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Friday 16th October 2020

	REMINDER: Absence needs to be reported to the school office everyday.  Next week					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
	CLUB- Acti-fit breakfast (Before School) CLUB- Multi Skills (After School)			Celebration Assembly 2:15pm End of Term 3pm		

#### Covid-19 Update

I am writing this as the country moves into the new 3 tier approach to managing the pandemic. This area remains at medium risk, for now, but the measures currently in place are still having a huge impact on the everyday running of school. As we approach the end of the first half term under what is being termed as the 'new normal' things remain far from normal in our school. We have adapted to the changes well and the children have been brilliant but there are still challenges that lie ahead.

#### Parents Evening

Normally we would be preparing to set up our parents evening meetings. Obviously, things will be a little different this year. Instead of inviting parents in for an appointment, class teachers will be telephoning parents. You will be able to make an appointment through Eschools in the usual way, but different year groups will be on different days simply because of the availability of phone lines. A letter will be sent out when the booking windows open and this will provide further information.

#### Extra-curricular activities

This is an area that remains under review. Over the course of the next half term we will be deciding if we can increase this provision. This will depend on the possible take up of a club by an individual bubble. We cannot cross bubbles as per our risk assessment.

#### Christmas

Covid-19 is going have a significant impact on all the activities we normally do in school during the run up to Christmas. The Christmas Fayre would be classed as a mass gathering and would be illegal. We are currently unable to sing inside, so our traditional Christmas plays and performances cannot happen. We have booked our Christmas dinner day, but this will not be with the whole school all together as is usually the case. We will aim to make Christmas in school as special as we can, but it is highly unlikely we will be able to share this with the community as we would like to.

As always, we will aim to keep the community updated on events in school through email and the social media pages. We appreciate your understanding and hopefully next year will be much more 'business as usual' - if we adhere to the current guidance.

Thank you for your ongoing support during this difficult time.

#### M Cross

**Executive Head** 

### Spot Light on Excellence.....

## **Our new Midday Supervisors**

This half term we have welcomed three new members of staff to our Midday Supervisor team. The role of a dinner supervisor has always been both challenging and rewarding. The children at Wood End Primary are lucky to have adults who enjoy spending time with them to keep them safe and happy during their lunchtimes.

This week I have asked our new members of staff how they feel about their new role in school:

"The children are like my little rainbows; they make me smile every day." Miss Purcell

" Every day is a new day. I face different challenges and help keeping smiles on faces." Miss Grinyer

" It's lovely to work at this school because the children have lovely manners, especially the youngest ones." Mrs Wylie

I am pleased that all our new staff have settled well and love working with our children.

#### Mrs J Smith

#### **Associate Headteacher**

Last Week's Postcards Home

Ladybird = Elsie

Butterfly = Lily-Rose

Hedgehog = Charlie

Dragonfly = Ashleigh

Fox = Michael

Badger = Aiden

Otter = Addison

# Spotlight on Ladybird Class

This week for our Autumn theme we have been learning all about spiders. We now know that spiders have 8 legs and they catch their food in their webs. We have made spiders out of playdough and have been on a spider hunt!!!









## **Attendance W/E 09/10/2020**

	Last Week	Year
Ladybirds	98.73%	94.71%
Butterflies	85.56%	93.20%
Hedgehogs	100%	93.83%
Dragonflies	90.00%	94.51%
Foxes	100%	97.66%
Badgers	94.17%	94.83%
Otters	92.00%	89.09%

#### **WELL DONE HEDGEHOG & FOX CLASS!**

## Academic Year 2020-2021

Academic Year 2020/21					
23/10/20	Last Day of Term				
26/10/20 - 30/10/20	Half Term				
02/11/20	Inset Day school closed to pupils				
11/12/20	Christmas Jumper Day				
16/12/20	Christmas Dinner Day				
18/12/20	Last day of Term 1:05pm finish				
21/12/20-01/01/21	Half Term				
04/01/21	Inset Day school closed to pupils				
05/01/21	Spring Term begins				
22/01/21	Provisional Yr 6 Height & Weight				
12/02/21	Last Day of Term				
15/02/21 - 19/02/21	Half Term				
22/02/21	Inset Day school closed to pupils				
01/04/21	Last Day of Term				
02/04/21-16/04/21	Half Term				
19/04/21	Summer Term begins				

07/06/21 Inset Day school closed to pupils 18/06/21 Inset Day school closed to pupils 21/07/21 Last Day of Term **1:05pm finish** 

May Bank Holiday

Last Day of Term

Half Term

03/05/21

28/05/21

31/05/21 - 04/06/21

Please note Diary Dates may be subject to change.

New dates are in italics