

REMINDER: Please keep COVID-19 safe during half term.

Next week...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
November 2nd Inset Day	November 3rd Children back to school		November 5th Guy Fawkes Bonfire Banquet	

End of Half Term

Normally I would be writing this detailing all of the exciting trips, visits and activities that have taken place this half term. This year it's different. The first half of this half term was spent adjusting to the new routines in school – ensuring the safety of the pupils and staff. These are now very much embedded in our everyday practice. The children have been amazing and we are all very proud of them.

Staff have worked hard to adjust and adapt their teaching too! There are many factors that currently influence the way we have to teach. Activities we would normally plan to complete in small groups, now have to be completed in pairs or independently. The curriculum has to be adapted to take into consideration limiting the use of shared resources and social distance where possible.

All that being said, the learning I have seen taking place has been excellent. The children are engaged in their themes and I have seen many children with good work who are incredibly proud of their achievements and progress.

As we move into the next half term, we will be sending out reports to parents that detail how the children have settled into this new way of working. I am confident that even more progress will be made as staff now know their children really well and will be able to cater to their needs to maximise their progress.

Thank you, as parents, for your understanding, support and patience during this time of adjustment. We are constantly reviewing what we do to make sure we are achieving our best in the circumstances we are presented with. Unfortunately there isn't a blueprint for handling school life in a pandemic – we are learning as we go and your support in this is greatly appreciated. Enjoy half term safely – keep to the guidance that is currently in place in order to keep our community safe.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Head

Spot Light on Excellence.....



Farewell Mrs Cannon

This Friday marks the end of an era at Wood End Primary as we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Cannon. Mrs Cannon has been a Midday Supervisor at Wood End Primary school for over 17 years. During this time, she has supported thousands of children in the dinner hall and played hundreds of games in the playground. She has been an integral part of the team, always attending the Christmas performance and Leavers' assembly. The children, and some parents, will have fond memories of their lunchtimes with Mrs Cannon. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Cannon our best wishes and hope that she enjoys her new spare time. I am sure we will still see her passing the school when walking her dog.

Thank you, Mrs Cannon, for your years of dedication to our school, it is very much appreciated.

Mrs J Smith
Associate Headteacher



Last Week's Postcards Home

Ladybird = Harper

Butterfly = Evie

Hedgehog = Ivy

Dragonfly = Poppy

Fox = Erin

Badger = Lily-Eve

Otter = Liam

Who's who?

Miss A Smith

Hi Everyone! I have worked at Wood End since the spring of 2017, when I was just 18 years old! When I started I was a casual admin assistant, doing any filing, completing the newsletter, and lots more. I did this whenever I wasn't at university. For just over a year now, I have been the schools Finance and Admin Administrator. I deal with all things admin and money, including dinners, payroll and still the weekly newsletters ect. I love that each day I have different tasks and challenges, it really keeps me engaged in my work. It is amazing to see the children all over school. One of my favourite aspects of my job is the children being excited to tell me what they are learning in class! In my spare time I enjoy visiting and learning about all the history of new places, this is really interesting to me. I LOVE to learn. My biggest passion has to be dance. I have danced since I was 18 months old, competing since the age of 4 and since the age of 10 I always compete against people who where at least 10 years older than me! When I was in year 10 I moved to a specialised performing arts school, Birmingham Ormiston Academy, to study Musical Theatre for 4 years. I then carried on my training in Dance at University. I graduated in the summer of 2019, and opened my dance school straight away. I'm looking forward to many more years at Wood End!



Academic Year 2020-2021

Academic Year 2020/21

26/10/20 - 30/10/20

Half Term

02/11/20

Inset Day school closed to pupils

05/11/20

Guy Fawkes Bonfire Banquet

11/12/20

Christmas Jumper Day

16/12/20

Christmas Dinner Day

18/12/20

Last day of Term **1:05pm finish**

21/12/20-01/01/21

Half Term

04/01/21

Inset Day school closed to pupils

05/01/21

Spring Term begins

22/01/21

Provisional Yr 6 Height & Weight

12/02/21

Last Day of Term

15/02/21 - 19/02/21

Half Term

22/02/21

Inset Day school closed to pupils

01/04/21

Last Day of Term

02/04/21-16/04/21

Half Term

19/04/21

Summer Term begins

03/05/21

May Bank Holiday

28/05/21

Last Day of Term

31/05/21 - 04/06/21

Half Term

07/06/21

Inset Day school closed to pupils

18/06/21

Inset Day school closed to pupils

21/07/21

Last Day of Term **1:05pm finish**

Please note Diary Dates may be subject to change.

New dates are in italics

Attendance W/E 16/10/2020

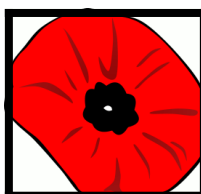
	Last Week	Year
Ladybirds	94.94%	94.75%
Butterflies	93.31%	93.22%
Hedgehogs	99.20%	94.65%
Dragonflies	91.92%	94.11%
Foxes	97.81%	97.68%
Badgers	96.69%	95.12%
Otters	94.67%	89.94%

WELL DONE HEDGEHOG CLASS!

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Spotlight on Fox Class The Animal Man

To wrap up our Predator theme, we had a very exciting zoom call with an animal expert. The children met both predators and prey and learnt how these animals survive in the wild. The children met Bill the Gecko, Miss Fluffy the Tarantula and many more animals. We then were taken around the animal sanctuary to see some other furry and feathery animals. The children met a not so smelly Skunk, Barn Owls, Tawny Owls and a Snowy Owl. We also walked past a cheeky Llama, zoom bombing our predator talk. To finish the children were given the opportunity to ask the animal expert questions, with a surprise visit from the original 'Animal Man' who was very impressed with our Predator knowledge.

Here are some quotes of what the children learnt:

"Snow leopards stalk their prey and hunt from above"

"Alligators are ambush predators"

"Cuckoo birds lay their eggs in another birds nest, then when it hatches it throws the other eggs out. "

"We must make sure we look after both predators and prey, we can do this by not cutting down trees and plants as they use these as their homes. "