



Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Please use the blue post box, outside Reception, for handing in paperwork/ dinner money/trip monies etc. This is emptied at 9.00am daily.

This will ease congestion at Reception at the start of the day.

Many thanks -
Mrs Mitchell & Mrs Wager

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to sharing our open air harvest festival celebration with you on Thursday 6th October at 9.15. Please bring any donations of tinned or dried foods on Thursday morning, which will be gratefully accepted to support Stowmarket Foodbank. In the unfortunate event of rain we will have to cancel the outdoor event and hold an assembly in the hall for the children. As the hall is almost at capacity with the children we will be unable to open the assembly to parents.



Thank You Mr Yeldham

A huge thank you to Mr Yeldham for washing, delivering and placing the tractor tyres around the school grounds for the children to enjoy at break times. Gardening club already have plans to use some of them as containers to grow plants.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

It was lovely to see many of you at the coffee morning on Friday. We raised **£ 151.00** to support the excellent work carried out by the charity. It has a lovely community feel and provided a great opportunity for a catch up. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



Parents' Evening

We decided to try running parents' evenings a few weeks earlier this year, to give new families and new members of staff an opportunity to meet. It can be a stressful time starting school or moving key stages and it is better to share worries sooner rather than later. Thank you for the kind comments of support from those of you who appreciated the chance to share any concerns.

Ink Cartridges needed to support East Anglian Air Ambulance

We have been supporting East Anglian Air Ambulance for many years by collecting used ink jet cartridges. If you would like to recycle your used cartridges please send them to school with your child, who can place them in the collection box in the atrium.



Wood Ley Stars

Hazel Class: Liam, Adrian

Acer Class: Rubi – Jean, Mikey

Cedar Class: Kara, Olivia, Toby

Poplar Class: Chloe, Archie

Maple Class: Reuben, Taylor

Beech Class: Oliver, Riley

Cherry Class: Freya, Leo

Oak Class: Aimee, Oliver

Elm Class: Liam, Charlie

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

Peer Supporters

We would like to welcome Hannah, Shaciara, Harvey, Poppy B, Poppy, Luke, Mia, Shona, Saskia and Darcy as the peer supporters for this year. They began their training in September and they are all keen to start working with the children. A special thank you to Kara and Olivia for their help in the morning, welcoming children into school.

Headteacher Award 2016

Foundation—Noah Trevorrow

Year 1—Ralphie Allocca

Year 2—Charlotte Buckle

Year 3—Josie Buck

Year 4—Mikey Whitehall

Year 5—Poppy Parry-Ward

Year 6—Samuel Sims



Open Morning

We are looking forward to welcoming new families to visit our school on Friday 14th October. There will be guided tours at 9.30, 10.40 and 11.30 for families of children wishing to start in Foundation in September 2017.



Friends of Wood Ley Update

Thank you to all that came to the AGM!! It was great to see some new faces and always lovely to see regulars too!! We have our first children's social event to look forward which is the Halloween Disco!! These are planned to accommodate all years and will be on Friday 21st October – further details to follow shortly. We also have our first adult social event which is the Entertainment Quiz on Friday 18th November. 'Save the date' for our not to be missed Festive Fun Night on Friday 9th December. If you want to keep up with all of the Friends news, why not join our Facebook group FOWLS.

Cross Country Competition

Well done to our Key Stage 2 students for participating in the cross country running competition on Tuesday 27th September. As usual our children made us proud and came fourth. They all worked extremely hard, showing great determination.

Cyber Safety Warriors

We are launching a new group of Cyber Safety Warriors following the departure of our Year 6 students in the summer term. We are looking forward to sharing their comments and advice.

School Visits & Activities

Key Stage 2 Art Shirts

Key Stage 2 Teachers are sending out a plea for old shirts which can be used to protect children's clothing during art lessons. If you have an old (large) shirt or t-shirt you can donate, please could your child bring it into school for their use in messy lessons. The children in Lower Key Stage 2 are utilising their field trip along the River Orwell to design and create clay models of river systems.



Foundation Classes

The children have settled really well into Holly and Willow classes and are enjoying their learning. Over the next few weeks they will be sharing the stories, the Gingerbread Man and the Enormous Turnip.

Key Stage 1

We hope to continue to use the field and playground for P.E lessons during this term. As the weather is turning cooler we would like the children to bring in warmer clothing, if possible, such as old jogging bottoms.

Junior Road Safety Officers

We are taking part in the Junior Road Safety Officers scheme this year, aiming to improve safety for our children. The Road Safety Officers have already started their duties, as I am sure lots of you are aware. Monday will see the launch of the respect zone. We will be working in partnership with the police to keep the area around the school gates a car free zone, enabling the children to cross safely. We have been issued with bollards which will be placed in strategic points to deter parking in these areas. The Road Safety Officers will be launching the 'Be Safe Be Seen' campaign towards the end of this half term, with a non uniform day on Friday 21st October. Flyers will be designed to outline the project, children are warmly encouraged to come to school in their brightest colours to raise money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. We wish James, Ollie and the newest recruit Sonny best of luck in their new roles.



Silver School Games Mark

I am delighted to share that following last years sporting achievements, Wood Ley have achieved the Silver School Games Mark for commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2015 / 2016.

Diary Dates & Term Dates

October

Tuesday 4th October – Wood Ley After School Clubs commence

Wednesday 5th October – Show and Share session – 3.20 – 3.45pm – Literacy Focus

Thursday 6th October – ‘Open Air’ Harvest Festival – 9.15am – All welcome

Thursday 6th October – Foundation Stage Phonics session for Parents at 2.45 – 3.15pm

Wednesday 12th – Friday 14 October – Gipping Valley Alliance Art Exhibition – United Reformed Church (Further details to follow)

Friday 14th October – Open Morning for prospective Foundation Parents – September 2017

Thursday 20th October – Kittle Photography – Individual/Family Portraits

Friday 21st October – Non Uniform Day – East Anglian Air Ambulance – Bright Colours

Friday 21st October – 5.00 – 8.30pm – Children’s Discos

Monday 24 October—Friday 28 October (inclusive) Half-term week

November

Thursday 3rd November – Show and Share session – 3.20 – 3.45pm – Numeracy Focus

Term Dates 2016/2017

Autumn Term 2016

Thursday 1 September – Tuesday 20 December 2016
(Half Term – Week commencing 24 October 2016)

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4 January – Friday 31 March 2017
(Half Term – Week commencing Monday 13 February 2017)

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 April – Friday 21 July 2017
(Half Term – Week commencing Monday 29 May 2017)

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:

Thursday 1 September 2016

Friday 2 September 2016

Wednesday 4 January 2017

Tuesday 18 April 2017

Friday 26 May 2017