

Reminders: We have spaces at our before and after school club. To book contact the school office on 01827 872237.

Week commencing 19th September 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3pm-Dodge ball club	3pm-Multi skills club	8am-Choir club 3pm-Homework/ICT club	3pm-Football club 3pm-Bookworm club	2.35pm-Celebration Assembly

Letters sent home this week: Craft Club (Oak class only) Celebration Assembly Notification, Baseline Assessment (Beech class only) Messy Afternoon (Oak class Only)

Dear parents,

Vision and Values at Wood End Primary School.

The start of the academic year is always an opportune time to remind ourselves of the vision and values of our school within the Community Academies Trust.

We share our vision and values across the Academy. This being to inspire children to become confident, secure, caring individuals who achieve personal success and develop a love of learning through 'rich opportunities and memorable experiences.'

In reality this means that we put our children at the centre of everything we do. We deliver a challenging and creative curriculum which promotes new technologies with a global dimension. Therefore children have the opportunity to learn through a skills based thematic curriculum which always has exciting 'hooks' to inspire children's thinking. For example, as part of Oak's theme, 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' this Autumn term, the children had the chance to use their class text based on the 'Winnie the Witch' series to create some super science experiments based on textures, smells and colours of a range of materials including washing up liquid, shaving foam and milk!

The children were delighted as were the staff! As a result of this children have been learning in a fun way but developing their skills of scientific enquiry along the way. Despite teaching the age appropriate skills of Reading, Writing and Maths, it is just as important to deliver and apply these skills through a theme that engages but challenges all children according to their ability.

I look forward to sharing with you the development of children's themes throughout the year.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and hope that we continue to get some Autumn sunshine.

Mrs Carolyn Hadley-Head of School



Stars of the week

Well done to all our stars this week!

Beech — Whole Class—For settling in so well.

Cedar — George Jenkins—For being a good role model.

Oak— Aiden Smith-For settling so well into Year 2.

Pine — Evie Clarke-For settling into Wood End so well.

Willow — William Gilks-For being an excellent role model to others.

What is the single most important thing I can do to help my child at school?

Research shows that **'reading with your child'** is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education and importantly children are never too old to share reading.

What difference could I make as a parent?

The short answer is: a lot! Parents are by far the most important educators in a child's life and a child is never too young or old to read. It's best to read little and often, so putting aside some time for it every day, even if it is just 15 minutes is hugely valuable. Thinking of ways to make reading fun can sometimes be difficult - you want your child to learn how pleasurable books can be, but don't want reading to become a chore.

Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out print. Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a rich and wide vocabulary. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read. It's important for them to understand how stories work as well. Even if your child doesn't understand every word, they'll hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try out, copying what they have heard.

As children start to learn to read at school, you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books, finding out what interests them and helping them to find books that will be engaging and fun for them. Give time to helping them practise reading the books they will bring home from school. However, books aren't just about reading the words on the page, they can also present new ideas and topics for you and your child to discuss.

Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:

- Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- Look for books on topics you know your child is interested in e.g. dragons, insects, cookery, sport.
- Reading comics, leaflets, instructions etc are also very important and encourage reading.
- Make accessible in different rooms around your house.
- Use individual cardboard 'filing boxes' to store leaflets, newspapers, comics, instructions for them
- Make 'book reviews' together and record stories you read together.

Think of investing in a device such as a kindle. Costs are now down to £50 and the money saved on buying a 'paper book' quickly recoups the cost and presents a new and exciting way to encourage reading.

We are very keen to increase the number of volunteers who can come into school regularly to simply hear children read. If you are able to, we would love to hear from you. Giving up only 30 minutes a week and coming in, after dropping off your children, is so useful. You don't need to have special skills, be an outstanding reader, but just be someone who the children can read to and have help correcting a misread word or chatting about the story.

Mr May
Director of Education

Reading Volunteers

I am interested in helping to hear children read.

I am available on ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

Between: ☐ 8.45 – 9.15 ☐ For some of the morning ☐ For some of the afternoon

My name: _____
Telephone: _____

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes hear

'My child is too old to read to'

We are never too old to be read to and for children of ALL ages it is a particularly valuable thing to do, if even for only 10-15 minutes a few nights a week. Snuggling up with a book lets the two of you slow down and will become a nurturing activity that will bring the two of you closer together. Another really powerful activity for children is for the parents and child to be reading the same book and discuss the characters and plot as they develop.

Weekly Safety Question ... Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question and we help them answer it. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:

Social Networking Safety

Someone on Snapchat ask you to send them a photograph of you... what do you do?



Attendance

Our attendance this week is 97.5%

Wow!! We've reached our target!

Our school attendance target is

97.5%

School Council Election

School council elections took place this week.

The children who have been elected are;

Cedar– Roxy Morton/William Flavell Dodson

Oak– Jamie Warburton/Emily-Grace Stilgoe

Pine-Lewis Beards/Evie Clarke

Willow-Alfie McDonnell

House Captain Election

House Captains have also been elected this week.

They are; Michael Cheshire/Isobel Eastaff/Sean Warburton/ Lucas Lane.

WELL DONE EVERYBODY!

Academic Year 2016-2017

Autumn Term 2016

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.

Holidays in term time

We do NOT support holidays being taken in term time. It is disruptive for the school meaning we have to rearrange class groups, results in significant additional administration work and most importantly has a significant impact on the child's progress. It is a myth that 'my child will catch up' and/or 'it doesn't matter in primary schools' Our children experience individualised programmes of work each and every day and we cannot re-teach work missed.

Collecting children

To ensure that ALL of the children are safely collected we DO NOT permit 'casual collection' arrangements i.e. *'if I am not there at the end of the day go with.....'* It is essential that children are told to return to their teacher if the usual person is not there to collect them at the end of the day

Parent Pay

This academic year we will become a cashless school by October . Dinner money and before and after school care has already been added to Parent Pay and we are in the process of adding trips, clubs, swimming, uniform and all other costs as we progress.

If you have not already logged onto your Parent Pay account, please do so.

If you have lost your log in details or have any queries regarding this, please email admin2023@welearn365.com and we will be able to help you.

Thank you. The Office team.



Nursery and Reception children

Welcome to our Nursery and Reception children who started this week. They have settled in extremely well and are already making good friends and getting to know the Early Years staff well.

Thank you for supporting us in the very important lead up to their full time education. We look forward to working with you during the course of your child's education at Wood End Primary School.

Uniform

Please be aware that non logoed cardigans and jumpers are NOT acceptable at school any longer.

Thank you for the great efforts you have made with this.

FOWES Upcoming Event

Our wonderful FOWES are running a **Car Boot** event at Wood End Primary School on **Saturday, September 24th** from **9am-12pm**. If you are interested in selling at this event, please contact Joe or Sue at woodendfowes@yahoo.com



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'You'll never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of your success is found in your daily routines.'

Community Advertising



Vacancy for a Clerk to the Governing Body

We are currently recruiting for a Clerk to our Governing Body.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in this post and would like further details.



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01827 872237

Wood End Club



57 Tamworth Road,
Wood End.

Friday 28th October—Halloween Party

Saturday 5th November—Bonfire & Firework display, BBQ

Saturday 12th November—Local band "The Pinch"

Friday 9th December—Childrens Christmas party

Xmas Eve—Karaoke

News Year Eve—Family Disco



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