

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

Week commencing 13th June 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1pm Forest Schools visit Oak 3pm-4pm-Cricket club	3pm-4pm-KS1 Multi Skills 3pm-4pm-Cross Country club	8am-8.40am-Choir club 12pm-Homework club 3pm-4.15pm-Homework club- Mrs Joynson 3pm-4pm-Athletics club	12pm-Newspaper club 3pm-4pm-Football club 3pm-4pm-Gymnastics club 3.30pm-Bookworm club	2.35pm-Celebration Assembly

Letters sent home this week: Cricket, Athletics, Protecting our Children, Nursery reading books, Fathers day and ParentPay

Dear Parents,

Engaging with parents of children in Early Years to ensure smooth transition in their educational life at Wood End.

It was very pleasing to see so many parents attend our induction meeting this week for our new intake of Nursery and Reception children in September. Each year I am delighted with the attendance of our new parents and last night was no exception.

The Early Years staff team explained in great detail the routines of the Nursery and Reception day and the importance of school working in partnership with you, the parents. It is essential that home school links are made as early as possible in your child's school career in order to build on the excellent foundations, you as first educators of your children, have given them.

Explanations were given about the qualities of Wood End Primary School that make it the first choice school for parents. Our highest expectations of school uniform, our expectations in terms of excellent attendance, the many opportunities for parents to become involved, the approachability of all staff and the rich opportunities and memorable experiences of a broad and balanced curriculum and the many opportunities for after school activities, ensure the best education for all. We also spoke about our 'One Word School Rule' and ultimately that the children of Wood End love coming to school.

In addition to home visits for new Nursery and Reception families, we ensure at Wood End that the children have the opportunity to have a smooth transition into their own class through storytelling sessions and a moving up day before they start in September.

I look forward to welcoming all the new families joining us in the start of their learning journey with Wood End Primary School. I am certain that we will provide the best possible outcomes for your children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Carolyn Hadley-Head of School




Tidy Tim is our new Wood End Monkey who is awarded to the tidiest class of the week.

We are pleased to announce that ???class have won the Tidiest Classroom Award this week.

Well done to Billy Colman for winning the competition for choosing a name for our monkey!

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Stars of the week

Well done to all our stars this week!

★ Beech — Lily-Eve Tonks-For using sounds really well on both reading and writing.

★ Cedar — Harley Yates-For working really well in a guided group to create a story map.

★ Oak — Scarlett Rosenbach-For excellent effort during music lessons.

★ Pine — James Bayliss-For being an excellent role model.

★ Willow — George Packer-For supporting his peers well during computing lessons.

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Our Office Staff

Being a member of staff within our academy

Our office colleagues are yet another group of 'unsung heroes' who work tirelessly for our schools. Although they are not involved in teaching the children, or having a significant day to day involvement with them, without their 'backroom work' our schools would quite simply grind to a halt.

School offices are extremely busy places. Seldom does our office staff have the opportunity to complete a task uninterrupted and on a daily basis they deal with a deluge of visitors, telephone enquiries, absences, letters and the newsletter as well as handle the majority of cash transactions. Being a member of our office staff requires a very wide range of skills and talents, and we are fortunate to have extremely dedicated people working for us who always give their best and seldom go home on time.

Despite not being in the classroom, our office staff take every opportunity to get involved with the children and life of the school. Not only do many administer first aid and medicines, but they also enjoy visits by the children for registers, dinner money and all manner of notes from staff. Our office staffs also take every opportunity to attend school events and are often seen at assemblies, sports days and other activities.

Work in our offices has changed significantly over the past few years, especially as an academy, and this trend will continue. The introduction of new finance packages, Parent Pay and an online school shop, as well as the need to keep abreast of all manner of school reporting systems, will no doubt keep our office colleagues as busy as ever. I have every confidence that they will meet these challenges with the same professionalism and positivity in the way they always have done.

Mr May

Executive Headteacher

ParentPay

We are pleased to announce that ParentPay will be up and running after half term:

Logins have been sent out to all parents week commencing Monday 6th June.

ParentPay will be active week commencing Monday 20th June for payment of dinner money and school trips.

IMPORTANT: Changes to assessment

– a 'ramping up' of expectations

This year there have been many changes to the expectations of our children. The national 'goal posts' have been changed and the 'average child' will now be expected to attain at a far higher 'level' than they used to and meet some very tough challenges.

Whilst we are confident that our children can meet the 'new challenges' well, the bar has been set very high indeed. Parents should be aware that children who previously were graded as 'exceeding national expectations' may now fit closer into what is described as 'meeting national averages'. Be reassured, the children are not 'doing worse', are not failing, and teaching is still fantastic. We are simply being asked to measure them against a far more challenging standard.

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:

'What should you do if someone knocks at your front door and you don't know who they are?'



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 228 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
Year 2/3 Forest Schools visit	Monday 6th June
Class Photos	Tuesday 7th June
EYFS Induction Meeting	Thursday 9th June
Year 6 Residential-Manor Adventure	Friday 10th June
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	wk bg Monday 13th June
Year R Wood End Church visit.....	Monday 13 June
Year R/1 and 2 Twycross Zoo	Wednesday 29th 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.



Extreme Reading Challenge

Don't forget that our Extreme Reading Challenge Competition is on Friday, 17th June at 2.15pm.

Parents and families are invited to attend. Ocado will announce the House winners and will give out prizes for the winning house.

Parking outside school gates

I would like to inform you that from Monday, 13th June, the gates to the school will be closed at 3.10pm. In order to access the school, you are politely asked to park outside of the car park.

We appreciate your continued support in keeping the school premises safe. Thank you.



FOWES Events

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

Friday 17th June-Non uniform day

Saturday 25th June-Summer Fayre

If you would like to support in any small way, please contact Joe and Sue through the School Office.



Sun Awareness:

IMPORTANT: It is very important that children attend school with a water bottle, a hat and in sunny weather have applied 'all day sun cream' before coming in. Whilst the children are rarely outside for more than an hour during a school day, we take great care to ensure they are not adversely effected by strong sun.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



'In the sweetness of friendship, let there be laughter and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things, the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.'

Khalil Gibran

Community Advertising



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.

Summer's Playhouse
01827 874458 / 07581 228213
Sherwood Close | Wood End

Jade Bailey
Ofsted Registered Childminder
summersplayhouse@hotmail.com

www.facebook.com/summersplayhouse

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

To purchase a table contact Susie;

07891 222551



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