21st May 2015

Dear Parents

Today is the last day of this half term. Tomorrow is a professional development day for staff. When your child(ren) meet you this afternoon, please will you ensure they have all their belongings, as a lost property pile has appeared! During the autumn and spring terms we had very little lost property. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please come into school and look through the pile. After half term I will take the unclaimed items to the clothes bank.

Last Thursday pupils in Year 5 took part in the Gipping Valley Sports Partnership Netball Festival. The children selected to play showed a determined will to play well and they certainly excelled themselves. They won all their matches against Abbot’s Hall, Chilton, Great Finborough and Bosmere Primary schools and not one goal was scored against the team. We were so proud of their efforts and absolutely delighted that we won the competition. We now go forward to the final round, where we will meet the winners of other festivals in this area. I am sure we will see yet more competitive spirit when we meet the next group of schools. A huge thank you to Mrs Rowland for coaching the children so well. We wait to see what happens! Whatever the next stage brings we are very proud of the Wood Ley Team.

A few parents have enquired about which class their child will be moving to in September. It has been our policy to inform children and parents towards the end of term. We will send the information about which class your child is in on Monday 13th July. Programmes for children who need more help for transition will be in place.

The last day for teacher’s to hand in their notice with effect from August 31st is during half term. When we return after half term I will know the team of teachers for September 2015. With this in mind, I will inform you of the teaching staff during the next half term.

I am delighted to let you know that after interviews for the vacant Deputy Headteacher post, we appointed Mr Grocott. He is an experienced teacher from a school in the Northern area of Suffolk and he is really looking forward to joining our staff at Wood Ley School. He was very excited about the post, especially when he met children as he went round the classes. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching a Year 5 class Maths. Mr Grocott obviously has to finish this term at the school where he is teaching now, but he will be visiting school during next half term to become familiar with Wood Ley.

Although the weather does not feel like the start of summer, I hope you all have a good half term break from school. I look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 1st June.

Yours sincerely

S.A.Ward

Headteacher