

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

Week commencing 20th June 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1pm Forest Schools visit Oak 3pm-4pm-Cricket club	3pm-4pm-KS1 Multi Skills 3pm-4pm-Cross Country club	8am-8.40am-Choir club 12pm-Homework club 3pm-4.15pm-Homework club- Mrs Joynson 3pm-4pm-Athletics club	12pm-Newspaper club 3pm-4pm-Football club 3pm-4pm-Gymnastics club 3.30pm-Bookworm club	2.35pm-Celebration Assembly

Letters sent home this week: Grandparent's Lunch, School Photo's, Grasshead's Summer Fayre Competition, Non-Uniform Day, Raffle Tickets.

Dear Parents,

Encouraging many opportunities to build strong links with our community.

Wood End Primary School is undeniably a small, rural village school. The one thing that makes this school so different and attractive is not only the outstanding education it offers but its very close relationship with the community it serves.

I am delighted, month after month, to be able to recount the close association that we have with members of our school community. We are truly the hub of this busy village.

We have a very proactive Parent Teachers Association, FOWES who have provided so many opportunities this year for our children to become involved in events such as our cake decorating workshop to celebrate the Queen's birthday, our school Coin Race, the Key Stage Movie Nights, all of which raise funds for the school but also provide exciting experiences for our children. We are very much looking forward to our Summer Fayre on Saturday, June 25th and thank you to the great number of volunteers who have offered to help.

One aspect that I am particularly proud of is our great link with St. Michael's and All Angels Church in Wood End. Classes visit the church at varying times of the year and we are extremely fortunate that Reverend John is also a Governor of our school.

Last weekend was the Wood End Church Flower Festival. Again this year, we were kindly asked to contribute which is always a real pleasure. The displays were truly outstanding and it was clear how much work had gone into the very detailed arrangements following the theme, 'Food for Thought.' I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Church raised £1500 during this weekend. What an amazing amount!

I truly believe that the strong relationships that we build with the community are foundations for the future of our wonderful school and I await further occasions that we can share experiences together.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and Happy Fathers' Day.

Mrs Carolyn Hadley-Head of School



Beech class's contribution to the Wood End Church Flower Festival

Extreme Reading Challenge



I was delighted to see so many entries for the Extreme Reading Challenge this week. The children have risen to the challenge and there have been so many diverse entries from children reading on horses, to children reading up side down and in paddling pools or on the beach.

It was fantastic to have your support today and a huge thanks to Ocado for contributing the prizes. We will let you know the winning house and overall winner next week.

Our New Pupils

'making sure our new pupils get the best possible start'

Strange as it might seem, at this time of year we are not only thinking of finishing the academic year, but are also involved in full scale preparations for next academic year!

Throughout our primary schools, all manner of 'induction activities' are currently taking place. For our new Reception children, we have already visited many of the 'settings' children will come from and also hosted 'open mornings' and 'parents induction meetings' to explain how our schools work. Children are also welcome into school to visit the class and attend sessions such as 'story time' sessions. These events are designed to ensure that parents and children not only feel part of the 'big family' but also understand how our school works.

In September we will also conduct 'home visits' which again builds that important link between home and school. During 'home visits' our new children get the chance to see their teacher in a familiar setting and also for parents to share any concerns or worries.

We also make sure that our Year 6 children are extremely well prepared for their next big step. Apart from regular visits to secondary schools throughout the year, and meetings between teachers to talk about the children, we are also very grateful to colleagues from secondary schools who visit us to get to know them and answer any questions they might have. Our children also benefit from all manner of 'familiarisation sessions' at their new schools, which are arranged by academic departments. A number of sessions are arranged for the remainder of this term.

'Induction' is however not limited to the start and end of each year. Because of the very large number of children that have joined us mid-year, we have excellent arrangements in place to ensure that new pupils feel comfortable starting their new school. A 'mid-year' starter is always given a 'School Shadow'; a role the children are proud to undertake. A 'Shadow' meets their new friend at the start of the school day, helps them find their coat peg, shows them about, play with them at lunchtime and generally looks after them in their first few weeks.

Parental surveys results consistently show 'outstanding practice' in this area and make us feel very proud. Parents tell us that children who join us feel safe, secure and settled and make excellent progress with us. We care a great deal about ALL of our children and will do our utmost to ensure they are well prepared, happy and confident.

Mr May – Director of Education

ParentPay

We are pleased to announce that ParentPay will be commencing next week, Monday, 20th June.

Logins have been sent out to all parents and it is expected that payments for dinners and school trips will be made this way from Monday, 20th June onwards.

IMPORTANT: Changes to assessment

– a 'ramping up' of expectations

This year there have been many changes to the expectations of our children. The national 'goal posts' have been changed and the 'average child' will now be expected to attain at a far higher 'level' than they used to and meet some very tough challenges.

Whilst we are confident that our children can meet the 'new challenges' well, the bar has been set very high indeed. Parents should be aware that children who previously were graded as 'exceeding national expectations' may now fit closer into what is described as 'meeting national averages'. Be reassured, the children are not 'doing worse', are not failing, and teaching is still fantastic. We are simply being asked to measure them against a far more challenging standard.

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:

'What do you do if you are using the internet and an inappropriate picture appears?



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 184 housepoints are **DAWMILL** - Well done!!!



Our new charity for this year is
Polesworth Group Homes, supporting
adults with learning disabilities. We have raised
£248.48, so far. Thank you for your support.

Academic Year 2015-2016

Summer Term 2016

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check wk bg Monday 13th June

Year R Wood End Church visit.....Monday 13 June

Year R/1 and 2 Twycross Zoo Wednesday 29th 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.

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.

Fathers' Day Breakfast

Thank you to FOWES and the kitchen staff who put on a scrumptious breakfast for all the dads and males who play a significant role in the lives of their children.



HAPPY
FATHERS'
DAY!



Dogs should not be brought into school at any time, even if carried. Thank you for your understanding.

FOWES Events



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

Friday 17th June-Non uniform day

Saturday 25th June-Summer Fayre

If you would like to support in any small way, please contact Joe and Sue through the School Office.



Sun Awareness:

IMPORTANT: It is very important that children attend school with a water bottle, a hat and in sunny weather have applied 'all day sun cream' before coming in. Whilst the children are rarely outside for more than an hour during a school day, we take great care to ensure they are not adversely affected by strong sun.

For children with particularly sensitive skin or if parents wish, parents are welcome to attend school at lunchtime to apply additional sun cream.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.' Tim Notke

Community Advertising



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.

Summer's Playhouse
01827 874458 / 07581 228213
Sherwood Close | Wood End

Jade Bailey
Ofsted Registered Childminder
summersplayhouse@hotmail.com

www.facebook.com/summersplayhouse

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

To purchase a table contact Susie;

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