th May
Manor Adventure (yr 6)	Friday 9th June to Monday 12th June
Last day of Term	Friday 21st July

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.



IMPORTANT - Child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

We need YOU to claim for 'free school meals'!

Even though children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free meal, we still need parents to claim if they are eligible. Doing so triggers a large amount of money we can spend on YOUR child in school.

Me to You

Please make sure that children's me to yous are brought in every day. This is one of many extremely important ways of ensuring that we communicate effectively between home and school. Thank you.



'British values' is set out in the Government 'Prevent' strategy, and we reinforce these regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy:

Democracy is rife in our schools.

Pupils have their voices heard through our School Council and Pupil questionnaires. We elect House Captains, our School Council, as well as vote on 'Charity for the Year'.

Weekly Reminders: School Meals

Reminder to all parents that the daily cost of your child's meal is **£2.10**.

Please add this amount to your ParentPay account prior to ordering the food to avoid accruing debt.

If in doubt please contact the office who can help you with any queries.