

Wood Ley Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Open Air Harvest Festival on Thursday 5th October. The children have been learning their songs and are excited to share them with you. In the case of rain, we will need to hold the harvest festival in the school hall which unfortunately



means it will be for the children only. Fingers crossed we will have sunshine like previous years. We would be very grateful if you could send any produce you are able to donate into school on Thursday morning. All of the donated food will be going to support Stowmarket food bank.

Foundation Stage Phonics and Maths Workshop

Mrs Spinks and Mrs Castle are keen to see as many foundation stage parents as possible at the phonics and maths workshop on Thursday 5th October. The session will begin at 2.45 in the school hall where you will have an opportunity to learn more about the way maths and reading is taught in school. Parents have found this to be a very useful session in the past as it gives an insight into ways to support your child's learning at home.

School Photographs Thursday 19th October

A reminder that the school photographer will be visiting school on



Thursday 19th October to take individual and family photographs. If you wish your child to have their photograph taken with a pre school child not currently at Wood Ley, you are welcome to arrive at school via the front entrance at 8.30 am.

Parents' Evenings

The online booking for parents' evenings (via Parentmail) will be opening at 6.00pm on Monday 2 October. Please select which day you wish to book an appointment. Please carefully note, we are only able to accommodate one appointment per child registered at Wood Ley. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Wood Ley Stars

The children who were awarded star of the week certificates in September were:

Taylor and Maddie Acer Cedar Brennan and Emily Hazel Abigail and Aiden Poplar Ellis and Erica Beech Lucy and Amelie Maple Archie and Finley Cherry Natalie and Layla Joshua and Ruben Oak Elm Lily Anna and Olivia

School Councillors

Elections were held across the school for the appointment of the new school councillors. Well done to the following children for being selected to represent their classes at the school council meetings. 🖈 We look forward to hearing your ideas.

Chloe and Johnny
Reuben and Emily
Tiana and Ollie
Seth and Katie
Elliot and Molly C
Rhea and Charlotte
Lucas and Layla
Shay and Eliza
Oliver and Macey

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Bonfire Night Grab A Bag Lunch!

To celebrate Bonfire Night, there will be a grab a bag lunch on Friday 3rd November. The children will be served hot dogs and chips as well as a dessert.

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A vegetarian option will be available.

Work To Be Proud Of

We are pleased to announce that we have another lovely team of peer supporters this year. The year

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six children will begin their training very soon, which will help them to support children during break times. There is a duty timetable in the atrium, showing which pair of peer supporters are working each day.

SEN Drop In Thursday 30th November 2.30pm

Mrs Spinks is looking forward to meeting parents at the next SEN drop in session in the library on Thursday 30th November. If you have issues you would like to raise with Mrs Spinks at the drop in please could you e mail her to enable her to prepare for the meeting.

Friend's of Wood Ley

The Friend's held their annual general meeting on Monday 25th September. They have already planned an exciting year ahead. We are extremely grateful for their hard work in fundraising for the school. In the past we have been able to buy the adventure trail as well as picnic tables for the foundation stage area. We are hoping that the money raised last year will go towards the development of the pond and Forest School area. We have plans to refurbish the pond so that the

children can enjoy pond dipping as part of their outdoor learning.



School Visits & Activities

Foundation Stage



We are delighted that the foundation children have settled so well into school. They have been

enjoying lots of traditional tales including, The Three Little Pigs. The children have enjoyed making masks and re telling the story. Over the next few weeks they will be sharing The Gingerbread Man and The Enormous Turnip. They are working hard counting and learning to recognise their numbers.

Key Stage 1

The children in key stage one have produced some lovely pieces of writing about the Rainbow Fish. The children will be using different



materials to weave animal habitats as part of the design technology learning.

Cross Country Running

Well done to the children who entered the cross country running competition on



Wednesday 27th September. They represented the school very well achieving a gold and silver in the girls category and a silver in the boys category.

Upper Key Stage 2

The children in years 5 and 6 have enjoyed a South American animal encounter . They were able to hold or view giant stick insects, snakes, lizard, millipede, frog and the most popular chinchilla . It was a very informative workshop, which the children clearly enjoyed. Several photographs have been posted on class dojo. Their understanding of life in South America continues with the dance workshop planned for 17th October.



Lower Key Stage 2

The children in Lower Key Stage 2 are learning about animal classification and sorting them into different habitats. They have planned an exciting trip to Felixstowe on Monday 9th October where they will be comparing the environment and land use with that in Stowmarket.



Diary Dates & Term Dates

October

Monday 2nd October-Cherry Class Forest Schools Wednesday 4th October—3.20 Show and Share English Thursday 5th October—9.15 Year 1—6 Harvest Open Air Celebration Thursday 5th October—Poplar Class Forest Schools Thursday 5th October—Foundation Stage Phonics and Maths Workshop 2.45pm Monday 9th October - LKS2 Felixstowe Trip Monday 9th October—Cherry Class Forest Schools Thursday 12th October— Poplar Class Forest Schools Thursday 12th October - Parents' Evening 5 - 7 pm Monday 16th October—Cherry Class Forest School Tuesday 17th October—UKS2 South American Dance Day Tuesday 17th October—Parents' Evening 3.50—5pm Wednesday 18th October—Open Day for Prospective Parents Wednesday 18th October—Tag Rugby Competition UKS2 Thursday 19th October—Individual and Family Photographs Thursday 19th October—Poplar Class Forest Schools Thursday 19th October—Parents' Evening 4—6pm Friday 20th October—Halloween Disco Friend's of Wood Ley Monday 23rd October—Half Term November Thursday 2nd November—Show and Share 3.20 Maths

Term Dates 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017 Monday 4 September – Tuesday 19 December 2017 (Half Term – Week commencing 23 October 2017)

Spring Term 2018

. Wednesday 3 January – Thursday 29 March 2018 (Half Term – Week commencing Monday 12 February 2018)

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April – Tuesday 24 July 2018 (Half Term – Week commencing Monday 28 May 2018)

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:

Monday 4 September 2017 Tuesday 5 September 2017 Wednesday 3 January 2018 Monday 16 April 2018 Friday 25 May 2018