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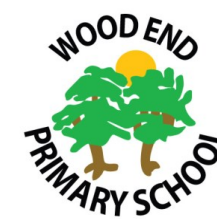
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WEPS weekly

13th January 2017

Reminders: Please ensure all items of school uniform are labelled clearly with your child's full name

Week commencing 9th January 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3-4pm Y6 Maths Booster	3.45-4.45pm Y6 Maths Booster	8am-8.40am Choir club		
3-4pm Y6 Reading Booster	3-4pm Multi-Skills	3pm-4pm Homework club	8am Maths Booster Y6	
3-4.15pm Dodgeball			3-4.15pm Football	

Letters sent home this week: Yr 6—Young Voices, After School Clubs, Oak—Swimming Lesson Payments, Dinner Menu, Pine—Sea Life Centre Visit, Grandparents Lunch.

Our Values

As adults it is easy to forget that our children are not unthinking immune beings, but actually pick up extraordinary levels of detail. Recent dreadful terrorist events throughout the world have no doubt shocked most of us and have certainly been talked about by our children. Events have inevitably raised contentious issues that places real pressures on us all, and no less in a primary school. We deal with these pressures in various ways and by teaching children to be respectful of each other and learn about the differences and beliefs of others, hoping they will develop a greater understanding and tolerance. Our one word schools rules for each of our primary schools match this aim.

The government set out its definition of 'British values' in its 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'.
- ✓ **The Rule of Law:** The importance of Law are consistently reinforced, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that govern and protect us. Visits from the Police; Fire Service; Lifeguards etc are regular. Pupil are rewarded for great behaviour with stars, certificates 'postcards home' etc
- ✓ **Individual Liberty:** Children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We provide the boundaries for children to make choices safely. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms through our E-Safety and PSHE lessons. Pupils are given the freedom to make choices.
- ✓ **Mutual Respect:** Our school ethos and behaviour policy revolves around our core values through our 'one word school rule'. Assemblies relate to what this means. Posters around the school promote respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules.
- ✓ **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:** This is achieved through enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society. We offer opportunities to experience diversity through visits to places of worship and year group links to other schools in areas which are different to our own. Assemblies about prejudices and prejudice-based bullying are followed.

Mr May - Director of Education

Fun in the snow for the reception children this week at the 'Snowdome'

Whilst learning about 'Life in the freezer' - This half terms theme.

Stars of the week

Well done to all our stars this week!

Beech Class — **Hartley Green** - for writing his name.

Cedar Class — **Caitlin O'Donnell** - for extending her sentences in English.

Oak Class — **Harley Yates** - for excellent understanding when telling the time.

Pine Class — **Kai Slade-Godefroy** - for a super attitude toward his learning.

Willow Class — **George Gilks** - for some excellent writing.



'Social Networking'

General tips for parents

- Take a look at or sign up for some of the social networking sites yourself to get a feel for what they're all about. It's important that parents don't feel left behind by new technologies, or intimidated by them because they think they're not aimed at an older user. You'll feel much more comfortable about your child using social networking sites if you understand some of the terminology and how they work.

- It's also a good idea to take a look at the privacy information or safety tips provided on the social networking sites themselves. You'll then have a clear idea about how each site would help you if your child was the victim of online bullying, for example, or what measures they have taken to protect your child's privacy. You'll usually find such information in either the 'about us' sections of websites or in dedicated 'safety' and 'privacy' sections.

- Engage with your children about their experiences on the Internet, without making it seem like you're snooping on them. Show interest in their online activities so they feel comfortable about sharing experiences with you. This way your child will not feel worried about speaking to you should any issue or problem arise, such as online bullying or being sent inappropriate content.

Try to set limits on Internet usage at home. It's not a good idea for children to spend inordinate amounts of time in front of a screen, be it TV, games console or computer so make sure you set house rules on how the Internet is to be used at home: which sites can be visited, how long each member can spend on the computer, etc. Microsoft has a downloadable '[Online Code of Conduct Contract](#)' you can print off for each family member to sign, which provides a reasonable list of ground rules for families to follow.

Myths and Legends

'It is fine if I am late and not there at the end of the day they can just go with.....'

We absolutely do NOT allow this. It is vital the school knows exactly who children leave with. 'ad-hoc arrangements' like this place ALL children in danger because we simply can't 'police' that the children are leaving the school with the right people. ALWAYS contact the school first if arrangements need to change.

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:

'How do you cross a road like an expert?'



What does your child most enjoy about school?

A selection of comments from our most recent parental questionnaire which we are extremely proud of...

"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 **240** housepoints are:

Birch Coppice

- Well done!!!

Academic Year 2016/2017

Spring Term 2017

Young Voices Concert (Yr 6)	Tuesday 24th January
Sea Life Centre (Pine)	Thursday 9th February
Little Red Riding Hood (Cedar & Oak)	Friday 10th February
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.

Earrings

Please note: whilst children may wear earrings to school, we do not encourage this because of the potential for earrings being pulled and tearing ear lobes which is not uncommon.

ONLY gold or silver 'ball like' earrings may be worn in school.

As with all issues over uniform, the school reserves the right to send home children not wearing the correct uniform.

A small pink purse has been handed into the office.

Please contact the office if you think it may belong to your child.

VERY IMPORTANT

It is **essential** that the school has up-to-date contact details for parents. Of particular importance is the need for the school to have correct mobile phone numbers for all parents. We use the schools 'text message' service to alert parents of school closure, illness or 'stranger danger' issues.

Polite Reminder

If your child requires a medicine administering during the school day you will need to bring it to the office and complete a consent form. Only prescribed medicines can be left at the office. Thank you.



Registering for School

We are fast approaching the deadline when parents must

apply for Primary School. The deadline for **Primary School Applications** for reception places is **16th January 2017**. It is essential that this deadline is met or your child may be at risk of losing a place at your preferred school.

Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions. You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047



SCHOOL CLOSURE ALERT

Warwickshire County Council now have a text message service to alert parents of school closures faster and parents are able to subscribe to more than one school.

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