



Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and are looking forward to the second half of the autumn term. Thank you to all of the parents who have sent warm wishes and a speedy recovery to Mrs Mitchell. Your consideration is much appreciated and thank you for continuing to use the post box located at the front of the school for sending communications for the school office during this busy time.

Road Safety Officers— Super Hero Campaign

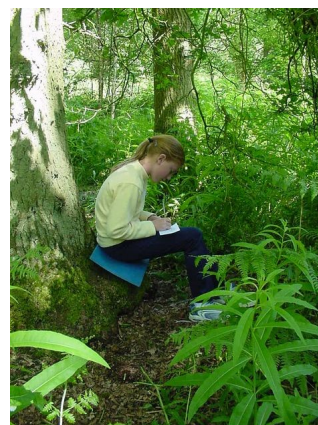
The junior road safety officers have been working hard to promote safe parking and driving around the school entrance . They are launching the super hero dress up day on Friday 2nd November to raise money to purchase safe parking signs for the area around the school gate. We are continuing to work with the police to ensure the safety of our children. I am excited to welcome the children into school on Friday dressed as their favourite super hero in support of this valuable cause.



Forest School Development Phase 3

We are delighted to share with you that the local town council , supported by Timberwolf have been busy in the school grounds during half term. The majority of the damage caused to our wooded area has been cleared in preparation for the next phase of the forest school development. We are aiming to

create a wellbeing area for the children to use , which will include sensory spaces and creative learning areas. The children have enjoyed sharing their ideas during the planning process and the school council will be busy over the next half term putting their plans into action. We will keep you updated with the progress.



Wood Ley Stars

The stars of the week for October were:

Elm Class: Ethan, Lacey, Sofia

Oak Class: Lily

Cherry Class: Rosie, Michael

Beech Class: Olivia, Leo

Maple Class: Finley, Aiden

Poplar Class: Jacob, Zilah

Acer Class: Aiden, Harry

Cedar Class: Charlotte, Chloe

Hazel Class: Aiden, Ami

School Values

Kindness Tokens

We have introduced kindness tokens this term, which are awarded to children who have been seen to show acts of kindness in school. The children are given a kindness ticket which they use to attend a special "Best Seats in the House," reward session.

Well done to the following children for demonstrating the school value of kindness.



SEN Drop In Thursday 29th November at 2.30

Mrs Spinks is looking forward to meeting parents at the next SEN drop in session in the library on **Thursday 29th 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.

Monday 5th November – Bonfire Night Grab A Bag

There will be an opportunity to have a themed Bonfire Night Grab—A Bag for lunch on Monday 5th November. Details of the menu will be e mailed and advertised on the notice board.

School Council Elections

Well done to the children who were elected to be the new school councillors for the first half of this school year.



A huge thankyou to everyone who helped and supported the events organised by the Friends of Wood Ley (FOWLS). This year they are continuing to raise funds to further develop the extended forest school area.



News from FOWLS

Our first event was the Halloween disco night, which raised a total of £536.69. Thank you to everyone who helped on the night to make this event possible. The children had a wonderful time and were extremely well behaved.

Following the success of the Spring quiz night, we have decided to hold an **Autumn quiz night** on **Friday 16 November**. Further details to follow

School Visits & Activities

Reading Workshops – Tuesday 6th November

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you in school for one of the reading workshops. It is a lovely opportunity to work alongside your child in their classroom and take part in a range of reading related activities. A parent mail message will be sent out shortly with the allocated session times.



Reading Workshops



We are delighted to share with you that we were awarded the second place prize for the remembrance competition which has been on display in the Museum of East Anglia over half term. We were awarded a certificate in assembly today.

Foundation Stage

The children thoroughly enjoyed baking and eating their gingerbread men last half term, they are currently working hard learning about shapes. Here are lots of shape hunts and walks planned over the next few weeks. The children will also be sharing the story "Rosie's Walk".

Key Stage 1

The children in Key Stage 1 will be learning all about weather this half term, they will be looking at weather forecasts and comparing Stowmarket with other localities. There will be an important introduction into keeping our personal information safe in Cyber Safety lessons.



Lower Key Stage 2

LKS2 are learning about the Victorians, what school life was like and the comparison between the lives of the rich and poor children during this time. The children will be learning about the inventions that developed British life and influence our lives today. The staff have planned an exciting visit to the museum to enable the children to experience a Victorian lesson. In their design technology lessons the children will be using their scientific knowledge and understanding to create a light for a Victorian kitchen.

Upper Key Stage 2



In years 5 and 6 the children will be learning all about Europe, they will be developing their mapping skills and identifying the countries which combine to create Europe. This will link well in the PSHE lessons where the children will be learning about Brexit, no doubt they will develop their own opinions centred around this debate. In science the children will be using their knowledge of electrical circuits to create an electrical game.

Diary Dates & Term Dates

November

Friday 2nd November—Super Hero Dress Up Day.

Monday 5th November—Bonfire Night Grab A Bag lunch.

Tuesday 6th November—Reading workshop session 1 at 9-9.45 session 2 10.15—11.00 (KS1 / KS2)

Tuesday 6th November—2.50 Foundation Stage Reading workshop

Wednesday 7th November—Open Morning for prospective new families September 2019 intake.

Friday 9th November— Remembrance Service Chilton Meadows 2pm (UKS2)

Friday 16th November—Friend's Autumn Quiz night

Friday 30th November - Bags 4 School collection day 9.00 am

December

Friday 7th December 5pm Friends' Festive Fun Night

Tuesday 11th December—5.30pm Whole School Carols By Candlelight

Tuesday 18th December—Christmas Lunch for children

Wednesday 19th December—Pyramid Productions Pantomime

Term Dates 2018 / 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 5 September – Wednesday 19 December 2018

(Half Term – Week commencing 22 October 2018)

Spring Term 2019

Wednesday 2 January – Friday 5 April 2019

(Half Term – Week commencing Monday 18 February 2019)

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 April – Wednesday 24 July 2019

(Half Term – Week commencing Monday 27 May 2019)

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 5 September 2018

Thursday 6 September 2018

Wednesday 2 January 2019

Thursday 3 January 2019

Tuesday 23 April 2019