

Reminders: We have spaces at our before and after school club. To book contact the school office on 01827 872237.				
Week commencing 10th 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:

Dear parents,

Children have the opportunity to express their views at Wood End Primary School.

We are very proud of our children that have been recently elected as House Captains and School Councilors. This now means that they will be able to represent the voices of all children at Wood End Primary School with purpose. Their role is widespread but ultimately it is about children having the opportunity to have a say in decisions in school that affect them.

- It encourages them to become active communicators in a fair society developing skills like cooperation and encouraging them to take responsibility.

-It contributes to greater achievement and attainment and the work that the children will become involved in will develop increased confidence, self respect and increased motivation and engagement with learning.

House Captains and School Councillors have an essential role to play in being exemplary role models and ambassadors and therefore represent the ideas of all children.

We have much to be excited about this year as School Council will lead several exciting events namely choosing and supporting our Charity of the Year, having responsibility for distributing our Harvest goods to the Atherstone Food Bank, having responsibility for leading 2 sub committees for Online Safety and the Environment and generating fundraising ideas. This promises to be a thrilling year for all and with our wonderful school representatives I am certain that they will play an important part in the decision making of the school in the best interests and learning opportunities for their peers.

Mrs Carolyn Hadley-Head of School



Working together with our local Police Officers

Stars of the week



Well done to all our stars this week!

Beech — Tiffanie Hughes-For settling in well and joining in at all times.

Cedar— Lily Eve Tonks-For working so hard in her phonics lessons.

Oak—Evan Skelding-For having a fantastic attitude towards his learning.

Pine —Harley Sadler-For being really enthusiastic about her reading.

Willow — Brooke Rowe-For putting 100% effort into all her work this week.

British Values

Recent dreadful world events have no shocked most of us and have certainly been talked about by our children. They have inevitably raised some really contentious issues that place real pressures on us all, and no less those of us in a primary school which to reassure our children but also teach them to understand the bigger picture. In our school we teach children to be respectful of each other and we believe that by learning about the differences and beliefs of others we will develop a greater understanding and tolerance. Our 'One Word School Rule' matches this aim.

The definition of 'British values' is set out in the Government '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, i.e. those that govern the class, the school, or the country, 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, responsibilities this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police; Fire Service; Lifeguards etc. are regular parts of our calendar. Pupils are regularly rewarded for great behaviour with stars, certificates 'postcards home' etc etc

Individual Liberty: Our pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. We educate and provide 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 such as Appreciation - our 'one word school rule'. Assemblies relate to what this means. Posters around the school promote this respect for others and this is reiterated through our classroom and learning rules, as well as our behaviour policy.

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 and discussions involving prejudices and prejudice-based bullying are followed and supported by learning in RE and PSHE.

Mr May

Director of Education

Myths and Legends

*A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear
'It fine... if I am late and cant get there for the end of the school
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 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:

'How do you cross the road safely?'

(**Tips:** Children need to learn how to cross the road safely. In 2010, around 19 child pedestrians (aged 0-11) were killed or seriously injured every week in Britain. The Green Cross Code is taught in schools but needs to be reinforced from home - and not just by memorising the words, but by parents practicing and explaining the code to their children. Do you know it? Do you follow it? The code is for everyone)

Look all around for traffic and listen

- Look all around for traffic and listen.
- Look in every direction.
- Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.



Attendance

Our attendance this week is **96.4%**

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 155 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.



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

Polite reminder - Letters were issued this week showing outstanding balances. Please log-on to Parent Pay and clear the balance as soon as possible.

If you have any problems with logging-on or clearing your balance please contact the Office.

School Car park

To prevent serious accidents to children, please note that

parents are NOT permitted to drive and park on the school site during the school day i.e. between 8.30am-5.00pm.

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.



Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/05** and **31/08/06** are due to start Secondary School in September 2017. **The deadline for on line applications is 31st October 2016.**

Warwickshire residents can make on-line applications for Primary and Secondary places at Warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions or call 01926 742037.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The best preparation for tomorrow, is doing your best today.'



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



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Summer's Playhouse
01827 874458 / 07581 228213
Sherwood Close Wood End

Jade Bailey
Ofsted Registered Childminder
summersplayhouse@hotmail.com

www.facebook.com/summersplayhouse

PANTS –The Underwear Rule

In school we teach children about how to keep safe and when they should tell adults about things that happen to them that seem wrong. The NSPCC have developed some really good rules to help children understand where and when it is wrong to be touched by another person. They call it the 'Underwear Rule' and use the word PANTS to help children understand the elements. We aim to introduce this to children shortly.

How and when to start conversations with your child about keeping themselves safe.

The NSPCC suggest small, honest and open conversations are the best way to introduce the 'Underwear Rule' to keep your child safe and talk about keeping safe. Inevitably your child will have questions so listen carefully and be straightforward in your answers. Check out-

www.nspcc.org.uk for excellent advice and resources.



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