

Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your positive comments regarding the format of our newsletter. We hope the October issue finds you in good health. It is a busy month at school with Parents' Evenings fast approaching. Please check the diary dates at the back of the newsletter for details of times and dates to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. Please drop your children off at school first before entering the hall; this will ease congestion around the lists. Please carefully note that we are only able to offer **one** appointment per child. We are unable to compromise on this and thank you in advance for your co-operation.



On Tuesday 20 October, Rainbow Photographic will be here to take individual and family photographs. **Please dress your children in the uniform you would like them to be photographed in.** If you would like to have family photographs of your children with pre-school brothers and sisters, please wait in the atrium at 8.30am until the hall is free.

We look forward to seeing you at the Open Air Harvest Festival Celebration on Thursday 15th October, weather permitting.

Unfortunately due to the increase in pupil numbers if it proves to be wet, the celebration assembly will take place in the school hall for children only. Fingers crossed for a sunny day. After you drop your child/ren off in the morning you are very welcome to walk straight to the playground, ready for the Harvest assembly to begin at 9.15a.m. At the end of the service children will return to their classes. We welcome parents of Foundation Stage children to this event, but children in Foundation Stage will not be taking part outside because we feel they may be a little overawed by the occasion. For the second year we are going to support the Food Bank in Stowmarket. We would very much like donations of tinned produce and dry goods rather than fresh fruit and vegetables. Please bring produce to school from Monday 12 October onwards, to be displayed in the atrium. Major Beverley Robilliard, from the Salvation Army, will be leading the Assembly and she will collect the food items and take them to the collection centre later in the day.

We would like to send our best wishes to Mrs Douglas who will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this half term. We are delighted to

welcome Mrs Bolton an experienced teacher to work in Maple Class. Mrs Spinks will be taking over as SENCO until Mrs Douglas returns. They have been working closely together to ensure a smooth transition.



Wood Ley Stars

Hazel Class: Issac, Joseph, Keeva, Naomi

Acer Class: Ruby, Scarlett, Blossom, Lauren

Cedar Class: Poppy, Saskia, Fin, Thomas

Poplar Class: Josie, Elliot, Liam, William

Maple Class: Chloe, Jayden, Johnny

Beech Class: Olivia, Harriet, Thomas, Leon

Cherry Class: Sarah Jane, Indiana, Braeden, Helena, Riley

Oak Class: Freddie, Bronwyn, Ami, Druhan, Maxwell

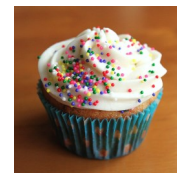
Elm Class: Mollie, Joseph, Elliot, Ralphie

Holly Class / Willow Class : to join later

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



School Meals



We have lots of exciting projects planned over the next few weeks to enhance the dining experience at school. We hope to hold a bake sale on Friday 16th October to raise money to buy a service trolley to help encourage and support the children's independence during lunch time. Year 6 pupils will be selling donated cakes and biscuits after school in the atrium.

Please remember to pay your dinner money on a Monday morning each week. You may prefer to pay monthly or half-termly. Meals are priced at £2.30. Cheques should be made payable to Suffolk County Council. Please always place cash in a named envelope.

Friends of Wood Ley Update



Thank you to all of those who attended the AGM. We are thrilled to announce a total of £6,168 was raised last year and we thank everyone for their support!! Last year's money will be put to good use funding an outside classroom, poly tunnel and sports equipment. The next FOWLS event will be the halloween disco with a special "Halloweenies" party for foundation stage (details to follow). Justine Brown will be organising "Bags2School" too, with a collection date of 19th October, again details will follow. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kellie Peachment for all her hard work over the past two years as chairperson. Carol Steed will take over the role this year and we wish her luck as we hope for another successful year of fundraising for our children.

Sporting News



We wish our cross country team the best of luck in their competition on Thursday 8th October. They will be running against students from other primary schools in our locality.

More events coming soon

School Visits & Activities

Foundation Classes

It is lovely to see how well the children have settled into school already, they are working hard and keeping their teachers on their toes. The children have enjoyed learning about castles, traditional stories and fairy tales. Next week they plan to make gingerbread but I expect it will all be eaten before home time.



Thank you for your co-operation walking the children into school via the main gate, it enables us to start the day smoothly.

It was lovely to see many of you at the phonics afternoon, thank you to Mrs Spinks and Mrs Castle for organising this. I know they have plans for a maths event, details to follow soon.

Key Stage 1 Classes

The children are working hard in Key Stage 1 learning about different animal



homes. They are using their computer skills to research animal habitats around the world. We are encouraging the children to use their cyber safety skills, starting with a child friendly search engine, you may hear them talking about kidrex which can be found at www.kidrex.org. This is a fun, child friendly search engine which supports the children's growing understanding of online safety.

Lower Key Stage 2

This term the children in years 3 and 4 will be comparing the localities of Felixstowe and Stowmarket. They will be developing their fieldwork skills studying the facilities we have in Stowmarket, looking at the manmade and natural features. After half term teachers have planned to take the children to Felixstowe on a school trip. The children have been extending their cyber safety skills, learning about keeping safe on the internet. Resources you might like to look at which support this topic can be found on the following web link www.thinkuknow.co.uk.



Upper Key Stage 2

Year 6 returned from their residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands damp, tired and full of stories. I am extremely proud of their efforts, determination and excellent behaviour during the visit. All the staff working with our children commented on the high standard of behaviour. They were a credit to you all. We have planned a photographic exhibition where you are welcome to come and share the experiences and activities. Please look out for the flyer detailing this event.

After an extremely successful enterprise project last year, we are hoping to expand our skills in a project sponsored by St Elizabeth Hospice. We hope to invest the money given to us to create a profit, in support of this worthy cause.



Diary Dates & Term Dates

October

Tuesday 6th October—Sign up for Parents' Evenings in the hall for Foundation and KS1 pupils at 8.40am

Wednesday 7th October—Sign up for Parents' Evenings in the hall for KS2 pupils at 8.40 am

Wednesday 7th October—Show and Share session at 3.20 pm for KS1 and KS2 parents

Thursday 8th October—Cross Country Event for year 5/6 at Stowupland High School

Wednesday 14th October—Parents' Forum 2.50—3.20 pm in the hall, looking at the new curriculum and assessment without levels.

Thursday 15th October—Harvest Festival 9.15 am on the playground

Thursday 15th October—Parents' Evening 5—7.30pm

Friday 16th October—Bake Sale in the atrium at 3.20

Tuesday 20th October—Family and individual photographs (8.30 am family photographs for siblings not at school)

Tuesday 20th October—Parents' Evening 3.45—5pm

Thursday 22nd October— Parents' Evening 4—6pm

November

Thursday 5th November—show and share literacy 3.20 pm

Friday 6th November—Grab a Bag Bonfire Lunch

Tuesday 17th November—Last week of school run clubs

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

Safety Reminder

Please can you ensure that only Key Stage 2 pupils enter school in the morning through the green gate. It has been brought to our notice that the cycle path is becoming increasingly congested at the start of the school day. We continue to meet and greet parents and children at the main gate, for the rest of the school. At the end of the day children in years 5 and 6 leave school via the green gate, if they have permission to walk home alone. For the safety of all of our children we ask that adults do not use the green gate to enter the school grounds.

We have also received several complaints with regard to the standard of parking on Lowry Way, at the beginning and end of the school day. Please, wherever possible, park in the Leisure Centre car park and proceed to school along the cycle path. Suffolk Constabulary will continue to monitor this situation on our behalf.

Thank you for your support with these matters.