

24th June 2016

Reminders: We have spaces at our before and after school club. To book contact the school office on 01827 872237.						
Week commencing 27th June 2016						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
		8am-8.40am-Choir club				
		R, Yr 1 and 2-Twycross Zoo trip	12pm-Newspaper club			
3pm-4pm-Cricket club	3pm-4pm-KS1 Multi Skills	3pm-4.15pm-Homework club- Mrs Joynson	3pm-4pm-Football club	2.35pm-Celebration Assembly		
	3pm-4pm-Cross Country club		3pm-4pm-Gymnastics club			
		3pm-4pm-Athletics club	3.30pm-Bookworm club			

Letters sent home this week: Yr 6 Trip to Ceva, Yr 6 Trip to the Gurdawara, Choir performance

Dear Parents,

Summer Fayre on Saturday, 25th June 1pm-3pm

This Saturday sees another Wood End Primary School Summer Fayre. A day that we have all been waiting patiently for!

Firstly I would like to invite you to this exciting event as I am certain that you and your children will have the most amazing time.

Secondly if anyone can help FOWES on the day to run stalls, help set up, I know that they would be hugely grateful for the extra support.

An enormous thank you to our Friends of Wood End for organising and preparing this event. We have so much in store;

-Children from each class have Enterprise Stalls where they will be selling various items ranging from lemon biscuits to decorated plant pots.

We have a presentation of;

- Bhangra dancing.
- A bouncy castle
- An assault course
- Welly wanging

Please support this event as it promises to be another successful Summer Fayre.

We will be crossing fingers and toes for the sun shining on us on Saturday. However if it does rain then the event will be held in the school building.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Head of School -Mrs Carolyn Hadley



Support from and our growing links with Ocado kick starts our promotion of Reading for Pleasure and our Extreme Reading Challenge.

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Well done to all our stars this week!

Beech — Astan-James-For super, independent subtraction.

Cedar — Jackson Sheahan-For great use of expression and actions whilst performing a poem.

★ Oak — Mia Noon-For being an excellent role ★ model. ★

Pine — Elliot Rowe-For completing additional theme work at home.

Willow — George Packer-For sauper work in computing lessons.

Technological Change

' a leap forward in using technology for convenience and efficiency'

During the course of this academic year we have been making significant changes in how we use technology to teach, inform and operate. Whilst parents will have noticed some of these changes, much of them have been developed in the background.

One of our most significant developments is the introduction of a VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) This exciting resource allows us to not only develop 'on line resources' to share across the academy, but also set homework and tasks for the children in a new and exciting way without the need for books and paper resources. Our VLE has also allowed children to experience 'blogging', and communicate with other children in a super safe environment, whilst also being taught the dangers when social networking goes wrong. Our revised websites, which are now hosted by 'E-Schools', have a common theme across our academy, provide vital policy information and also offer the opportunity to read our newsletter on line.

Over the past weeks, some of our schools have introduced 'Parent Pay'. This excellent 'cashless' payment system is now used across the majority of our academy schools, allowing parents to conveniently pay for trips, lunches and even uniform. In our schools which have not used Parent Pay before, we have seen many parents sign up and it has been well received. The advantages to the school are also enormous because we reduce incidences of children carrying money, free up much needed office time and also free up teachers to teach, rather than collect in money and keep registers. From the Spring Term next year we hope to be able to be 'cashless' and therefore would like as many parents as possible to sign up for Parent Pay now.

We are looking forward to further exciting developments next academic year which include further development of our 'on line shop', a Parents Evening booking form as well as greater use of computing to set children quizzes and learning activitys.

Mr May – Director of Education

ParentPay

We are pleased to announce that ParentPay will be commencing next week, Monday, 20th June.

Logins have been sent out to all parents and it is expected that payments for dinners and school trips will be made this way from Monday, 20th June on-wards.

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face

'It is the school's job to teach my child and not mine! '

Surprisingly we have heard this as an argument for a child not completing homework at home! In reality parents ARE the first educators, teaching children to smile, talk and eat! Education is a partnership between home and school and we desperately need parents to help their child progress rapidly by hearing them read EACH week and as often as possible, helping with homework, preparing them for maths tests and all manner of other activities such as looking up areas of work being covered in school.

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: Is a FRIEND on line a 'real' friend?



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 240

housepoints are DAW MILL - Well done!!!



Our new charity for this year is Polesworth Group Homes, supporting

adults with learning disabilities. We have raised £248.48, so far. Thank you for your support.

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Academic Year 2015-2016

Summer Term 2016 Willow trip to the Gurdwara, Smethwick Tuesday, 28th June Year R/1 and 2 Twycross Zoo Wednesday 29th June Grandparents Lunch Friday 1st July KS1 and 2 Sports Day Monday 11th July Nursery and Reception Sports Day Tuesday 12th July Reserve KS1, 2 Sports Day Wednesday 13th July Showcase Evening Wednesday 13th July Reserve Nursery/Reception Sports Day Thursday 14th July Staff Development Day Friday 15th July Leavers Assembly Wednesday 20th July Leavers Evening Thursday 21st 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.

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.

Holidays in Term Time

Government legislation has tightened up very significantly in this area and it is now highly unlikely that holidays will be approved in term times. Apart from the fact that Government legislation is very strong in this area the school also does not support parents taking children out for holidays and missing vital lessons.

Please DO NOT arrange holidays in term time

Homework is extremely important. It goes out twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday. If you don't receive it please contact school immediately. Thank you.

FOWES Events



Lots of events are about to take place led by our wonderful and ever growing FOWES.

Saturday 25th June-Summer Fayre

If you would like to support in any small way, please contact Joe and Sue through the School Office.



Sun Awareness:

IMPORTANT: It is very important that children attend school with a water bottle, a hat and in sunny weather have applied 'all day sun cream' before coming in. Whilst the children are rarely outside for more than an hour during a school day, we take great care to ensure they are not adversely affected by strong sun.

For children with particularly sensitive skin or if parents wish, parents are welcome to attend school at lunchtime to apply additional sun cream.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Jo believed in a better world and she fought for it every day of her life with an energy, and a zest for life that would exhaust most people.

She would have wanted two things above all else to happen now, one that our precious children are bathed in love and two, that we all unite to fight against the hatred that killed her.'

Brendan Cox-husband of Jo Cox MP

Community Advertising



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



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To purchase a table contact Susie; 07891 222551





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