



# Wood Ley Community Primary School



## Newsletter

September 2015

Wood Ley CP School  
Lowry Way  
Stowmarket  
Suffolk, IP14 1UF

Tel: 01449 616038  
Fax: 01449 672261

Email:  
[admin@woodley.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodley.suffolk.sch.uk)

Website:  
[www.woodley.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.woodley.suffolk.sch.uk)

School Office opening  
hours:  
8.30am—5.00pm

Please telephone the  
school office by  
9.00am, if your child  
will be absent

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see the children settle into their new classes after the summer break, they looked very smart in their new uniform. Please can you ensure clothing is named as we had a large amount of lost property last term, some of which looked new. If you wish to re home the lost uniform we will display it in the school hall on Friday 11th September after school.

As you may be aware the new National Curriculum which has come into force no longer uses levels and sub levels to assess progress, instead all children will be assessed according to expected age related performance indicators. Like the assessment in the Foundation Stage, children will be continuously measured against end of year expectations according to their age. When you meet with your child's class teacher during consultation meetings this term, they will be talking about working at age expected outcomes instead of sub levels. I will be discussing the changes to assessment in the parents' forum on Wednesday 14th October at 2.50pm, this is an informal meeting held termly to talk about school issues, everyone is welcome.

We have a new school noticeboard at the front of the school which we hope to use to keep you informed about school events as well as a section for governors to share information. We hope that this will be a useful addition to our communication channels along with this monthly newsletter . We warmly welcome your feedback via the parents' comments box in the school reception area.

I would like to thank all of the Children, Parents, Staff and Governors who have sent their kind thoughts and welcomed me in my new role as Headteacher. I am looking forward to working together to inspire and encourage our children to do their best .



# Wood Ley Stars

In this section we will be sharing the stars of the week for each class in our monthly newsletter. In addition to the achievement assembly on Friday mornings, children who have achieved the Wood Ley Star of the week will be invited to celebrate their hard work at the 'Headteacher's thank you tea party' on Friday afternoons at 3pm. This will be a lovely opportunity for children across the school to share their achievement with each other.



## Curriculum News

We will be launching our Forest Schools programme very soon, this year we aim for Key Stage 1 pupils to take part in the outdoor learning programme. Letters detailing the programme will follow in the half term before your child begins, if you are interested in helping with this please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Friends of Wood Ley Update

We hope that the Friends of Wood Ley will keep you updated on upcoming events and news in this section. Their Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 23 September at 7.30pm. It is a super opportunity to meet new people and make a dramatic impact on the lives of the children at Wood Ley.

I would like to thank them on behalf of us all for their support with developing the Year 5 / 6 outside area. We hope that the building of an

## Transport News

Suffolk transport is running the school bus service to our school for the second year, the children will be collected from the school bus each morning and taken to the bus at the end of the school day by a member of the school staff.

Please could parents of children using the bus service ensure that on the occasions they will not be returning home on the school bus that they ring the school office to inform staff. This means we will have an accurate record of who to expect to be using the service each day.



# School Visits & Activities

## Foundation Classes

It was lovely to meet the new foundation stage children on Friday during their induction session, they quickly felt like part of school.



Mrs Spinks and Mrs Castle have arranged a meeting for the parents of foundation stage children to talk about phonics and early reading. Please make a note of the dates on the back pages of this newsletter and check the letters in your child's book bag.



## Key Stage 1 Classes

We would like to welcome Mrs Bugg to the Key Stage 1 team. She will be working with Mrs Potter in Oak Class, teaching on a Wednesday afternoon and all day Friday. She has a wealth of teaching experience and we look forward to her joining our team.

It is lovely to see Mrs Hinchcliffe back after her maternity leave, she will be working with Mrs Buckle in Cherry Class where she will be teaching each Thursday and Friday.

Lots of the year 1 children felt excited at seeing Miss Whale in Elm Class as she has joined the Key Stage 1 team.

We will use this section to keep you updated and informed about events and news in Key Stage 1.

## Lower Key Stage 2 -

Beech Class met their new teacher Mrs Last on Friday, I am told they were all extremely helpful and made her feel welcome.

She is a Level 2 Hockey Coach, so Beech Class may prove to be the fittest in the school by Christmas.



## Upper Key Stage 2

It was strange to see Acer Class full of children after being empty last year. We welcome Mr Grocott to our team as their teacher and Deputy Headteacher. I know he is working hard with Miss Kay to plan some exciting activities while the year 6 children are on their residential trip.

Could we remind parents that the final payment for the Year 6 residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands in Thetford is due on Wednesday 9th September. I know the children are extremely excited and looking forward to our adventures. We plan to display photographs of the events in the school hall on our return, please check the noticeboard for details nearer the time.

# Diary Dates & Term Dates

## SEPTEMBER

Friday 4	First Day of Autumn Term
Friday 11	School Council Elections
16-18	Year 6 Residential—Thorpe Woodlands
Thursday 17	Year 5 Visit—ASDA
Tuesday 22	2.45—3.15pm—Phonics information session for Foundation Stage Parents
Wednesday 23	7.30pm—Friends of Wood Ley AGM
Friday 25	Colour Team Captain Elections for Year 5/6 children
Tuesday 29	After School Clubs to commence

## OCTOBER

Friday 2	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 7	3.20 - 3.45pm - Show & Share session-Focus-General
Wednesday 14	2.50 - 3.20pm-Parents' Forum
Thursday 15	9.15am-Whole School 'Open Air' Harvest Assembly
Thursday 15	5.00 - 7.30pm - Parents' Evening
Tuesday 20	Rainbow Photographic to take individual and family portraits
Tuesday 20	3.45 - 5.00pm - Parents' Evening
Thursday 22	4.00 - 6.00pm - Parents' Evening

**Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October (inclusive) - Half-term week**

## NOVEMBER

Thursday 5	3.20 - 3.45pm - Show and Share session - Focus - Literacy work
Tuesday 17	<b>Last week of After School Clubs for children</b>

## DECEMBER

Tuesday 1	6.00pm - Stowmarket Christmas Tree Festival - St Peter and St Mary's Church
Wednesday 2	3.20 - 3.45pm - Show & Share session - Focus - Numeracy work
Monday 7	1.30pm - Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
Monday 7	2.15pm - Lower Key Stage 2 - Christmas Production
Tuesday 8	2.00pm - Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 8	6.30pm - Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 9	2.00pm - Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 9	6.30pm - Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
Friday 11	Foundation Stage Christmas Show and Share
Wednesday 16	5.30pm - Year 5/6 Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 17	Children's Christmas Lunch
Friday 18	9.30am - Whole School Christmas Entertainment - Pyramid Productions - Cinderella Kindly provided by The Friends of Wood Ley School Last Day of Autumn term, school ends at 3.20pm



# 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