

**Next Weeks Assembly Theme:** Charity of the Year/Making a difference

Reminder: Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day

## What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>CLUB - Summer Football</b>	Yr6 Grammar Guru Mini Cross Country - Austrey Fields	Yr6 Grammar Guru <b>CLUB - Homework &amp; ICT</b> <b>CLUB - Cross Country</b>	English Excellence Foxes Fun with Figures Yr6 Grammar Guru <b>CLUB - Summer Athletics</b> Yr1/2 5-a-side Football	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm <b>CLUB - Embody Dance</b>

## Holidays in Term Time

Over the past few weeks, I have received an increasing number of requests for holidays in term time. We do NOT support holidays being taken in term time. It is disruptive for the school meaning we have to rearrange class groups, results in significant additional administration work and most importantly has a significant impact on the child's progress. It is a myth that 'my child will catch up' and/or 'it doesn't matter in primary schools. Our children experience individualised programmes of work each and every day and we can't reteach work missed.

The Headteacher may only grant leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. **Examples of any exceptional circumstances where leave may be granted during term time are as follows:**

- If a parent is service personnel and is returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays.
- Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue. Evidence of this would need to be provided by the GP or consultant.
- The death or terminal illness of a close relative, only if Headteacher is satisfied that the circumstances are truly exceptional;
- Out of school programmes such as music, arts or sport operating at a high standard of achievement. Documentary evidence of this event will be required.
- Religious observance – The Education Act 1996 S444(3) (c), states "on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his/her parent belongs";
- To attend a wedding or funeral of a close relative if the Headteacher is satisfied that the circumstances are truly exceptional; Leave should only be authorised for this purpose when a Headteacher is satisfied that there is a persuasive reason for holding the wedding during term time and there WILL be an onus on parents to show clear evidence that this absence is absolutely an exceptional circumstance. In difficult family situations the Headteacher may use his/her discretion in granting leave and each case should be addressed on its individual merits, taking into account the overall welfare of the child.

### Examples of circumstances NOT considered as exceptional;

- Holidays abroad for the purpose of visiting a sick relative, excepting where that person is seriously ill. Medical evidence may be requested.
- Holidays taken in term time due to lower cost/parental work commitments.

Being in school every day is key to children making expected progress in school.

**Mrs Cross**  
Executive Headteacher

## Spot Light on Excellence...



### GEMS

There has been a buzz of excitement around school this week. The new word in the corridors is **GEMS**.

Children love the new rewards system where GEMS are awarded for growth mindset, effort, manners and success along with showing respect. Every child in school has already been awarded GEMS and are eager to earn more. I have been shown many pieces of work where children rightly deserve GEMS for effort and success. There has also been an improvement in the way children show respect to each other, earning them respect GEMS.

I look forward to our celebration assembly at the end of term where we award the person with the most GEMS overall and the person with the most GEMS for respect, further reinforcing our one word school rule.

Keep striving for those GEMS children!

**Mrs Smith**  
Associate Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

### Summer Term

01/05/18: Mini Cross Country Race at Austrey Fields

03/05/18: Ricketts Shield 5 –a-side Football at Dawmill Football Club

### May Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May

14/05/18: Yr6 SATS begin

21/05/18: Yr2 SATS begin

21/05/18: Yr3/Yr4 Quad Kids

22/05/18: Photographer - Class Photographs

### Half Term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

08/06/18 - 11/06/18: Manor Adventure Trip - Badgers

22/06/18: **Staff Training Day**

27/06/18: Grandparents Lunch

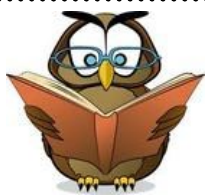
05/07/18: Induction Day

10/07/18: Sports Day - weather permitting

19/07/18: Yr6 Awards Night

### Summer Term ends Friday 20th July

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.



## HOME READING

Helping your child achieve their weekly Reading Target is absolutely vital. This task does not need to be difficult to achieve. It only needs 5 minutes to sit and listen to your child and it makes a difference to your child's progress. Make sure that every time your child reads it is written down in their reading record and signed.

### Children who Read Succeed!



# WELCOME TO PARENTPAY

Trusted Cashless School Payments

Please make sure there are no outstanding debts on your children's ParentPay accounts. All meals taken, swimming lessons, activities, clubs and trips need to be paid for as soon as possible - school dinners need to be paid on a weekly basis and wraparound care must be paid in advance of sessions being taken. Please contact the school office if you have difficulty accessing your ParentPay account.

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## ...IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

**Contact Information** - Please ensure that you update the School when your contact details change, especially mobile phone numbers! Without this information you will be unable to receive text messages and important reminders!

**PE Kit** - It is essential that children bring their PE Kits into school on the morning they are needed. If children do not have the correct clothing then they will not be able to participate in activities as we have no spare kits in school.

**Book Bags** - Your child's bag should contain - a Me to You Form and their reading pack (every day). Letters will be sent home via the bag and should be returned in the same way. Toys are not permitted in school so please make sure they are removed from your child's bag by checking daily.

**Earrings** - It is preferred that children do not wear earrings in school because of the potential for injury and the significant problems they cause when needing to take them out for PE and games etc. If earrings are worn they may ONLY be small plain "ball like studs".

**At the Start of the Day** - The School day starts at 8.40am and the gates are open from 8.30am to allow parents and pupils to arrive on time. Children from Nursery to Year 2 **MUST** be supervised by an adult until collected from the playground by their Teacher. Please ensure that younger children do not climb onto or over playground equipment.

JOB VACANCIES

## Midday Supervisor

Temporary Fixed Term to 20/07/18

Monday to Friday, Scale B, 11.50am to 1.05pm, 6.25hrs per week

Wood End Primary is a village school within Community Academies Trust and the Executive Head teacher is seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisor on a temporary basis until the end of term to join our team.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need. This is a great opportunity to do something really rewarding, work with wonderful children and gain some valuable extra experience for that CV! Further details and application forms are available from the school website. Please return completed applications via email to :-

[admin2023@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2023@welearn365.com) or in printed format in person to the School Office.

## School Uniform Shop Open for Business!



Polite reminder that all children should be wearing the correct uniform showing the school logo. We have a good selection of sizes/age ranges — and its so easy to order too! Just go onto our school website and click onto the Uniform shop, select items to drop into the basket, enter required details then make payment and collect from the school office



Don't forget to log into eSchools to see what is happening on your children's class pages. The eSchools 'App' is available for you to download from the Apple or Google Play stores. The App will allow you to receive text notifications directly from the school to your mobile device. Login is also available via the School website.

### Last Week's Postcards Home

Butterflies = Freddie Harvey

Hedgehogs = Roxy Morton

Dragonflies = Tia Smith Jones

Foxes = Tia Harvey

Badgers = Paige Nunan Collins

If your child receives a postcard please bring it back to school so it can be shared in our celebration assembly on Friday afternoon! This postcard is your invite to our celebration assembly on Friday at 2.40pm in the hall.

## Attendance W/E 20/04/18

	Last Week	Year
Ladybirds	86.05%	95.22%
Butterflies	78.98%	91.67%
Hedgehogs	96.12%	94.83%
Dragonflies	89.17%	95.09%
Foxes	89.73%	94.11%
Badgers	92.86%	96.10%

Please ensure you make contact with the school each day that your child is unable to attend