



Wood Ley Community Primary School

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Reminder:

**To register with the
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Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have had a warm response to our request for adults to listen to children read in school, thank you very much. It is lovely to hear good quality discussions centred around books. Reading with your child for just 10 minutes a day can dramatically improve their fluency and understanding of text.



SATs Evening Reminder.

We are looking forward to Thursday 4th February where we will be sharing the latest updates on assessment at year 2 and year 6. We have planned a short presentation followed by advice and support as to how you can best support your child before and during the end of key stage assessments. The year 2 presentation will take place in the school hall from 3.45pm, whilst the year 6 presentation will be held in the Upper Key Stage 2 building at 3.45pm.



Sign 2 Sing

As you know we have taken part in the sign 2 sing this week. This is an annual event, organised by the Deaf Health Charity Sign Health, which raises essential funds to help vulnerable deaf children and adults. We have counted your generous donations, which total £150. Thank you.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

We are delighted to offer an opportunity for our children to show their appreciation to their mother figures. Mrs Paddy has organised an after school tea event for Friday March 4th at 3.30 pm. There will be a selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes on offer and you will be served with tea, coffee or fruit squash. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of children show their mothers how important they are to them, we will be sending out further details near to the event.



Wood Ley Stars

Hazel Class: Amber, Luke (maths)

Acer Class: Haïden, Sasha, Freya,

Cedar Class: Emily, Sonny

Poplar Class: Jasmine, Evelyn, Jessica,
James (English)

Maple Class: Jayden, Megan, Harriet,

Beech Class: Toby, Emma, Thomas,

Cherry Class: Charley, Finley,

Oak Class: Evie, Cayden, Charlotte,

Elm Class: Joshua, Harry, Coen

Congratulations to all children awarded
Star of the Week detailed above..



Sporting News

We are delighted to share with you that year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an area sports event earlier in the month. They won their heats and were successfully put forward to the finals. All of the pupils worked extremely hard showing courage, determination and good team work. We are extremely proud to announce that they came 4th out of 16 schools.



Gambia News

Miss Kay presented an assembly to the children on Monday 1st February to share her experiences in Gambia and look at how we can help to improve the lives of children in Africa.

Road Safety

We have some dedicated pupil's who take their role as Road Safety Officers extremely seriously. Their aim is to keep everyone safe in the school grounds, especially when entering and leaving the school premises. I would like to thank the vast majority of parents who respond politely to the children's requests to use the pathways around the car park. We work hard to teach the value of respect at our school.

Friends Update

We look forward to seeing the children at the disco planned for Friday 12th February. We hope that the children enjoy the music and dancing. Thank you to the Friends of Wood Ley for organising the event.

Quiz Night!

Please put a date in your diary for Friday 11th March, more details will follow about an action packed evening testing your mental abilities.



School Visits & Activities

Foundation Classes



It has been an exciting time in foundation Stage classes lately with lots of visitors arriving in uniform to share how they help people in our community. Thank you to all of our visitors for giving up their time to support the children learn more about people who help us.

Key Stage 1 Classes

It has been rewarding to see the mountain of recycled materials, which the children have brought into school, being transformed into creative models as part of the transport theme. It is amazing what children can do with a cereal box!

Teachers are busy planning a trip to Bury St Edmunds Cathedral as part of the learning next half term. A letter will follow shortly with more details.



Lower Key Stage 2

There have been some delicious smells drifting from the lower key stage 2 classes as the children continue to learn about healthy eating. They have made some interesting smoothies as well as more unusual pasta dishes. Thank you to staff, pupils and parents for making Miss Winder, Mrs Slater and Mrs Mayhew feel welcome in their roles as part of the Wood Ley team.

Upper Key Stage 2

Pupil's in years 5 and 6 are looking forward to their Egyptian experience on 11th February. Victrix is a travelling historical theatre based group who run exciting workshops which bring history to life. The children will experience the Egyptian Explorer, where they will act out stories from Ancient Egypt, learn about Egyptian tombs and a pharaoh's funeral. We are looking forward to seeing a transformation in year 5 and 6 with the children coming to school dressed as Egyptians.



Young Reporters

In next months issue of the newsletter the Key stage pages will be written by a small team of year 6 pupils who are keen reporters. The children will be interviewing staff and children to find out what they are learning and future events to look forward to. We have had our first meeting to discuss roles and the children have been issues with their reporters notebooks. I am looking forward to working with them to share their creative talents and provide a purposeful platform for writing.

Diary Dates & Term Dates

February

2nd February— Sign to Sing Music and Mindfulness Activity Afternoon

4th February—SATS meeting for year 2 and year 6 parents at 3.45 in the hall

8th February—Maths curriculum morning 9.00- 10.00

9th February—Last week of Wood Ley run clubs

10th February— Year 5 parents invited to Thorpe Woodlands Meeting at 5.30

11th February— Ancient Egypt Day for years 5 and 6

Monday 15 – Friday 19 (inclusive) – Half-term week

24th February— Parents' forum at 2.30, transition to High School

March

2nd March—Show & Share session—Numeracy focus

3rd March—Parents' Evening 5-7pm

4th March—Mother's Day Tea Party 3.30

8th March - Parents' Evening 3.45—5pm

10th March—Parents' Evening 4—6pm

21st March— 8.30—9.30am—School nurse drop-in session

24th March—Last day of term

Summer Term 2016 Monday 11 April – Thursday 21 July 2016

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June (inclusive) – Half-term week

Please note that within the above dates, there are three non-pupil days:

Monday 11 April – Staff Professional Development Day, Monday 2 May – Bank Holiday

Friday 27 May – Staff Professional Development Day

Term Dates 2016/2017

Autumn Term 2016

Thursday 1 September – Tuesday 20 December 2016
(Half Term – Week commencing 24 October 2016)

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4 January – Friday 31 March 2017
(Half Term – Week commencing Monday 13 February 2017)

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 April – Friday 21 July 2017
(Half Term – Week commencing Monday 29 May 2017)

Please note that from within the above dates, five non-pupil days will be determined by individual schools. The non-pupil days for Wood Ley School will be:

Thursday 1 September 2016

Friday 2 September 2016

Wednesday 4 January 2017

Tuesday 18 April 2017

Friday 26 May 2017

Mathematics Curriculum

Morning Reminder

We would like to invite parents into school on Monday 8th February to share the new maths curriculum and in particular calculation methods used in school. There will be a brief description of the curriculum in the hall at 9.00 followed by an opportunity for you to work with your child in their maths lesson. A letter will follow to enable you to confirm your attendance.

