



Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely summer and enjoyed spending time together as a family. It was lovely to see all of the children arrive at school this morning, as they start the first day of term. A warm welcome to our new foundation children who started school this week, we hope they settle in quickly and enjoy school life.

Welcome to New Staff



At the start of this new school year, we are very pleased to welcome several new members of staff to our school. Mr Moore and Miss Burnett have already settled into the Lower Key Stage 2 team.

We are all looking forward to working with them. Mr Scarff has moved on after many years at Wood Ley and we wish him the best of luck. Mr Samson is taking over as the school site manager and caretaker, we are all extremely pleased to welcome him to our team.



We have planned several open days for parents and children due to start school in September 2019. There will be opportunities to meet staff and have a guided tour of the school. I am always immensely proud of our older children who help on the tours as they speak enthusiastically about school and learning. If you know anyone with children due to start school in September 2019 please let them know the dates.

Friday 21st September 1.45pm Wednesday 7th November 9.30
Tuesday 8th January 1.45pm

Headteacher Awards 2018



Well done to the students who received the headteacher's award at the end of term.

We are all extremely proud of their achievements and their outstanding contribution to Wood Ley School.

Foundation:

Year 1: Oscar

Year 2: Dotty

Year 3: Charlotte

Year 4: Magnus

Year 5: Reuben

Year 6 : Emma

Wood Ley Stars

We are looking forward to seeing who will be awarded the star of the week certificate each Friday and attend the celebration tea parties during September. Names will be printed in the newsletter in October.

School Values

We done to the children pictured below who were nominated by their teachers to receive the school award for demonstrating the school value of courage.

For the autumn half term we will be celebrating the value s value of **Kindness**.

We are looking forward to seeing who will be nominated by their teacher.



Work To Be Proud Of



A huge well done to the children who received a 100% attendance certificate for the summer term .

Foundation Stage Phonics Workshop

We would like to welcome the new foundation stage parents to attend a phonics workshop in the hall on **Thursday 27th September**. Mrs Castle and Mrs Spinks are looking forward to talking to you about how reading is taught in school.

SEN Drop In Thursday 27th September 2.30

Mrs Spinks is looking forward to meeting parents at the next SEN drop in session in the library on **Thursday 27th September**. 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.

Parent Feedback from Annual Reports

Thank you to the parents who responded to the feedback form attached to the annual report, we received 168 forms in total. 97% felt the reports informed them about their child's progress with 100% of responses reporting they were easy to understand. 98% of the respondents found the effort grade useful, which was very encouraging. Thank you for the positive comments added recognising the hard work and commitment of the staff, they were greatly appreciated. We will be raising a few very useful suggestions at staff meetings.

Harvest Festival

Please keep the date free in your diary, **Thursday 4th October, 9.15** we welcome all parents to join us on the playground for our open air harvest festival. Unfortunately, if the weather is wet we will hold the harvest festival in the school hall for pupils only.

School Visits & Activities



Centenary Celebrations

As part of the Centenary Celebrations, local schools have been invited to submit art work for an exhibition. The children in years 5 and 6 worked very hard to create some wonderful images of what the war meant to them. A huge thankyou to Mrs Jones for running the art workshop and to Mrs Samson for displaying the children's work so creatively.

Foundation Stage

The children will be reading a collection of fairy tales this half term such as **The Ginger Bread Man** and **The 3 Little Pigs**. As the children spend a lot of time outside enjoying the fresh air please could you ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school and wellington boots if possible please. It was lovely to see the children in their new school uniform, they looked incredibly smart. Please could you check that all items are named so they can find their way back to your child. At school the children enjoy reading the class family book where they share photographs of their family, please could you send a family photograph into school for your child to put into the sharing book.

Key Stage 1

A quick reminder for our children new to year one, if you have a message you wish to pass on to the class teacher in the morning, please could you record it in the home contact book and ask your child to come into the classroom holding the book. This will ensure the teacher is able to read the message.

Lower Key Stage 2

The children in Key Stage 2 no longer receive fruit provided by the government as part of the healthy eating scheme, therefore they are very welcome to buy an item of food from the school tuck shop at morning break time. All items are freshly prepared by the school cook and sell for 50p each.

Upper Key Stage 2

As many of the older children bike and scooter to school on their own we would like to remind them that the storage rack allocated to them is situated next to the school entrance. The younger children are invited to use the storage racks on the playground. We would ask that the children do not ride scooters and bikes on the school grounds as it can be dangerous for pedestrians. Our new Road Safety Officers will be ready to support safety in and around the school grounds.

Diary Dates & Term Dates

September

Wednesday 12th September – Year 6 Residential Trip – Friday 14th September

Tuesday 18th September—3.20—4.20 Wood Ley run clubs begin

Friday 21st September— 1.45pm Open Afternoon for new school starters September 2019

Monday 24th September—LKS2 trip on Lady Orwell.

Monday 24th September—Cherry class week 1 of 4 Forest schools

Wednesday 26th September – Elm class week 1 of 4 Forest Schools

Wednesday 26th September – 2.30 Parents' Forum

Thursday 27th September—9.00—9.45 Phonics and Tapestry Workshop for Foundation Parents.

Thursday 27th September—SEN Drop in 2.30pm

Friday 28th September—Oak class week 1 of 4 Forest Schools

October

Thursday 4th October – 9.15 am open air Harvest Festival.

Thursday 11th October— 5—7pm Parents' Evening

Friday 12th October—Flu Immunisation Day Rec, Y1,2,3,4,5

Tuesday 16th October – Last week of Wood Ley run clubs.

Wednesday 17th October—Parents' Evening 3.45—5pm

Thursday 18th October—Parents' Evening 4—6pm

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