

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

Week commencing 12th September 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After school extra curricular clubs begin next week.				2.35pm-Celebration Assembly

Letters sent home this week: Data Collection Sheet for year 1 only and After School Club Activities

Dear Parents,

Rich opportunities, memorable experiences.

Welcome back to the start of another incredibly busy but exciting year ahead.

First and foremost, I hope that you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer holiday. It always amazes me how quickly the year flies by and already we have completed our first week back in school.

The children have arrived in school looking super smart. Thank you so much for ensuring that your children are smart and well dressed. As I always maintain, the uniform belongs to Wood End Primary School and children instantly feel an identity and pride in wearing the uniform that is unique to their school. It is essential that you adhere to the uniform policy throughout the year; paying heed to our requirement for jumpers and cardigans with the Wood End logo with white polo shirt and black trousers or skirts and black school shoes.

As always, at the start of the academic year, I communicate our priorities for the year. Having achieved such progress in our writing priority last year, our attention and focus will turn to Reading and developing a range of reading strategies and skills across school. Our Maths priority will focus on children developing their reasoning and problem solving skills effectively. We will also be targeting specific interventions ensuring that excellent progress is assured. We ensure that the children have a wealth of rich educational experiences throughout the year that centre around our school priorities.

If you have any queries related to our whole school priorities, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working closely with you all again and am available to meet with you if you would like to discuss anything and I am often on the playground at the beginning and end of the day. Should you need a formal appointment, you can book an appointment via the school office.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Carolyn Hadley-Head of School



Willow class share their recommended reads for Autumn term.

Class timetables and Reading Diaries



To ensure that you are aware of what curriculum areas your children will be taking part in on each day, you will have received a class timetable from your child today.

Homework will be set on a Monday and Thursday and information regarding this will be sent home shortly.

By now your child should have also received their reading book with weekly reading target.

We encourage you to read as often as possible with your children and achieving the weekly reading target is of the utmost importance.

For other communication please refer to the school website and class pages to find out further information.



Welcome back to the academic year 2016-17

We wish everyone a warm welcome back to school in what is sure to be an extremely exciting year for our schools. During the Summer there has been a great deal going in readiness for this year, as well as some exiting academy news.

On September 1st we were delighted that two further schools joined our academy and we offer a warm welcome to Chadsmead Academy in Lichfield and The Wilnecote School in Wilnecote, who are sure to bring valuable expertise and further opportunities for our children, staff and communities. We have also been doing a great deal of work towards opening a brand new school which will be known as 'Heathcote Primary School', and will open in Warwick next September.

Over the Summer a great deal of work has been carried out in our schools, ensuring that they are fantastic places for our children. Apart from being 'deep cleaned' throughout, across our schools we have painted and decorated toilets, corridors and classrooms, replaced carpets, replaced lighting in classrooms and corridors, purchased new tables and chairs and also bought some fantastic new resources for the children. In addition, some of our schools have benefitted from capital funds, exclusive to academies, which have allowed us to have whole new heating systems, new fire alarm systems, new roofs and toilet facilities. Many of these are beyond most schools extremely tight budgets.

Our staff have given over a great deal of time during the holiday to prepare the school. They have been in for many days preparing exciting learning environments, colourful resources, planning great lessons and making classrooms look great. Our site management staff have also spent ages 'deep cleaning' and it is fair to say that our schools look amazing.

We are aware that parents would appreciate early information about timetables and school events and so have sent out timetables in our first week back. We have also planned the main events for the year (Parent's Evenings, Professional Development days, productions etc) and will send these out shortly so that parents can add events into their own diaries.

Most importantly, it was wonderful to see the children again after such a long break and to hear how enthusiastic they were to get back to school. We genuinely miss them during the holiday period and we are ourselves always look forward to seeing all of them again and hear their exiting news. It is very evident to me that parents have made a huge effort with uniform, the children look incredibly smart. We are extremely grateful for your efforts and very much appreciate all you have done to support our schools.

Mr May
Director of Education

Myths and Legends

*A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face
'It is the school's job to teach my child and not mine!'*

Surprisingly we have heard this as an argument for a child not completing homework at home! In reality parents ARE the first educators, teaching children to smile, talk, walk and eat! Education is a partnership between home and school and we really really need parents to help their child progress rapidly by hearing them read EACH week and often as possible, helping with homework, preparing them for maths tests and all manner of other activities such as looking up areas of work being covered in school.

We don't ask much. A 15 minute reading session each week, a couple of homework tasks and talk to them daily about what they did at school. It makes a huge difference.

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:*

'What happens if you have started walking home on your own and you can't get in the house when you get there?'



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%

School Council Election

School council elections will take place on Thursday 15th September. If children would like to stand for election, they need to prepare a speech that can be given to the rest of the class and have it ready and prepared by Monday, 15th September.

House Captain Election

House Captain elections will take place on Monday 12th September. If children would like to stand for election, they need to prepare a speech that can be given to the rest of the class and have it ready and prepared by Monday, 15th September.

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.

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 on to 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.



Collecting children from Nursery

We look forward to welcoming our new Nursery children next week. To inform you of a new procedure, we will be asking you to collect your children at 11.50am from the Community entrance at the bottom of the school car park in order to ease congestion in the school office area.

Thank you for your support.

Reporting absences

PLEASE report absences from school by 8.30am on the day of absence by telephoning the school and leaving a message on the answer phone. If we do not hear from you we need to PROTECT CHILDREN by calling parents to make sure that a child has not left home and then not appeared in school. Not adhering to this policy wastes valuable office time phoning up parents to find out why a child is missing from school

Celebration Assembly

If your child is to take part in Celebration Assembly you will no longer be notified by text but will receive a slip inviting you to attend, in your child's bag. The slips will be sent out on the Tuesday for attendance on the Friday.

Uniform Reminder

From September we will expect that all children wear polo shirts and not white shirts with collars. All children are expected to wear jumpers and cardigans with the Wood End logo.

Children are also expected to wear black school shoes and black skirts or black trousers. Grey is no longer permitted.

FOWES Upcoming Event.

Our wonderful FOWES are running a **Car Boot and Car Wash** 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 ??????



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'And at the end of the day, your feet should be dirty, your hair messy and your eyes sparkling.'

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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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



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Wood End Club



57 Tamworth Road, Wood End. Atherstone

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