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Reminder: Dinner money is £2.15 per day and £10.75 per week and must be paid via Parent Pay, thank you.

Next Weeks Assembly Theme: Friendship & our friends/St. Andrew's Day

What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club		TRIP—Foxes to Lapworth Museum. Cross Country Club Homework & ICT Club	KS2 Multi Skills Club	Embody Dance Club

## **Parents Evening**

We were delighted by the excellent attendance at our parents evenings this week. Whilst we are aware that with the busy lives we all experience today, it is sometimes difficult to attend school events, it was so impressive that almost every parent attended to support their child

Parents' evenings are important occasions at which we share information on children's progress and go over essential 'next steps' in learning. We also discuss behaviour, attendance. medical/personal issues and any special education needs issues children have. Most importantly we agree ways in which we can work together and parents can support children at home. We always try to be really positive about all the fantastic progress children have made, but also not vague about areas where improvement is required.

The impact of a parents evening is very apparent. We notice many children have a renewed enthusiasm for school, particularly in areas where we have highlighted that they are brilliant! We also see children raising their game in areas where they need to do better.

The impact of 'parental interest' on children's progress is seriously underestimated. Children who make the best progress not only have great teachers, but often have parents who support homework, hear their child read and just simply show an interest in what children do at school that day. Our tip is however not to say 'what did you do at school today?', instead ask imaginative questions of children such as 'tell me 5 ways you used numbers' or 'what did the main character do in the story today', or 'what was your best/longest/most improved piece of writing today?'

If your children normally answer the question 'what did you do at school today?' with the reply 'nothing', it is like squeezing blood out of a stone finding out what they got up to. Achieving an answer which includes more detail is very much worth the extra effort!

**Mrs Cross Executive Headteacher** 

# Spot Light on Excellence...

### Children extending their learning at home

Over the past few weeks I have had the privilege of being shown learning that many children have completed at home.

This is work completed in addition to the regular set homework. I have recently seen a model of a WW1 tank and aircraft linked to Badger's theme.

Children have shown great enthusiasm and pride in stories they have written at home, information booklets about their current theme or handwriting and times table practise.

Learning at home is very important and it is amazing that our children are doing extra learning inspired by their work in school. Keep up the hard work Wood End Primary School, you are always making me proud.

Mrs Smith Associate Headteacher





### Special festive dates for your diary

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 9th December

1pm-3pm

Christmas Jumper Day – Monday **18th** December Christmas Production – Wednesday **20th** December

Times and tickets to be confirmed

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 21st December

School Closes at 1pm - Friday 22nd December

5 Fridays until Christmas!





Don't forget to log into eSchools to see what **eSchools** 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

# **Hedgehog Class - Happy at Infant Agility**

Luke-' On Wednesday we went on a coach to Polesworth High School!

James - 'We saw some activities in the Sport's Hall:

Sophie-'We sis some balancing on one leg. We had to do both legs and the Leaders were timing us'

Charlie-'We did a long jump. I had to swing my arms and bend my knees and then jump as far as I could'

George J- 'We did some running over little squares'

Shannon - 'There were some other children who taught us what to do. I had to throw the bean-bags into the coloured hoops'

Jake - 'We were happy because we got there on time!

### Wood End Club Forthcoming Events.....

Fri 8th Dec  $\sim$  Kids Christmas Party. Santa is visiting with a present for every child/Disco/Games. Join the festive fun £1 Adults Children free!

Sat 23rd Dec ~ Fabulous Queen Tribute Band

Sun 24th Dec ~ Bob & Wendy's Karaoke in the Bar!

**Sun 31st Dec** ~ New Years Eve Disco in the function room, £1 Adults Children free! NO TICKET REQUIRED

Sun 31st Dec ~ Bob & Wendy's Karaoke in the Bar!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all at Wood End Club!

# Dates for your Diary

29/11/17: Foxes Class Trip

30/11/17: Grandparent's Lunch

06/12/17: Yr6 Indoor Athletics

07/12/17: Butterflies Class Trip

08/12/17: Ladybird's Christmas

Celebration

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09/12/17: Christmas Fayre

# NO SWIMMING ON THE LAST WEEK OF TERM.

18/12/17: Christmas Jumper Day

20/12/17: Christmas Production

21/12/17: Christmas Lunch

22/12/17: School Closes 1pm

08/01/18: School Opens

08/01/18: Young Voices Concert

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

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# WOOD END SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Come and join a fantastic group of parents and staff who give some time to help with the Christmas Fayre. **PTA MEETING IN** 

# THE COMMUNITY SUITE AT 2PM WEDS 29th NOV

Nominations for PTA Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to take place in January 2018. Please contact the School Office for more information!





WELL DONE EVERYONE!

WE RAISED £158.00

# <u>Last weeks</u> Postcards Home

Ladybirds = Cody James Bryan

Butterflies = Jack Wylie

Hedgehogs = Jake King

Dragonflies = Macie Allen

Foxes = Izabella Carroll

Badgers = Lily-May Narborough

If your child receives a postcard please bring it to school so it can be shared in our celebration assembly on Friday afternoon!

# School Attendance

#### W/E 17/11/2017

Last Week Year Ladybirds 98.73% 98.53% 94.44% **Butterflies** 97.27% Hedgehogs 97.24% 94.79% 95.29% Dragonflies 96.55% Foxes 99.67% 96.87% Badgers 98.26% 97.24%



