

WEPS weekly

29th April 2016

Reminders: We have spaces at our before and after school club. To book contact the school office on 01827 872237.				
Week commencing 2nd May 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3pm-4.15pm-Year 6 Maths Booster Group 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 Joynton 3pm-4.30pm-Maths booster for Year 6 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:

Dear Parents

As we approach an extremely important time of year for assessing our children's progress across the school and preparing for Year 2 and 6 children to take their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests); it must not be forgotten how important our broad and balanced curriculum actually is. Despite children in these year groups feverishly getting ready and revising for tests that will ensure they recall skills and knowledge, we know that having been taught through a thematic curriculum and having a broad education at Wood End Primary School will help them through.

We are also a school who makes a positive contribution to its community and further afield thus developing learners who are interested in the progression of their neighbourhood, national news and global initiatives. Children are actively encouraged to take part in sporting events and educational visits that link with their termly theme thus helping them to cement skills and knowledge taught in the classroom.

We have also developed our provision of ICT this year. All members of the school community can now access our new E schools website and regularly updated class pages and uploaded home work.

You will also be aware of the opportunities that are given to children to play a musical instrument in their time at Wood End and one of the many unique qualities of Wood End Primary is the forest that is on our doorstep. We are fortunate that Miss Hall is a fully qualified Forest School leader and takes children weekly as part of our Forest School curriculum.

Lewis Collins and Tia Leaver from Year 6 quote, 'The more opportunities and experiences that we have outside the classroom, like trips to Whittington Barracks and then learning more about it in the class help us to learn more and be ready for our SATs.'

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend with hopefully plenty of sunshine.
Mrs Carolyn Hadley-Head of School



Year 6 preparation for KS2 SATs-self assessing Reasoning skills in Mathematics.



Stars of the week

Well done to all our stars this week!

- ★ Beech — Macie Allen-For always trying hard in all that she does.
- ★ Cedar — Lottie-Leigh Oattes-For working hard and enthusiastically all week in Guided Reading.
- ★ Oak—Kathleen Wylie-For great enthusiasm in all her learning.
- ★ Pine — Georgia Wylie-For applying lots of concentration to her narrative writing.
- ★ Willow — Chloe Yates-For making a super effort in all of her work

Photographs and Images

We understand that parents and relations are keen to take photographs and video images of their children at school events and we are keen to support this wish. However, we also need to be aware of the tensions between this and the fact that some of our parents DO NOT or CAN NOT have images of their children appearing on line or in newspapers etc.

With the huge increase in the number of people carrying mobile phones, which take high quality and near perfect photographs, we are currently considering a change in policy with regards to visitors taking photographs/videos of children at school events. In particular we wish to remove the necessity to sign a form and wear a sticker which, is making administration almost impossible to manage and ‘police’.

Our absolute priority is to continue to provide ‘outstanding’ safeguarding’ and never place children at risk. We will continue to share our strict ‘expectations of visitors’ at EVERY event, and although we are proposing to no longer require a form to be signed or sticker to be worn, will maintain strict guidelines and share these at every event. We will continue to always ask parents of new children to complete a photograph and images permission slip which lasts for a child’s school career, unless parents wish to change it. Please let us know if this is the case.

I am particularly interested in hearing the views of parents or anyone wishing to make a comment or share their views about how we can ensure our schools can be run as best as they can be. Please do contact me at school.

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
‘I am ONLY parking here for a minute whilst my child comes in and out of school.’

We are receiving a number of complaints from the bus company as the school bus is unable to pass parked cars on the bend within our school gates at the beginning and end of the day. We repeatedly ask parents NOT to park on the left hand bend of the entrance to the school and are very grateful to the majority of parents who never do this.

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 is your escape route if you are in bed at home and there is a fire?’



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 120 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 you for you support.

Academic Year 2015-2016

Summer Term 2016

Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 30th May
Staff Development Day	Friday 15th 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.

Scooters and Bicycles

Bicycles and scooters must not be ridden on the playgrounds or paths before or after school because of potential injury to our parents, children and younger toddlers.

Collecting Children from School

Please ensure arrangements for collecting children are made before the start of the school day to avoid confusion and so that children are fully aware of who will be collecting them. Children in Reception must be dropped off and collected by a named adult.

Bullying

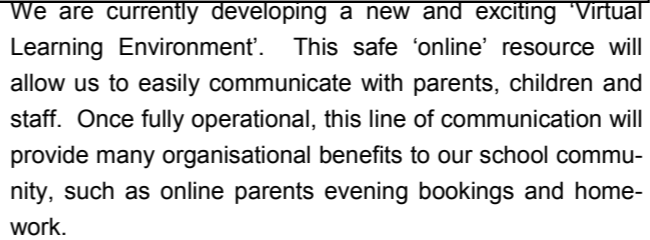
Bullying is thankfully extremely rare in our school because we do a great deal to ensure that great behaviour, 'good attitudes', 'inclusion' and 'respect for others' are part of our class work, curriculum and assembly themes.

However, we are not a school that says 'bullying never happens here!', schools that say this are naïve. It can happen to anyone, at any age and occurs in most workplaces. Bullying at school might involve pushing someone pushing you, teasing you, calling you names, or sending nasty messages. No-one has the right to do this.

Over the next 5 weeks we will remind everyone how to deal with bullying:

TIP 5: Bullies first need to recognise that their behaviour is bullying . They need to understand that their behaviour leads to negative consequences.

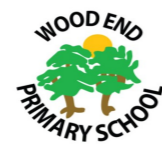
Sharing your worries and concerns are really important.
Talk to your friend, parent or teacher.



Watch this space for further exciting updates...



Pablo Picasso



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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