

REMINDER: Stay safe over the Christmas holiday!

Next week...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
INSET DAY	Children return to school			

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Well, we have made it! It is the end of term and the end of 2020. If you had asked me back in January what this year would be like, there is no chance I could have guessed this would be the reality! It has certainly been a year of challenges and adversity, but our schools have worked tirelessly throughout to ensure that we have maintained the best educational offer possible in the circumstances.

I would like to thank parents for their understanding as we took time to understand and make plans from, often late, government guidance. We know there was an impact on our families in terms of childcare and arrangements, but we always had the children at the heart of our decision making and your patience meant a lot to the staff team. You have demonstrated huge levels of trust and support as you sent your children back to us in what was an uncertain time for us all and adjusting to all the new arrangements. So, THANK YOU!

I also want to thank the staff - not just our teachers - but ALL our staff. The **teaching staff** have been brilliant providing education in the strangest and newest of ways. The **office staff** have been epic! They have manned the phones during the most uncertain days, fielding calls and trying to explain the guidance which we had just received. They have transformed us into paperless schools in a seamless way and they are always positive even when they are overloaded with tasks that have been generated by the pandemic. Our schools have remained open for the majority of the year and yet they are clean and well maintained. This is down to the work of our **site staff** who have worked around the changes to our school year, where we have had to remain open for keyworker children through our usual scheduled breaks. **Our kitchen** has remained open throughout the pandemic serving hot meals to any child in school - even if that was just one person. We cannot thank them enough for their flexibility and support. We could not have done it without them!

And so we head into the festive season and 2021 with a sense of hope that there is light at the end of this particular tunnel. We will continue to work within the guidelines as the country hopefully starts to ease towards normality.

From all of us in school, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Mrs M Cross
Executive Head

Spot Light on Excellence.....

House competition

Each holiday we aim to have a house competition. This holiday break our competition had been set by our local police team. Warwickshire Police would like children to create a safety poster about parking around schools. There will be prizes for the best entries and some will even be turned into safety signs in our street.

If you would like to enter this competition, please read the information poster (further down in the newsletter). Then create your poster and hand it into the office before the closing date of Friday 8th January. The entries will then be collected by the local police officers to be judged. Remember you need to put your full name and Wood End Primary on the back of your poster.

As this is part of our house competition any child who brings in an entry for the competition will be awarded 5 tokens for their house team.

Good Luck children, I can't wait to see your amazing posters.

Mrs J Smith
Associate Headteacher

Last Week's Postcards Home

Butterfly = Elsie W

Hedgehog = Emily

Dragonfly = Ava W

Fox = Charlie

Badger = Luke

Otter = Jack S

Congratulations, these achievements will be celebrated in our school assembly with all the children.



Thank you!

Mrs Cross and Mrs Smith

These two people that are overdue a big THANK YOU! Mrs Cross and Mrs Smith have worked ever so hard over the year (as they always do!), we think it is important that they get the thank you that they deserve as well! Merry Christmas, we hope you have a lovely Christmas!

Badger class

Lily H- "You make sure we have everything we need to learn."
Jack- "You respect us and give us new challenges. You have made me love our school."
Lily-Eve- "You help us when we have a problem."
Megan- "You always have a smile on your face even if you've had a bad day. You try your hardest to make our school the best it can be."
William- "Thank you for making our school safe."
Olivia- "You are trustworthy and we can rely on you."
AJ- "You keep the school together by making everyone feel a part of the Wood End Jigsaw."
Roxy- "Thank you for being kind."
Maisie- "We can always count on you both."
Izzy- "You are always a friend to us and show us respect."
Sophie- "You always check in at the door to our bubble to see if we are ok and how we are getting on with our learning."
Shari- "You always ask about our day."
Nathan- "Even though you have big responsibilities, you still help us really well."
Luke- "You always greet everyone."

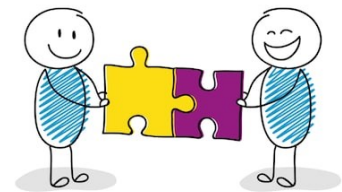
Butterfly class for Mrs Smith

"Thank you for doing celebration assembly."
"Thank you for helping to cut up our dinner and going outside with us."

Mrs Cross and Mrs Smith, you are both so loved and valued at Wood End Primary. Without you we wouldn't be the team that we are!

You make us all very happy!

#WoodEndJigsaw



Ladybird class for Mrs Smith

"Thank you" Dylan
"Thank you for being here" Terence
"Thank you, from Lillie" Lillie
"Thank you for letting us play" Ben

Dragonfly class

Jenson - "You are the best head teachers"
Ellie - "Hope you have a lovely Christmas you deserve it"
Poppy - "You are the best"
Heidi - "Thank you for being kind"
Frankie - "You are the best, happy Christmas"
Daniel - "Thank you for being amazing"
Charlie - "You making coming to school really happy"

Butterfly class for Mrs Cross

"Thank you for popping in and saying hello."
"Thank you for saying good morning to us."

Ladybird class for Mrs Cross

"Thank you for coming to saying hello!" Aliza
"Thank you for coming to see us" Harper
"Thank you for coming" Ellie

Hedgehog class for Mrs Smith:

Gracie- "She's really kind"
Jacob- "She keeps us safe"
Maddie- "She helps me when I'm unsure"
Charlie- "She makes me happy and safe"

Hedgehog class for Mrs Cross:

Harry- "She's very nice to the whole school and works very hard for us"
Emily- "She's kind and always says good morning"
Ellie-May- "She still helps us, even when we're in out separate safe bubbles"

Fox class

Bree- "Well done, you have worked so hard!"
Ava S- "You're the best head teachers"
Hartley- "You're the best people in the school"
Reuben- "You're doing a great job!"
Mia- "You're the best teachers ever"
Summer- "You're doing great!"
Brendan- "You're the best head teachers I could ever as for"

Otter class

Addison- "You're always helpful and nice" Ewan- "You're great teachers"
Ethan- "You deserve more than you have" Phoebe- "You bring joy"
Jack- "I've not been here long but I've enjoyed it because of you"
Matthew- "You're amazing because you greet me with happiness"
Skye- "You work hard to make the school a welcoming place"
Lottie- "You show respect!" Aiden- "You think about others"
Florence- "Your smiles make the school a happy place"
Harley- "You keep us entertained with lots of new ideas such as house competitions"

THURSDAY 17 th Dec	FRIDAY 18 th Dec	SATURDAY 19 th Dec	SUNDAY 20 th Dec	MONDAY 21 st Dec	TUESDAY 22 nd Dec	WEDNES- DAY 23 rd Dec	THURSDAY 24 th Dec Christmas Eve	FRIDAY 25 th Dec Christmas Day
School open as normal	School open Close at lunchtime	SCHOOL CLOSED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS						
Continue to report Covid symptoms and testing outcomes to school using coronavirus2063@welearn365.com - positive cases in this time frame could still lead to bubbles having to isolate. School will notify families in this situation.						Report positive cases to Test and Trace NOT school as it will not affect our bubbles after this date. Only inform school if the isolation period affects their return to school. Notify us of this on Monday 4th January . School reopens to pupils on TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2021		

Academic Year 2020-2021

Academic Year 2020/21

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

Who's who?

Mrs J Price



Hi! My name is Mrs Price and I am Badger Class teacher in year 5. I have been teaching for more years than I'd like to admit! I have worked within the Community Academy for several years now and have spent time teaching Key Stage One and Two at Wood End, Dordon and Birchwood schools. My spare time is mainly taken up with football- not playing! I have two teenage sons who both play on Saturdays and Sundays and I also hold a season ticket on the Kop at Liverpool FC (although I haven't been able to go there since March). When I'm not wrapped up at the side of a football pitch, I enjoy reading, going to the theatre and spending time with friends. During this year's lockdown, I also tried my hand a bit of painting and baking which I really enjoyed.



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Mixing outside of school and bubbles

Just a reminder that following government guidelines means families should be trying not to mix outside of school. Please do not be having 'play dates' ect.

When parents are collecting please also remember to keep socially distanced. 2 meters apart, with a mask and not hugging one another. There should only be 1 adult per household entering school site.

Attendance W/E 11/12/2020

	Last Week	Year
Ladybirds	92.50%	92.78%
Butterflies	96.67%	92.74%
Hedgehogs	97.69%	95.69%
Dragonflies	99.63%	95.85%
Foxes	97.10%	97.31%
Badgers	98.80%	96.59%
Otters	95.00%	92.50%

WELL DONE DRAGONFLY CLASS!



Do not

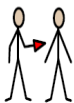


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has symptoms.



If you,

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anyone you live with,



has to be tested,



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all isolate



while



you wait for



your test result.



Do not



take your children



to school.



Competition Time

Your local police team are looking for budding artists to create some posters to tell people about dangerous parking next to our schools.

There will be prizes for winning entries at all of the schools and all schools who take part will receive a large banner to put on school gates or fences.

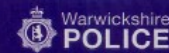


We hope you have some great ideas to promote Road Safety and Safer Parking to stop people parking on the pavements or Zigzag lines outside your school.

The winning entries will be turned into posters and put up on and around our local schools.

The closing date for entries will be Friday 8th January 2021 so you can get creative over the Christmas holiday. Put your name and the name of your school on the back of your picture.

Thank you and happy drawing!!



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Zellweger UK

Zellweger UK is our chosen charity this year. Please donate via ParentPay.

We are asking for donations to this charity this year in stead of any presents or cards for staff for Christmas. We can't receive anything in school at the moment anyway, but we think the money would be put to such good use when donated.

So far this year we have

raised:

£100

