

Reminders: We have spaces at our before and after school club. To book contact the school office on 01827 872237.				
Week commencing 16th May 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3pm-4.15pm-Year 6 Maths Booster Group</p> <p>3pm-4pm-Cricket club</p>	<p>3pm-4pm-KS1 Multi Skills</p> <p>3pm-4pm-Cross Country club</p>	<p>8am-8.40am-Choir club</p> <p>12pm-Homework club</p> <p>3pm-4.15pm-Homework club- Mrs Joynson</p> <p>3pm-4.30pm-Maths booster for Year 6</p> <p>3pm-4pm-Athletics club</p>	<p>12pm-Newspaper club</p> <p>3pm-4pm-Football club</p> <p>3pm-4pm-Gymnastics club</p> <p>3.30pm-Bookworm club</p>	<p>2.35pm-Celebration Assembly</p>

**Letters sent home this week: Early years pupil premium, Movie night, boulder central, infant agility, Twycross Zoo**

## Dear Parents

Assessment season is now in full swing at Wood End Primary School. I am proud to say that our year 6 children worked extremely hard and confidently this week undertaking their core subject assessments for SATs. Each and every child gave of their best and utilised all the learning that had been covered at their time at Wood End. Than you to our dedicated and hardworking staff for supporting them through a somewhat tense and nervous time.

You will be well aware that this year in relation to the revision of the National Curriculum, 'levels' have been removed. 'Levels' have been replaced by descriptors known as 'age related expectations.' In addition to this, the difficulty of the content expected within each year group's programme of study has been increased.

We are extremely fortunate that much work has already been completed within our long term subject plans to reflect that of the new National Curriculum and whilst we wait to see the impact of these raised expectations, we also bear in mind that it is possible that a child who was previously described as working 'above age related expectation', may now be 'in line with age related expectation' in the new criteria having actually made excellent progress.

This is a situation that all schools and families are facing across the country.

As teachers are preparing to write their end of year reports, they will ensure that their written comments reflect the progress that each child has made and their required next steps for improvement.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Carolyn Hadley-Head of School



**Joy for year 6 children as they complete their SATs tests this week.**



### Stars of the week

**Well done to all our stars this week!**

Beech — George Jenkins-For super writing  
of numbers to 20.

Cedar — Maggie Milton-Harris-For trying hard all week to improve her handwriting.

Oak—Emily-Grace Stilgoe-For a fantastic effort and enthusiasm with all her learning.

Pine — Fiona Warburton-For an outstanding attitude to learning.

Willow — All Year 6 children-For excellent attitudes and effort in SATs.

## Our Teachers

Our teachers are our 'lead professionals' in our schools. They are responsible for managing not only the children in their class, but all the support staff within it, as well as the resources and planning and delivering the day to day curriculum.

Feedback from our parents following Parents Evenings, is overwhelmingly positive about our teachers. Parents write about our teacher's excellent relationships with children, their care and efforts for our pupils. Our teachers were also praised for their imaginative and exciting lessons, originality of homework tasks, their hard work and dedication to the children.

Our teachers are appointed following a very rigorous and searching process. Not only are they interviewed by panels of Governors and education professionals, but are also observed teaching, completing problem solving tasks, as well as a group activity and lesson planning activity. Our rigorous interview process is extremely tough. Only the very best teachers win through to the end and we are proud and eager for them to join our 'outstanding schools'

On a daily basis our teachers make us very proud. Each and every one of them goes the extra mile for our children and they are an extraordinarily talented group of people I am privileged to work with. Our teachers never do a '9-5 day'. They are often in school by 7.30am (or before!) and seldom leave before 5, and despite common misconceptions don't have '12 weeks off a year' since they work much of it planning lessons or preparing classrooms and resources.

As a result of our continued growth, over the past few weeks across our academy schools we have interviewed for new staff and promoted others to senior posts. I am delighted to report that we have employed additional 'outstanding teachers' to join our schools and also further strengthen leadership teams.

I remain very grateful to our teachers for their dedication to our children. Without their hard work, skill and tireless enthusiasm to give our children the best, our schools would not be the places they are.

Mr May-Executive Headteacher

The majority of our trips and visits in school, the elements of the uniform we provide, clubs and activities and swimming lessons are significantly subsidised by the school or are completely free. We work hard to keep costs as low as possible for EVERYONE, however, children in receipt of free school meals are usually offered trips and visits free of charge using funds we receive from the Government dedicated to supporting them.

## Myths and Legends

*A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face*

*'He's lost another sweat shirt again, the school don't bother to look'*

We actually spend hours helping the children look after their uniforms and 'training' children how to ensure items are not left behind. Apart from providing each child with a 'named peg', we also spend a lot of time reminding children constantly about 'putting items away', placing them in bags and on pegs. 'Cloakroom sweeps' occur regularly every few weeks we conduct 'forensic investigations' trying to identify 'worn out' or badly written name tags.

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:*

*'If you wake up at night and the house is full of smoke, what would you do?'*



## 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 279 housepoints are Kingsbury - Well done!!!



Our new charity for this year is Polesworth Group Homes, supporting adults with learning disabilities. We have raised £248.48 from donations at the Christmas performance and our Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for your support.

### Academic Year 2015-2016

#### Summer Term 2016

Half Term (1 week)	Monday 30th May
EYFS Induction Meeting	Thursday 9th June
Year 6 Residential-Manor Adventure	Friday 10th 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.** Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

**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.

### Scooters and Bicycles

Bicycles and scooters must not be ridden on the playgrounds or paths before or after school because of potential injury to our parents, children and younger toddlers.

### Parent pay-Coming soon

Parent pay is coming soon. Letters will be sent out very shortly detailing the start date.

Thank you.

### **FOWES Events**



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

**Thursday 19th May-FS and KS1**

**Movie Night**

**Thursday 26th May-KS2 Coin run**

**Friday 17th June-Non uniform day**

**Saturday 25th June-Summer Fayre**

### Sun Awareness

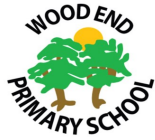
Please do not send in sun creams, sprays or lotions for your child to apply in school. Unfortunately we reluctantly do not allow these in school due to the potential for damage to children's eyes. Please apply long lasting sun protection BEFORE coming to school which are available from £4.99 in many supermarkets, high street shops and chemists such as Asda, Sainburys, Savers, Superdrug, Boots etc.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**



"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on Treasure Island."

Walt Disney



## 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

## Wood End Club



57 Tamworth Road, Wood End. Atherstone

Function room available for events

TABLE TOP SALE

Sunday 24th April, 1pm start

To purchase a table contact Susie;

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