

Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to seeing you at our open air harvest festival on Thursday 3rd October at 9.15 am. The children from years 1 to 6, will be led out a class at a time to

stand around the stage area, weather permitting. In the case of rain, we will need to hold the harvest assembly in the school hall and unfortunately due to the limited space this will be for children only. We have been extremely lucky in previous years. Food donations will be gratefully received to support Stowmarket Food Bank. If you are able to spare any produce, please could you send it into school on Thursday morning where we will prepare a harvest display before delivery to the food bank.



Online Safety Workshop

As part of our ongoing commitment to online and e safety, the children will be taking part in a series of workshops, delivered by a visiting expert. The workshops will be taking place during Thursday 3rd October, we hope they will prove beneficially to the children.

Open Days

We were delighted with the number of visitors we received on the open day for parents and children due to start school in September 2020. It was hard to believe that our current foundation children had only been in school for a few weeks, they were extremely settled and engaged in their learning. There will be other opportunities to meet staff and have a guided tour of the school, on Tuesday 5th November at 9.30am and Wednesday 8th January at 2pm.

Wood Ley Stars

We are extremely proud of the children listed below who all received star of the week certificates in recognition of their hard work and excellent behaviour during September.

Elm: Albert, Lacey, Elsie-Mai

Oak: Oscar, Charlie, Ezra

Cherry: Joshua, Elsie, Kason

Beech: Alfie, Ollie, Frasier

Maple: Denis, Bella, Milly

Poplar: Eliza, Lily, Lizzie

Acer: Freddie, Ruby, Archie

Cedar: Oliver, Sara

Hazel: Harry, Leo

Children from Holly and Willow classes will be joining the special sparkly Friday assemblies in the near future.

PTA Meeting

Thank you to every who attended the PTA meeting on Wednesday 25th September and those of you who sent their apologies but expressed an interest in joining our Parent Teacher Association. We are very much looking forward to working together on the Winter Enterprise Project which has been planned for Friday 6th December. Further details will follow nearer the time. If you are interested in joining our team please let the school office know and we will add you to the working party list.

School Values

We are pleased to see that many of our children are demonstrating the school value for this half term of "Happiness," We are looking forward to seeing who will be

SEN Drop In Thursday 31st October 2019 2.30

Mrs Spinks is looking forward to meeting parents at the next SEN drop in session in the library on **Thursday 31st October**. 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.

School Councillors

Elections have been taking place over the past few weeks with the children voting for the students they wish to represent their class at the school council. We are delighted to share with you the winning candidates, pictured below:



Junior Road Safety Officers

Our junior road safety officers for this school year are: Charlotte, Archie and Oliver. We are looking forward to the different activities and projects they have planned for the year to educate and support us in road safety issues.

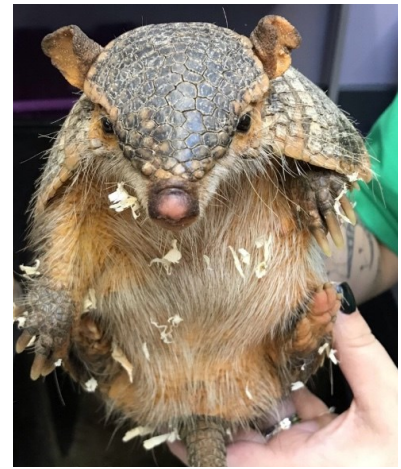


School Visits & Activities



Rocket Man!

It was a very exciting end to an exciting day at school on Friday 20th September. The children had been very busy learning about forces and designing their own rockets with the help of some enthusiastic parents. The day ended with a special rocket launch and it was extra special when we were able to share this with the parents at the end of the school day, I'm glad to say the fire extinguisher was not needed.

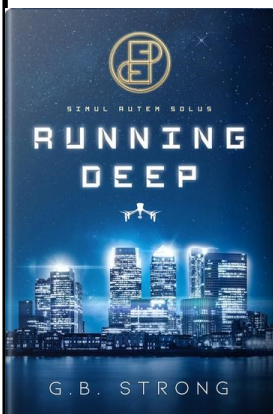


Kimmy's Zoo

The children and staff have been lucky enough to experience first hand encounters with some very unusual animals from Kimmy's zoo. The skunk and possum were amongst the favourites although the armadillo was certainly one of the most unusual animals we have had visit the school.



Visiting Authors



The children enjoyed hearing from the visiting author **Rachel Jane**, during September as part of our famous author project. They took part in a series of workshops and an assembly where she read her latest book. **Grant Strong** will be visiting Wood Ley on Friday 4th October to support writing development and love of reading in key stage 2. A series of exciting writing workshops have been planned. Grant will be selling copies of his latest book *Running Deep* at the reduced promotional price of £4.50, at the end of the school day.

Diary Dates & Term Dates

October

Thursday 3rd October - 9.15 am open air Harvest Festival.

Monday 7th October—LKS2 trip o Felixstowe.

Thursday 10th October— 5—7pm Parents' Evening (no clubs running)

Tuesday 15th October—Last Wood Ley run clubs. 3.20—4.20pm

Tuesday 15th October—Oak Class Parents' Evening 4-6pm in the library

Wednesday 16th October—3.45—5pm Parents' Evening (no clubs running)

Thursday 17th October—Individual and family photographs taken by Kittle Photographers.

Thursday 17th October—Parents' Evening 4—6pm

Friday 18th October—Year 5 / 6 drama workshop at Stowmarket High School

Monday 21st October—HALF TERM WEEK

Tuesday 29th October—Show and Share 3.20—3.45 Topic focus.

Thursday 31st October—SEN Drop in at 2.30pm in the library.

November

Friday 8th November—Reading workshops at 9—9.45 and 10.15—11.00 for KS1 and KS2

Friday 8th November—Reading workshop at 2.45—3.15 for foundation .

December

Friday 6th December—Winter Enterprise Event

Friday 13th December—Carols By Candlelight - KS1 and KS2 event at Stowmarket High School.

Term Dates 2019 / 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4 September – Thursday 19 December 2019

(Half Term – Week commencing 21st October 2019)

Spring Term 2020

Wednesday 8 January – Thursday 2 April 2020

(Half Term – Week commencing Monday 17 February 2020)

Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 21st April – Wednesday 22 July 2020

(Half Term – Week commencing Monday 25 May 2020)

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 2 September 2019

Tuesday 3 September 2019

Monday 6 January 2020

Tuesday 7 January 2020

Monday 20 April 2020