

Reminders: We have spaces at our before and after school club. To book contact the school office on 01827 872237.				
Week commencing 3rd October 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3pm-Dodge ball club	3pm-Multi skills club	8am-Choir club 3pm-Homework/ICT club	3pm-Football club 3pm-Bookworm club	2.35pm-Celebration Assembly

Letters sent home this week: Protecting our Children from Harm, Grandparents' lunch, Maths Booster Group, Manor Adventure Trip.

Dear parents,

Today we have witnessed an amazing 'Wood End Bake Off' in aid of Macmillan Coffee Morning.

An incredible variety of different sized cakes have arrived in school for this annual event, organised by our marvellous FOWES. This is one of many events that has been organised by our parent association which they lead with professionalism and pride.

The children of Wood End Primary School are very privileged to have such dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly and raise funds for the benefit of all children at Wood End.

There are some exciting up and coming events that have been organised by FOWES, such as the Christmas disco and also the very successful Christmas Fayre.

To ensure that these events are run efficiently and smoothly, FOWES need the support of as many parent and grandparent volunteers as possible. The Friends of Wood End School are a friendly and approachable group of volunteers who would be delighted to increase their membership by inviting more volunteers to help them.

If you would like to join FOWES and be rewarded by helping to raise funds for the children of Wood End, have fun and meet more people, please let Joe or Sue know or fill in the form below expressing your interest in joining FOWES and hand to the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Carolyn Hadley-Head of School

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Expression of interest in joining FOWES

Name

Parent of.....

Class.....

Signed Date



Supporting
Macmillan
Coffee Morning



Look at all those wonderful cakes! They look scrumptious!



Stars of the week

Well done to all our stars this week!

Beech — Tyler Farmer-For settling so well in to Beech class.

**Cedar — Lily-Rose Stanley-For always
being focused and on task.**

Oak— Rubie-Rose Tocknell-You worked hard to include imperative verbs in your writing.

Pine —Keiran Smith-You have tried really hard with your writing this week.

Willow — Kristina Andronic-For settling well in to Wood End Primary School

How do we deal with bullying?

Ensuring children are safe and happy in school

Our schools have been recognised for the children's 'Outstanding behaviour' and we are rightly very proud of this. We work extremely hard to ensure that relationships across school are excellent and we invest a lot of time in assemblies, class sessions and PSHE (Personal Social Health and Education) and run an 'Anti-Bullying Week'.

Bullying is however thankfully extremely rare in our schools, but as with every organisation (including those adults work in) it is sometimes present in some shape or form. Any school or any organisation which says '*we have no bullying*' probably has a poor understanding of what it is, or is being dishonest about its presence. Our role is to ensure that we prevent bullying by giving children an understanding of what it is and the power and support to tackle it, as well as creating a climate where it is totally unacceptable.

Children and adults can get the definition of 'bullying' wrong and use what is a very strong 'description' wrongly. Whilst children and adults will too often say 'my child is being bullied', in reality what is happening is children bickering or arguing with each other. Bullying is not usually a 'single isolated incident' of another child saying or doing something unpleasant to another person, but is something that is more likely to be planned and repeated.

Our schools are extremely ordered and friendly environments, with a really strong system for stopping things occurring. We use 'stop it please' to let people know we 'don't like it'. If an issue then continues, we spend time talking to each person to understand and explain why their behaviour is not acceptable. We will also contact parents if the issue is serious and will also place reminders in our diary to return to the issue and check all is OK in the future. Any bullying is recorded in a log to ensure we don't forget that a problem has occurred and reminders are given to staff the next school year.

Thankfully, over the past five years our 'bullying logs' show less than a handful of incidents, which is an extraordinary result that we are very proud of. However, we are not complacent and will continue to work hard to ensure that our children treat each other with the highest levels of respect.

Mr May Director of Education

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

'My child is too young for homework, they should be out enjoying themselves!'

Actually if the homework set is boring, lacking in challenge and a complete waste of time, we agree!!!

Well set homework that engages the children, recaps on the days learning or really motivates them to 'find out more' is what we strive for. Clearly, setting homework which achieves these aims, when the teacher can't be present, is a challenge. We do however do our very best and our teachers are regularly monitored to ensure that we don't slip into tasks which do little to improve children's progress.

Weekly Safety Question ... *Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question and we help them answer it. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:*

'When should you call 999, and when shouldn't you?'



Attendance

Our attendance this week is 96.9%

Wow!! Keep it up everyone!

Our school attendance target is

97.5%

Let's see if we can reach our target next week!

Housepoints

Our housepoint winners this week with 198 housepoints are

Birch Coppice - Well done!!!

Academic Year 2016-2017

Autumn Term 2016

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.

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 cannot re-teach work missed.

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted onto the school site **under any circumstances**, this includes dogs being held. A number of parents tie dogs up outside school on the school gate. We would appreciate all parents reminding children not to touch dogs, however friendly they seem. Animals are not permitted to be carried into school.



Harvest Festival on the

Farm: All are invited to the annual Harvest Festival Service and Lunch organised by the Kingsbury and Baxterley

Group of Parishes. The service will be at **11am on Sunday 9th October** in the barn at Flanders Hall Farm in Foul End, Hurley, CV9 2JN. Harvest gifts that are brought will be sold after the service to raise funds for this year's charities, Water Aid and the Air Ambulance Service. Children are invited to bring a decorated egg or potato, and prizes will be given to the best.



Parent Pay

This academic year we will become a cashless school by October. Dinner money and before and after school care has already been added to Parent Pay and we are in the process of adding trips, clubs, swimming, uniform and all other costs as we progress.

If you have not already logged onto your Parent Pay account, please do so.

If you have lost your log in details or have any queries regarding this, please email admin2023@welearn365.com and we will be able to help you.

Thank you. The Office team.

School Uniforms

are not 'optional' at our school. It is expected that ALL children wear the uniform that is described in our school prospectus. We do not allow variations such as 'same colour sweatshirt' but no logo, or adaptations to any aspect. We reserve the right to ask parents to collect children who attend in incorrect uniform.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful Destinations.

Community Advertising



We need volunteers!

We are seeking willing volunteers to help our wonderful children in the classroom or in and around school.

If you are keen to support, please contact the school office.

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.**

Friday 28th October—Halloween Party

Saturday 5th November—Bonfire & Firework display, BBQ

Saturday 12th November—Local band "The Pinch"

Friday 9th December—Childrens Christmas party

Xmas Eve—Karaoke

News Year Eve—Family Disco



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