



IMPORTANT - Child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

We need YOU to claim for 'free school meals'!

Even though children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free meal, we still need parents to claim if they are eligible. Doing so triggers a large amount of money we can spend on YOUR child in school.

Boots and Shoes

Polite reminder: we do not allow children to wear boots in school because of the increased risk of injury caused by heavy boots. Children are very welcome to wear boots to school, particularly in bad weather, but they must bring their school shoes to change into.

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face

'It doesn't matter if my child arrives early for school'

Too early, too late? You can't win! In reality schools work when their systems and structures are clear to all and allow us to make our very best use of resources.

Whilst we like children to arrive promptly for school they should not arrive on site before **8.30am**, the reason being that there are no staff on duty until this time and children are not being supervised. There are excellent before and after school care facilities available on site should parents wish to make use of these.

CAMEO DANCE Est.2003

Fun Children's Dance Classes Held in Polesworth

Classes For Children From Age 2 ½

BALLET * TAP * ACROBATICS * MODERN

Tuesdays (from Feb '17) & Fridays From 4:30pm

Juniors (6-11yrs) Fridays from 5:30pm Memorial Hall

Visit www.cameodance.co.uk Facebook Charlotte Kate Cameo

Call into the Tithe Barn from 4:30pm on Fridays or Call Liz on

07443421867 to arrange your child's **FREE TRIAL**



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What does your child most enjoy about school?

A selection of comments from our most recent parental questionnaire which we are extremely proud of... (names removed for anonymity!)

"My child enjoys all of the many trips the School goes on"

" *** says the School lunches are amazing"

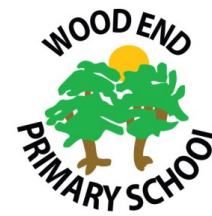
Housepoints

Our housepoint winners this week with **249** housepoints are: **Birch Coppice & Baddesley** - Well done!!!

Academic Year 2016/2017

Young Voices Concert (Yr 6)	Tuesday 24th January
Grandparents Lunch	Friday 3rd February
Sea Life Centre (Pine)	Thursday 9th February
Little Red Riding Hood (Cedar & Oak)	Friday 10th February
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 20th February
Parents Evening	Wednesday 15th March
Parents Evening	Thursday 16th March
Easter Holiday begins	Monday 10th April
Staff Development Day	Monday 24th April
Children return to school	Monday 25th April
Bank Holiday (May Day)	Monday 1st May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 29th May
Class Photo's	Tuesday 6th June
Manor Adventure (yr 6)	Friday 9th June to Monday 12th June
Last day of Term	Friday 21st July

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.



WEPS weekly

20th January 2017

Reminders: Please ensure all items of school uniform are labelled clearly with your child's full name

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3-4pm Y6 Maths Booster	1pm Young Voices Concert	8am-8.40am Choir club	8am Maths Booster Y6	2.30pm Celebration Assembly
3-4pm Y6 Reading Booster	3.45-4.45pm Y6 Maths Booster	3pm-4pm Homework club	3-4.15pm Football	
3-4.15pm Dodgeball	3-4pm Multi-Skills			

Letters sent home this week: Essential Booster Sessions for Yr 6 children.

Its PANTS!!!

Talk PANTS and you've got the Underwear Rule covered

Whilst our children have a great understanding of how to keep themselves safe on the road, from bullying and dealing with strangers, they are less clear about how to keep themselves safe from sexual abuse. It's a conversation no parent wants to have with children but simple conversations can help to keep them safe. The NSPCC recommend teaching children 'The Underwear Rule'. The Underwear Rule is a simple way that parents and school can keep children safe from abuse, without using scary words or mentioning sex.

PANTS is an easy way for you to explain to your child the key elements of the Underwear Rule. **At home and at school next week we wish to start to explain to the children that:**

Privates are private

Be clear with your child that the parts of their body covered by underwear are private.

Explain to your child that no one should ask to see/touch their private parts or ask them to look at or touch anyone else's. Sometimes doctors, nurses or family members might have to. Explain that this is OK, but that those people should always explain why, and ask your child if it's OK first.

Always remember your body belongs to you

Let your child know their body belongs to them, and no one else. No one has the right to make them do anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. And if anyone tries, tell your child they have the right to say no.

Remind your child that they can always talk to you about anything which worries or upsets them.

No means no

Make sure your child understands that they have the right to say "no" to unwanted touch - even to a family member or someone they know or love. This shows that they're in control of their body and their feelings should be respected.

If a child feels confident to say no to their own family, they are more likely to say no to others.

Talk about secrets that upset you

Explain the differences between 'good' and 'bad' secrets. Phrases like "it's our little secret" are an abuser's way of making a child feel worried, or scared to tell.

Good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people. Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or frightened.

Your child needs to feel able to speak up about secrets that worry them and confident that saying something won't get them into trouble. Telling a secret will never hurt or worry anybody in your family or someone you know and love.

Speak up, someone can help

Tell your child that if they ever feel sad, anxious or frightened they should talk to an adult they trust. This doesn't have to be a family member. It can also be a teacher, a friend's parent, or ChildLine. Remind them that whatever the problem, it's not their fault and they will never get into trouble for speaking up.

We hope that parents will support us in our work to keep the children safe. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us in school. Further information at: www.nspcc.org.uk

Mr May - Director of Education



Introducing our new-look Reception area



Stars of the week

Well done to all our stars this week!

Beech Class — **George Moppett** - for super independent adding.

Cedar Class — **Aiden Higgins** - for improved handwriting.

Oak Class — **Matthew Vernon** - for an excellent learning attitude.

Pine Class — **Bethan Danks** - for excellent descriptive writing.

Willow Class — **Robbie Barrett** - for an improved attitude to learning, especially in Homework Club.

Weekly Safety Question

Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:

'Tell me 5 people you would talk to if something was really worrying you?'