



Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Reminder:

Parents' Evenings :

3rd March

8th March

10th March

**We now have 82% of
Parents/Carers
registered for the
new Parentmail
system. We are
aiming for 100% after
Easter. Please
register!**

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a good half term break and are ready for the second half of this busy term. Thank you to everyone who attended the maths morning. It was lovely to see so many parents working with their children. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you during book week to share writing experiences with your children.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

We are looking forward to hosting the first Mother's Day Afternoon Tea celebration on Friday 4th March 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. Mrs Paddy has had a tremendous response and we are keen to try out lots of new ideas.



Head Lice Alert

Unfortunately some classes in the school appear to be plagued by head lice this term, which has become irritating and expensive for some families to repeatedly have to treat. It is recommended that an effective way of everyone treating head lice is to use a nit comb. Cover the infected hair in conditioner (so the lice will lose their grip) and comb through, starting at the root and going all the way to the tips. After each stroke, check the comb for lice and clean it on a tissue to see if there are some on it. You need to comb the hair for at least 30 minutes and repeat four more times over the following two weeks to ensure all the head lice are removed, and to capture any head lice that may hatch between combing sessions. Hopefully if everyone in the class affected is treated then we can attempt to eradicate the problem.

Letters and Reply Slips

In an attempt to encourage the children's independence and confidence we are requesting that if possible reply slips and letters sent into school are given to class teachers by the children. If parents wish to hand letters in themselves could they try to use the blue post box situated at the front entrance of the school. This will be emptied each morning at 9 am.



Wood Ley Stars

Hazel Class: Matthew , Poppy, Samuel

Acer Class: Darcy (English) Cora, Elise

Cedar Class: Keira, Emily, Alfie, Alfred,

Poplar Class: Paulina, Taylor, Kezia

Maple Class: Adrian

Beech Class: Thalia, Jack, Harriet.

Cherry Class: Luke, Seth, Ellis

Oak Class: Rhea, Charlotte, Nikola

Elm Class: Amelie , Ashton, Alexander

Holly: Monty, Noah , Shay

Willow: Josh, Lewis, Hermione

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



Sporting News

Swimming Competition

Children in years 5 and 6 are taking part in a swimming competition on Friday 4th March. We wish them the best of luck representing the school.

U11 Quicksticks Hockey Competition

We have a team competing in the under 11 hockey competition on Thursday 10th March at Stowupland High School. We look forward to hearing how they get on.

Gambia News

Miss Kay has received an exceptionally generous response from children and parents, the atrium is filled with kind donations and Miss Kay is busy packing boxes to send off to Gambia in the next few weeks. The non uniform day on Friday 26th February raised £266 to support the cost of postage to the schools in Gambia.

Road Safety

In our relentless attempts to keep the children safe around the school grounds , PCSO Murton will be visiting Wood Ley over the next few weeks to ensure parents and pupils use the pathways safely when entering and leaving school and avoid crossing the car park.

Friends Update

Quiz Night!

We are pleased to hear that many of you have been brushing up on your general knowledge in preparation for the quiz night on Friday 11th March.

Foundation Play House

Foundation children are thoroughly enjoying using their newly constructed playhouse. A huge thank you to the Friends for enabling us to purchase this, to develop the outside learning experiences in the Foundation Stage.



School Visits & Activities

Foundation Classes

Foundation stage have been up to lots of exciting topics throughout February and they are looking forward to lots of fun projects and activities in the following March. The children are looking forward to their trip to Banham Zoo on 22nd March. This exciting trip is connected to their interesting lessons on animals around the world. Foundation stage have had lots of very interesting visits in February including: the police, the fire people the ambulance team covered lots of new things . Lots of learning! Apart from all their trips and activities they have also been doing lots of celebrating. They have been making scrumptious pancakes for Pancake Day .

Upper Key Stage 2

The children in year 5 and 6 are learning about space and the planets this term. The topic got off to a kick start with some impressive creative work which has transformed their classrooms into an outer space environment.

Key Stage 1

This term the KS1 year group have had a galvanizing and jam-packed term with lots of breath-taking things. This term they have been learning about vehicles and how they travel. Within this stimulating topic they have been learning how to attach the wheels of vehicles to the chassis. They have handcrafted and designed their own dumbfounding vehicles. Fair testing was also one of the key points of their melodramatic science lessons. Respect and recycling was intriguing for them to learn about. In religious education they have been studying the Jewish religion and have made artificial candlesticks. One of the teachers Miss Whale spread some light on next terms subjects and events. The tremendous topic of the great fire of London and also a trip to Bury St Edmunds cathedral. The children have adored their lessons and hopefully lots more to come.

Reported by Samuel Minchin Year 6

Lower Key Stage 2

Lower key stage 2 have been working on many exciting projects in February. Poplar English class have been inventing cracking contraptions for Wallace and Gromit as well as that, they very much enjoyed their big write mix which gave them the experience to mix with year sixes from Hazel English class. The teachers all agree that all lower key stage 2 pupils have worked very hard on their topics including Hinduism and Healthy eating. During the topic of Healthy eating the classes made delicious smoothies from scratch as they had no blenders! The pupils also loved making tasty bruschetta's which by the sounds of it were very yummy! Future plans include going on a thrilling trip to a Lego exhibition and all children are looking forward to it very much. Maple and Beech English are excited and ambitious to start writing about super heroes! The teachers are looking forward to starting their new topic on transport and all the children are too. I can't wait to hear about next month.

Diary Dates & Term Dates

March

2nd March—Whole School Show & Share session—3.20—3.45pm—Numeracy Focus

3rd March—Parents' Evening 5-7pm

4th March—Book Week Fancy Dress Day, Mother's Day Tea Party 3.30

8th March - Parents' Evening 3.45—5pm

9th March—Lower KS2 trip to Lego Brick City

10th March—Parents' Evening 4—6pm

11th March—Friends Quiz night

14th March—KS1 visit to Bury St Edmunds Cathedral

18th March—Sports Relief Red Nose Day

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

22nd March—Foundation Stage visit to Banham Zoo

24th March—End of term, Grab A Bag lunch

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

Grab A Bag Lunch

Grab A Bag is back by popular request on Thursday 24th March. The children will be able to have hot dog and chips accompanied by an Easter nest. The cost remains the same as a school lunch at £ 2.30 and can be ordered and paid for in the usual way on Monday 21st March.

