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Wood End Club

57 Tamworth Road, Wood End. Atherstone

Function room available for events.

Xmas Eve—Karaoke

News Year Eve—Family Disco & Karaoke

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Week commencing 12th December 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3.45-4.45pm Y6 Maths Booster	8am-8.40am-Choir club 12pm-Homework club	3.30pm-Bookworm club	Christmas Jumper Day School finishes at 1pm

Letters sent home this week: Forest School Cooking, FOWES Feedback form, Christmas Fun Evening, Changes to School Day, Willow Film Watching.

Dear parents,

I'm sure that you will agree with me that Christmas has started in earnest in Wood End Primary School. I am delighted, as I am sure that you must be, about the incredible success of our school Christmas Fayre on Saturday. The turnout was most probably the best ever in my experience and the atmosphere on the day was of a whole community that came together to celebrate this occasion was incredible. My thanks go to the FOWES team who are unstoppable in their dedication to supporting the school. They're panic in having everything ready was allayed as soon as the doors opened to our willing community!

My appreciation also goes to the members of staff that supported the day, for the children who supported the Fayre and also to you for the significant contribution you have made raising funds for our school.

In addition to the Christmas Fayre, our very youngest children put on a superb Christmas performance of 'Donkey for Sale!' and our evening performance and afternoon performance of 'Straw and Order' made people laugh and cry with some stunning performances from our KS1 and 2 children. Moreover, they gave us a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas, which can so easily be forgotten in the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations.

I am proud of all the children who, despite, working hard to achieve their English and Maths targets within their day to day learning, have also taken the time to make these events truly special.

Next week, the choir will be performing at the Wood End Club for the Phoenix Group and also for Ceva employees. Children who have requested a Christmas dinner will be served this next week and all children and staff will also be asked to wear a Christmas jumper on the last day of term to support our Charity of the Year, Warwickshire Air Ambulance. Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to this worthwhile cause.

With all the above in mind, I wish you a lovely, but not too busy a weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Head of School-Mrs C. Hadley



This week the children worked incredibly hard on practising and putting on a spectacular Christmas Performance

Stars of the week

Well done to all our stars this week!

Beech — Ella Rees—for her super neat CVC writing

Cedar— Henry Rosenbach—for his excellent handwriting

Oak—Mason Williams-For working so hard to settle in Oak class.

Pine —Ruby Collins-For being an exemplary role model and supporting others.

Willow — Sophie Banner-For an excellent performance in the Christmas play.

Stranger Danger

Ensuring that we do our very best to keep children safe

We are immensely proud of our excellent record for keeping our children safe. During our inspections OFSTED have described our work in this area in our academy schools as 'outstanding' and told us that our children feel very safe in school and well looked after. We are keen to share the best in our schools and make sure that all of our schools reach the highest standards.

We complete a great deal of this work in this area. Apart from maintaining an excellent level of physical security, we also carry out regular reviews. At each weekly staff meeting 'safeguarding' is a 'standing item' and we also regularly remind our colleagues of their responsibility through training sessions.

We do not however 'guarantee' absolute security. Schools are not military establishments, we don't have security guards and we need to make sure that we are accessible to literally hundreds of individuals every single day. We also need to make sure that our environment is inspiring, exciting and loved by our children. A prison we are not! In school our aim is to decrease risk to an absolute minimum by making sure we restrict entrances, ensure adults in school are 'DBS checked', children are always supervised, reminding parents not to drop children off early or collect late and all manner of other measures.

Perhaps our greatest weapon is however in teaching children how to cope with 'dangers'. If they can avoid problems or be taught how to deal with them, they will avoid getting themselves in trouble and will remain safe. Each week we provide a 'keeping safe reminder'; we have many assemblies about 'safety' and teach them that when in trouble they DO NOT avoid 'strangers' but find the 'safest stranger'.

Mr May – Director of Education

Myths and Legends

'Its not fair, I want my whole family to come and see my child in the Christmas Performance '

Actually we agree ! We would love every member of the family to come along but would simply end up spending a week on too many Christmas Performances and it is simply not fair on the children. Any performance exhausts the children, and although they enjoy completing them, they get very bored repeating the same thing again and again and upset if they are over tired. We unfortunately have to limit performances and be reasonable in our demands on children, some of whom are only 3 years old.

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:

'Shops are really busy at this time of year. If you get separated from adults, what should you do?'

FOWES News

Christmas Fayre

FOWES would like to thank everyone for their support of the Fayre on Saturday. From non uniform day and the proceeds from the Fayre they made a whopping £1509.84



Attendance

Our attendance this term so far is 96%

Let's see if we can reach our target!

Our school attendance target is 97.5%



Housepoints

Our housepoint winners this week with 223 housepoints are

Baddesley

- Well done!!!

Academic Year 2016-2017

Autumn Term 2016

Choir to sing to Phoenix Group 13th December

Choir to sing to Ceva 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day 16th December

Early Finish 1pm Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2017

Staff Development Day Tuesday 3rd January

Children Return to school Wednesday 4th January

Beech Snow Dome Trip 10th 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.

Our Christmas Dinner Menu

Thursday, 15th December 2016



Me to You

Please make sure that children's me to yous are brought in every day. This is one of many extremely important ways of ensuring that we communicate effectively between home and school.



Thank you.

British Values: What does this mean for my child?

The definition of 'British values' is set out in the Government 'Prevent' strategy, and we reinforce these regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy:

Democracy is rife in our schools. Pupils have their voices heard through our School Council and Pupil questionnaires. We elect House Captains, our School Council, as well as vote on 'Charity for the Year'.

Keep our parents up to date with 'Social Networking

Identity theft

Identity theft isn't limited to adults and now that more and more children and young people are using the Internet regularly they are becoming more vulnerable to this very serious crime. The naive posting of personal details on your child's social networking profile leaves them open to online identity theft so it's absolutely vital your child never gives out personal details in any online context, including their address, phone numbers, email, and, if they are older, any bank or credit card information.

