



WEPS weekly

21st July 2017

Collecting Children from School

Please ensure arrangements for collecting children are made before the start of the school day to avoid confusion and so that children are fully aware of who will be collecting them. These arrangements **MUST** be written on your Childs from me to you! Children in Reception must be dropped off and collected by a named adult.

VERY IMPORTANT

It is **essential** that the school has up-to-date contact details for parents. Of particular importance is the need for the school to have correct mobile phone numbers for all parents. We use the schools 'text message' service to alert parents of school closure, illness, 'strange danger'

Stanger Awareness

As promoted by Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board's Taking Care Scheme please do not teach blanket 'stranger danger' messages to children. The reason for this is that sometimes a stranger is the only person who can help us and is a far safer option than not talking to anyone. E.g. a child lost in a shop is far safer to tell a stranger they are lost than to wander off looking for the person they have separated from. We may choose to discuss the likely 'safest' strangers in such scenarios such as a mother with a pram or small children or someone who works in the shop.

However, we do need to clarify the stranger issue as plainly there are situations we may want to warn children about for their own safety e.g.

- Not to get in a car with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when and has given permission.
- Not leaving school with someone other than who they were expecting unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission and they have checked with a school staff member. Sometimes a password system is used so that children are only released into the care of an adult who can give the correct password – this is usually changed as soon as it has been used once.
- Not to walk off with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- If someone tries to grab them it is ok to break all the rules of politeness to others e.g. scream, kick, punch, bite...etc. Whatever they need to do to draw attention to themselves and alert others to the fact they are in danger.

Please reinforce these safety messages to the children regularly without giving them the idea that ALL strangers are 'bad'.

Wood End Club

57 Tamworth Road, Wood End

Quiz Night—every 3rd Thursday of the month. 8.30pm start.

27th August—Family fun day—BBQ & bouncy castle.

27th October—Halloween Party—Fancy dress & Disco.

4th November—Firework display & BBQ

8th December—Children's Christmas party

Function room available for events.

Uniform and Kit Reminder

Please remember that EVERY item of school uniform and PE kit **MUST** be clearly labelled with a name. This helps us to ensure that any lost property can be returned quickly and easily to the correct children. Should your child inadvertently bring home an item of uniform that is not theirs please return it to school as soon as possible to return to it's owner.

St Michael and All Angels Church
Smith Street, Wood End

invite you to

pop In Church

The Church will be open
from 2.30 to 4.30pm on the
last Thursday of the month.
All Welcome.



Starting Thursday 29th June

Pop In! for a cuppa
Pop In! on the school run
Pop In! for a few minutes peace
Pop In! for a bit of company

CAMEO DANCE Est.2003

Fun Children's Dance Classes Held in Polesworth

Classes For Children From Age 2 ½

BALLET * TAP * ACROBATICS * MODERN

Tuesdays (from Feb '17) & Fridays From 4:30pm

Juniors (6-11yrs) Fridays from 5:30pm Memorial Hall

Visit www.cameodance.co.uk Facebook Charlotte Kate Cameo

Call into the Tithe Barn from 4:30pm on Fridays or Call Liz on

07443421867 to arrange your child's **FREE TRIAL**



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What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Letters sent home this week:

Happy Summer Holidays

In our final newsletter of the school year, I wish to express my thanks to all of the staff, parents and most of all children for making the past 7 months so enjoyable and productive. There have been changes at Wood End that have seen an improvement in results and there are clear priorities that have been identified for September to keep the school moving in the right direction.

Our priority has been to focus on maintaining excellent teaching at all levels, in supportive and friendly environments where all of our children are valued and treated with respect. We are starting to reap the rewards from everyone's hard work with many external visitors commenting on how lovely our school is.

Whilst our schools achievements are clearly down to quality teaching and wonderfully behaved and hard-working pupils, we should also recognise the efforts of our, governors, teaching assistants and all of our administrative, catering and site management staff. All of these teams achieve the highest standards on a daily basis and are vital to the success of our organisation.

We also value the quite extraordinary support of our loyal parent body. Not only do they attend school events in large numbers, as was seen in recent Sports Days, but also get involved in all the curriculum events we put on. Our PTA group has also excelled this year, raising significant money to provide 'instances of delight' for the children.

We look forward to September with great excitement. It will be a period of significant change for Wood End as colleagues move on or are promoted and we look to replace the 'irreplaceable'. Following the restructure, we have employed a number of experienced and excellent staff and will be fielding our strongest teams ever when we return in September. All of the staff are looking forward to teaching a marvellous group of children, we are already very proud of.

May I wish you all a relaxing and well deserved Summer break and our very best wishes to all those leaving us this term.

Mrs Cross
Headteacher

Spot Light on Excellence...

Our children

I have saved the best for last. The most excellent thing about our school, as I tell everyone all of the time, is the children in it. I consider myself to have one of the very best jobs in the world and it is one I never take for granted. To be part of an organisation that is full of enthusiastic, positive and resilient people is a real privilege and one I know many adults are envious of. The children of Wood End make me smile every time I am in the building. They exude positivity and pride in our school. They are incredibly polite and are eager to share everything with me. Their willingness to tackle new situations is commendable and their support for one another is lovely. I thank each and every one of the pupils at Wood End for making me so welcome this year and for being simply brilliant. Have a fantastic summer, stay safe and I will see most of you in September.

Mrs Cross

Academic Year 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

Staff Inset Day	Monday 4th September
Return to school	Tuesday 5th September
Staff Inset Day	Friday 20th October
Half Term(1 week)	Monday 23rd October
Christmas Holiday	Friday 22nd December

Spring Term 2018

Staff Inset Day	Friday 5th January
Return to school	Monday 8th January
Half Term(1 week)	Monday 19th February
Staff Inset Day	Monday 26th February
Easter Holiday	Friday 30th March

Summer Term 2018

Return to school	Monday 16th April
Half Term(1week)	Monday 28th May
Staff Inset Day	Friday 22nd June
Summer Holiday	Friday 20th July

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.