

Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Reminder:

Please register with parent mail to ensure you receive current information.

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday at school on Friday 10th June. Weather permitting we hope to hold a street party on the playground. We are extremely mindful of children with allergies, therefore, we would like the children to bring a decorated plate home the evening before the event, for you to fill with items your child would like to eat at the Street party. Please could you ensure the food items do not require refrigeration.



Miss Watson

We are delighted to share the news that Miss Watson is expecting a baby in the autumn. We are extremely pleased for her and wish her every happiness. She will continue as Maple Class teacher until the end of the summer term, before commencing her maternity leave.

Annual School Reports

As you are aware this year the school curriculum and assessment has changed, with the removal of levels and sub levels. We are currently in the process of writing end of year school reports which reflect the changes. The new report format includes an attainment and effort grade for each area of the curriculum. Pupils will be assessed against nationally expected standards for their age and this will be reported as **A** = working above the standard expected for their age, **E** = working at the standard expected for their age and **T** = working towards the standard expected for their age.



For the first time we are reporting on the effort pupils demonstrate towards their learning. This reflects the hard work and commitment they have shown, in coping with the demands of the new curriculum. The pupils will be awarded **A** = demonstrating an excellent attitude towards learning, **B** = a good effort demonstrated towards learning and **C** = an improvement is required. We are planning to send the annual reports home electronically as part of Parentmail. Please could you ensure that you have registered or provided a current email address. If you have any difficulties please speak to myself or a member of the office staff.

Wood Ley Stars

Hazel Class: Luke

Acer Class: Arran, Rowan, Rubi - May

Cedar Class: Cameron, Connor

Poplar Class: Jamie, Emily, Penelope

Maple Class: Jessica, Owen, Tiana, Sophie, Zach

Beech Class: Melanie,

Cherry Class: Zak, Leyna, Mark

Oak Class: Martha, Jack, Maxwell,

Elm Class: George,

Holly: Archie, Spencer, Lexi, Finley

Willow: Ty, Jack

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

Cyber Safety



It is very important to be aware of what your child is accessing online, to ensure they are safe.

The Thinkuknow website provides support and guidance for parents and children to keep them safe online. It is useful to monitor the time spent using computers and electronic devices especially at night as it can disrupt sleeping patterns. Many parents have found it useful to remove devices from bedrooms at bedtime. For further advice please visit:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Father's Day Breakfast

Reminder



Friday 17th June.

We are looking forward to hosting this event for the first time. It will be a wonderful opportunity for families to start the day together with a cooked breakfast in the school hall.

20,250 tokens collected for Sports for Schools, thank you to everyone for collecting tokens.

Friends Update

We hope you will be able to support the Bags 2 School fund raising event and use this opportunity to donate old and unwanted clothing. The bags have been sent home and we are hoping to have them returned to school on Wednesday 25th May. Date for the diary - Pop Quiz on Friday 10th June 7.30pm, more details to follow.



A reminder that the summer disco is taking place on Thursday 26th May.



Sports Afternoon—Friday 24th June

Please join us on Friday 24th June for the school sports afternoon. You are very welcome to enjoy a picnic lunch on the school field with your child from 12.15pm. In the event of rain the alternative afternoon has been reserved for Friday 1st July.

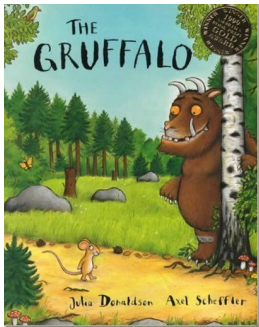
School Visits & Activities

Foundation Classes

The children in Holly and Willow classes are learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. They will be able to



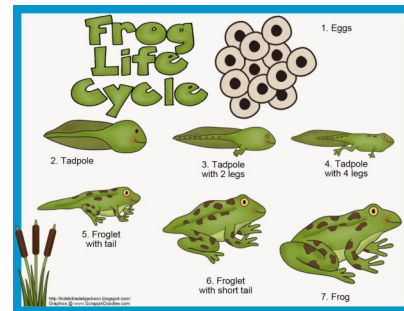
watch how the caterpillars grow in the butterfly hotel. Hopefully this will generate lots of enthusiasm and excitement for learning.



The Gruffalo Big Write

The children are preparing to take part in the Big Write this term, using the Gruffalo as a stimulus. This is something the whole school take part in regularly, where the children are encouraged to write for a sustained amount of time. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to talk about their writing and teachers will be modelling what is expected.

Key Stage 1



It is interesting to see the children in Key Stage 1 carefully observing their tadpoles and describing how they are changing. Some are already reaching stage 3 with little legs appearing. I am sure that they are keeping you informed about their progress.

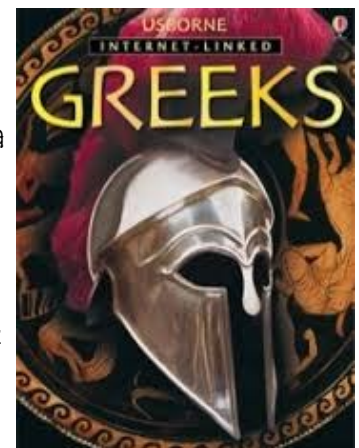
The teachers are busy planning an exciting trip to link with the seaside topic after half term. A letter will follow shortly with more information.

It has been rewarding to hear children reading enthusiastically with their reading buddies across Key Stage 1. The children from Year 5 have paired up with Year 1 and 2 children to support their reading development.

Lower Key Stage 2:

Year 3 and 4 have an exciting Greek day planned for Monday 13th June. The children will take part in an action packed workshop, which includes a mixture of activities and role play, making learning about the Ancient Greeks a fun and memorable experience. There will be a visit from a Greek warrior who will demonstrate his weapons and armour. The children will have an insight into democracy, followed by a mini Olympic Games.

Beech class have been enjoying their Forest Schools activities this half term with the last session running on Tuesday 14th June. This has enabled the children to develop their social skills, confidence and overall well being through a range of outdoor activities.



Diary Dates & Term Dates

May

Thursday 5th May— Show and Share, topic books

Monday 9th May— Beech class begin Forest Schools

Monday 9th May— Year 6 begin SATs

Thursday 12th May— School nurse drop in session

Thursday 12th May—Foundation Stage water safety talk

Monday 16th May -Year 6 visit High School with class teachers.

Tuesday 17th May—Upper key stage 2 visit Museum of East Anglian Life - Science workshops

Friday 20th May—Upper and Lower key stage 2 visit Museum of East Anglian Life -Science workshops

Wednesday 25th May—Parents' forum , new report format (2.30pm)

Thursday 26th May—Year 5 / 5 Forest School day at Northfield Woods (Cedar Class)

Thursday 26th May—Friends summer disco

Friday 27th May—PD Day (school closed to children)

Monday 30th May—Half Term

June

Monday 6th June—Show and Share, Science books

Friday 10th June—Queen's 90th birthday Celebration

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