

Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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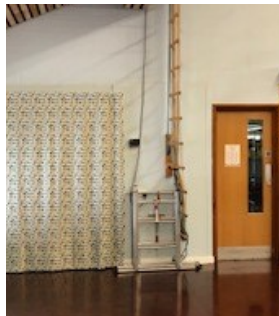
Dear Parents,

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.



Thank you to PPG

A huge thank you to the team at PPG, organised by Antonio Ragosta, for decorating the school hall and foundation classroom over the summer break. This was part of their communities project and we are delighted with the results.



Open Days

We have planned several open days for parents and children due to start school in September 2020. 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 2020 please let them know the dates.

Friday 20th September 2pm Tuesday 5th November 9.30am
Wednesday 8th January 2pm

Headteacher Awards 2019



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: Noah

Year 1: Charlie

Year 2: Alfie

Year 3: Leah

Year 4: Finley

Year 5: Luke

Year 6: Aiden

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 will be celebrating the school value of "happiness," this half term and we are very much looking forward to seeing who will be nominated by the IT teacher for demonstrating this value.

PTA Meeting

We would like to welcome you to our first parent / teacher association meeting on Wednesday 25th September at 3.20pm.

We would like to continue with fundraising activities with our families. School staff will take on the administration of events and hopefully invite parents to join our working groups. Please come along if you are interested, a crèche will be available for children.

Foundation Stage Phonics Workshop

We would like to welcome the new foundation stage parents to attend a phonics workshop in the hall on **Thursday 19th September**. Mrs Castle and Mrs Spinks are looking forward to talking to you about how reading is taught in school and how you can support your child. The workshop will take place at 9.00 am until 9.45, there will be an opportunity for you to talk to the foundation staff about reading. We hope lots of you will find this useful.

SEN Drop In Thursday 26th September 2.30

Mrs Spinks is looking forward to meeting parents at the next SEN drop in session in the library on **Thursday 26th 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 209 replies of which 99.1% of you felt the reports informed you about your child's progress. 99.1% of responses reported that they were easy to understand and 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 are very please that you are happy with the changes we made.

Harvest Festival

Please keep the date free in your diary, **Thursday 3rd 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

Foundation Stage

We have been very busy improving the foundation garden during the holidays. We hope the children really enjoy using the new climbing structure and artificial grass. The children will be able to access the equipment throughout the winter months. 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

The classrooms look lovely, we hope the children enjoy their first term back at school. A quick reminder for our children new to year one, if you have a message you wish to pass onto 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 4th September—First day of term for the children

Wednesday 11th September—Year 6 Residential

Monday 16th September—GVP Clubs begin (8 weeks)

Tuesday 17th September -3.20—4.20 Wood Ley run clubs begin (5 weeks)

Thursday 19th September -9.00—9.45 Phonics workshop for Foundation parents

Friday 20th September - Open Afternoon 2pm for children due to start in Foundation September 2020

Monday 23rd September -Forest Schools week 1—Cherry Class

Wednesday 25th September—Forest Schools week 1—Elm Class

Wednesday 25th September -3.20 first PTA Parent / Teacher Association meeting

Thursday 26th September—small zoo animals to visit Foundation classes

Thursday 26th September—2.30 SEN drop in, library

Friday 27th September—Forest Schools week 1—Oak Class

October

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

Thursday 10th October— 5—7pm Parents' Evening

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

Term Dates 2019 / 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4 September – Thursday 19 December 2019

(Half Term – Week commencing 23 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