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**Wood End Club**

57 Tamworth Road, Wood End. Atherstone

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Friday 9th December—Children's Christmas party

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

Week commencing 5th December 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3pm-4pm-Year 6 Maths Booster Group 3-4pm Y6 Reading Booster	3.45-4.45pm Y6 Maths Booster	8am-8.40am-Choir club 12pm-Homework club 3pm-4.15pm-Homework club-Mrs Joynson	8am Year 6 Maths Booster 3.30pm-Bookworm club	2.35pm-Celebration Assembly

## Letters sent home this week: Beech Snow Dome Trip, Christmas Performance details

### Dear Parents

It is truly unbelievable how quickly Christmas comes around every year. This week at school we have been discussing the meaning of Advent and how this begins our Christmas calendar. Despite the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping days over busy weekends and children waiting eagerly for special presents that they have wished for, we must not forget amongst all of this, the true meaning of Christmas.

As we have approached Advent, we have also been supporting our wonderful FOWES in preparing for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. FOWES have been working incredibly hard to make the Fayre another resounding success. Children have been beavering away in the school's Enterprise Week, ensuring that each class have items to sell on Saturday. In addition, there have been some beautiful and superbly created and decorated baubles for our 'House Christmas Tree' competition. Don't forget that the baubles will be on sale during the Christmas Fayre.

We are looking forward to Teddy Tombola, Wine and Water, Balloon Modelling and all manner of Christmas games.

The Christmas Fayre will be open from 1pm until 3pm. Please come and support the school by visiting the Fayre on Saturday and add to the Community spirit.

Next week, the choir will be singing to the Phoenix Dementia Group at the Wood End Club and the week after have been invited to sing to the employees at Ceva and be invited to their staff Christmas dinner after. We are very proud of our choir who attend many functions yearly and make a difference to so many lives.

Our Christmas performance rehearsals are well under way. Key Stage 1 and 2 will be performing 'Straw and Order' on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) will be performing Donkey for Sale on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

Christmas parties will be occurring in the last week and we will inform you further on the details of these and our Christmas Jumper Day will happen on the last day of term. This will be an



## Superb home learning opportunities to create baubles for our 'House' Christmas Tree competition.

opportunity for all families to contribute to our charity of the year, Warwickshire Air Ambulance.

So many Christmas festivities and activities to look forward to but it is important to inform you that children will still be working towards their English and Maths targets through to the end of the term.

We are so fortunate that our thematic curriculum provides such enjoyable provocations and skills based activities that inspire and motivate them to be the best that they can be.

I wish you a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday.

Mrs Carolyn Hadley

Head of School



*We need the help and support of our parents...*

Parents will be aware of changes to arrangements for school meals, which allows all 'infant children' to have a school meal for **no charge**. There are many advantages of this scheme and we support the principle. We are however extremely concerned about one aspect of the new scheme which is now presenting a real problem for us and potentially could become an issue for school budgets.

There has been an increase in the number of children having a school meal and our schools have coped well with the initiative. Our excellent kitchen staff continue to produce delicious meals the children enjoy, and many more children have the opportunity to have a fantastic, nutritious hot meal amongst friends.

However, a potential significant financial issue has emerged and this WILL impact on ALL CHILDREN in school because:

*Most of our children whose parents are on low incomes claim 'a free school meal' through 'official channels'*

*Claiming a 'free school meal' triggers additional money for each child.*

*This money goes straight into the school budget to be used to support ALL of our children*

The problem....

*If a parent no longer needs to CLAIM to get a free school meal, because meals are now provided without charge, why bother registering for 'Free School Meals'?*

SO....

*If parents DON'T claim, school budgets suffer very significantly.*

SO....

*Ultimately we have a lot less to spend on ALL of our children*

In our school our school budget benefits from a significant additional funding from parents claiming 'free school meals'. It is absolutely vital to ALL of our children that if you can claim for a 'Free School Meal' you do so!

Visit [www. http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or alternatively complete the enclosed form with this newsletter and bring it into school or send it off.

Mr May – Director of Education

## Myths and Legends

*'I am not bothering to go on the web site and claim a 'Free School Meal' they get it anyway!'*

Ahhhhhhh help!!!! The school gets a large amount of additional funds for EACH and EVERY child going on line to register for a free school meal. We only get this if you register so PLEASE do SO....

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:*

*'If you there was a fire in your house and you had to escape how should you avoid the smoke?'*



### 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 210 Housepoints are

**Baddesley**

- Well done!!!

## Academic Year 2016-2017

### Autumn Term 2016

Christmas Fayre– Saturday December 3rd 1-3pm  
KS 1 and 2 Christmas Performance-Tuesday, 6th December-6pm

KS1 and 2 Christmas Performance-Thursday, 8th December-2pm

Foundation Stage Christmas Performance-Wednesday 7th 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.



Thank you to so many parents attending parents evening.

Reasons why our children enjoy school.

*'My child loves his class and always looks forward to attending school.'*

*'My child had settled in so well and the teacher is working so hard to improve her work.'*

## 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?

Our efforts to promote fundamental British values are designed to prepare children for life in modern Britain.

Ultimately, we aim to help pupils understand:

The importance of combatting discrimination

How we can influence decision-making by taking part in democratic processes like voting and petitioning

Our freedom under British law to choose different faiths and beliefs

That the law is there to keep us safe

## Phonics Hands On Session

Thank you to all the parents who came to support the Hands On Phonics session yesterday. It was well attended and we hope you were able to take some aspects from the talk and session afterwards to support you and your child at home.

