

# Wood Ley Community Primary School



## Newsletter

November 2015

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Please telephone the  
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Dear Parents,  
I hope you had a relaxing half term holiday, we have planned an exciting half term leading us up to Christmas. I am looking forward to giving you more details surrounding the Christmas festivities and performances in the December issue.



I have been approached by several parents asking about Wood Ley fleece tops, previously they were available for the oldest children in the school, however, they have proved to be a welcome addition to our school uniform, therefore Inces in Stowmarket are now stocking fleeces for the whole age range at school. If your child wishes to wear a school fleece they are more than welcome.



We would like to thank the Friends of Wood Ley ( FOWLS) for supporting the teacher led after school clubs and enabling teachers to buy useful resources to enhance the activities they provide. We are aware that the winter nights are closing in which is the key reason we decided to finish

clubs at 4.10pm . Could you please ensure your child is picked up at this time.

Thank you to the parents who came along to the parents' forum on Wednesday 14th October, one of the things we discussed was trying to ease the congestion in the playground at pick up time. We hope the allocated class standing spaces helps to alleviate the problem. Please look out for details of the next parents' forum in the Spring Term .



The children in year 5 and 6 will be selling poppies throughout the week of 2nd November in support of the poppy appeal.

We will be holding a 1 minute silence to show our respect and develop our understanding of British Values.

We have been asked if we could support the 3rd Stowmarket Brownie group who meet at Wood Ley and collect used stamps. There will be a collection box in the atrium if you would like to donate used stamps. Brown Owl has asked if you could leave a 1 cm border around the stamps please in order for them to be recycled.



# Wood Ley Stars

Hazel Class: Casey, Ollie, Katie, Brandon

Acer Class: Kelan, Joshua, Noah

Cedar Class: Caleb, Jake, Shannon

Poplar Class: Jessica, Jamie, Izzy

Maple Class: Megan, Daniel, Adrian, Oliver

Beech Class: George, Evie, Emma

Cherry Class: Oliver, Phoebe, Lillia

Oak Class: Marliya, Lauren, Noah

Elm Class: Bailey, Archie, Jasmine

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

## Sporting News

The cross country competition went extremely well, Wood Ley won the silver award. We are delighted to share with you that Rory in year 6 was the overall winner, gaining him a place in the county finals .



## School Meals



The Bonfire Lunch will be offered on Friday 6th November, serving hotdogs and chips, cup cakes or chocolate crunch.

This term in addition to our usual choices we are offering a daily option of jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings. The children will be able to select a filling of their choice in the morning. We hope this will be a popular choice with the children.

We are delighted to offer the year 5 and 6 children a healthy tuck trolley snack at morning break. We are aware that they have to wait longer than the rest of the school for their lunch break, so tuck will be available each morning at 10.15 in the atrium. Each item will be priced at 50p with a sweet or savoury option. Please see the notice board for option details. The bake sale held on Friday 16th October was a huge success, we raised £137 which will go towards enhancing our dining experiences.

## Friends of Wood Ley Update

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the 'spooktacular' halloween events and bag2school. We raised an amazing £ 481.78 at the discos.

Many of you might have noticed the building taking shape in the year 5 / 6 garden area funded by the friends. The children are thrilled at the prospect of more outdoor learning opportunities. A huge thank you to Mr Keeling for his hard work.



'save the date' for Festive Fun Night - 4th December and ask anyone wishing to hold their own stall to contact the Friends at [fowls1989@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fowls1989@yahoo.co.uk)

As Christmas fast approaches, many of you will be busy shopping, can we remind you of an easy way to raise money for the school by shopping on line at the Giving Machine , [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)

# School Visits & Activities

## Foundation Classes

The children in Foundation Stage

continue to amaze us with their confidence and enthusiasm for learning. They have enjoyed playing on the large playground at break times with the rest of the school.

This half term they are learning about light and dark with a focus on fireworks and Diwali. The children will be sharing lots of different stories such as Owl Babies.

You are very welcome to attend Show and Share in your child's classroom on Thursday 5th November at 3.20pm.



## Key Stage 1 Classes

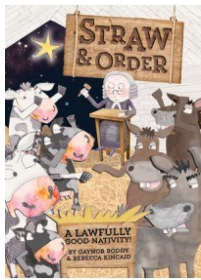
In Key Stage 1 this half term the children will be learning about homes long ago.

Children will be taking new spellings home on a Monday which are assessed throughout the week as part of phonics work. The children will have a focused test on Friday, to support their understanding of word building. Both word families and sounds are given to learn, as well as high frequency must words. The class teachers are happy to discuss any queries with you at the end of the school day. The children are working hard to develop their independent skills and are encouraged to change their reading books during the school day.



## Lower Key Stage 2 -

As part of their topic work, Year 3 and 4 children will be visiting Felixstowe this half term to learn more about a contrasting locality. A letter detailing the trip has been sent home.



The teachers in Lower Key Stage 2 are working hard planning another exciting Christmas production. This year the children will be performing "Straw and Order", a humorous twist on the traditional nativity story. I am sure that you will be hearing your children rehearsing their singing throughout the house as Christmas approaches. We are always extremely grateful for any help with costumes or props, if anyone is able to help please let us know.

## Upper Key Stage 2

The children are working hard planning their enterprise project this half term, we have planned to take the children to the John Peel Centre on Friday 6th November to look at the creative enterprise market for further inspiration. We look forward to hearing more about their projects in the December newsletter.

At the moment year 6 are preparing for their Year 6 transition project, "The Road Less Travelled" which they will be performing at Suffolk One on Tuesday 24th November. For further details about the performances please visit the web site [www.Dance4ward.com](http://www.Dance4ward.com). Following the success of last years "Carol by Candlelight", Years 5 and 6 are looking forward to their open air carol concert on Wednesday 16th December at 5.30pm.



# Diary Dates & Term Dates

## November

Tuesday 3rd November—Cherry Class begin Forest Schools ( old clothes)

Thursday 5th November—Show and Share, English.

Friday 6th November— Grab a Bag Bonfire lunch.

Friday 6th November—year 5 and 6 visit the John Peel Centre

Tuesday 10th November—Year 3 and 4 trip to Felixstowe

Tuesday 17th November— last week of Wood Ley School run clubs

Wednesday 25th November—Year 6 transition performance at Suffolk One

## December

Tuesday 1st December—Cherry Class last week of Forest Schools

Tuesday 1st December— Stowmarket Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's and St Mary's church.

Wednesday 2nd December—Show and Share , mathematics

Wednesday 2nd December—Choir to take part in Bury St Edmunds Cathedral—Carol Service

Friday 4th December— Friends of Wood Ley School—Christmas Bazaar—5.30pm

## Term Dates 2015/2016

### Autumn Term 2015

Wednesday 2 September – Friday 18 December 2015

(Half Term – Week commencing 26 October 2015)

### Spring Term 2016

Monday 4 January – Thursday 24 March 2016

(Half Term – Week commencing Monday 15 February 2016)

### Summer Term 2016

Monday 11 April – Thursday 21 July 2016

(Half Term – Week commencing Monday 30 May 2016)

**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:**

Wednesday 2 September 2015, Thursday 3 September 2015,

Monday 4 January 2016, Monday 11 April 2016

Friday 27 May 2016

## Thorpe Woodlands Presentation Evening



We would like to invite parents of Year 6 children to our presentation evening where we will be showing photographs of the activities the children took part in during the residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands, in September. **Wednesday 18th November 3.30pm in the Atrium.**