



Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a super summer, it is lovely to see the children return to school looking so happy and smart in their uniform. We have a very exciting term planned, please see the final page for diary dates. Welcome to our new foundation families, we are looking forward to working with you and your children.

Foundation Phonics Workshop

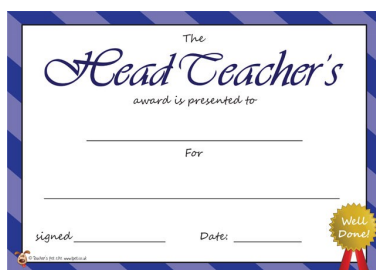
We would like to welcome new foundation families into school on Friday 22nd September at 9.00 to find out more about how reading is taught in school. You will be able to work with your child on a range of phonics activities in the classroom, followed by a workshop in the hall where the class teachers will explain in more detail the school phonics scheme and how you can help your child with their reading at home. We hope you can attend.

New Caterers at School —Lunchtime Company

We are delighted with our new catering company who have impressed the children with their lovely display and range of food available. Everything is freshly made each day in our school kitchens. We have launched the new salad bar to encourage the children to try different seasonal vegetables, It was lovely to hear such positive praise and excitement from our children. The pick and mix cold lunch option was extremely popular with a variety of foods to choose from. I hope you have enjoyed looking at the new menus.



Headteacher's Award



The headteacher's awards were presented in the last few days of the summer term and we are pleased to share the children who demonstrated personal achievements and made super contributions to school life during 2022-2023. We are extremely proud of you::

YR Dekota

Y1 Thia

Y2 Alfie

Y3 Matilda

Y4 Annabel

Y5 Farran

Y6 Jenson

Star of the Week

We are looking forward to seeing who will be awarded star of the week in our Friday achievement assemblies this term.



Each half term we enjoy learning about one of our school values – this half term the value is **self-worth**. At the end of the half term a member from each class is awarded the Golden Ticket for demonstrating the value.

Reading Awards



We are looking forward to finding out who will be awarded the reading certificate in our achievement assembly and reading what they have shared on the class reading padlet.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Leader Board



We continue to encourage children to engage with TTRS and we will share the achievements of the class rock star each Friday in our assemblies.

SEND Drop In Thursday 19th October at 2.30

Mrs Spinks is looking forward to meeting parents at the next SEND drop in session **Thursday 19th October**. If your child is on the SEND register and you have issues you would like to raise with Mrs Spinks at the drop in please could you e mail her to arrange an appointment for the day.

Golden Ticket Winners



Summer Term 2023
KS2



Golden Ticket Winners

Summer Term Key Stage 1 and Foundation



Meet Our Wood Ley Teams

Online Safety Team

Each year some of our year 4 children put themselves forward to be part of the online safety team. They enjoy visiting classes to share online safety messages and tips as well as running competitions and providing useful information for families which is published in the monthly newsletters. We are looking forward to finding out who the new team will be.

Eco Warriors

We have always had very proactive eco warriors at school, they are volunteers from year 5 who enjoying learning about and getting involved with our environment. In the past they have been involved in litter picking projects, encouraging the school to dispose of their litter sensibly. They have been an active part of the Stowmarket Big Litter Pick event. They are the driving force behind many of our Eco and Green Flag awards .

Reading Buddies

We are waiting to find out who the year 5 reading buddies will be this year, they enjoy supporting the children in key stage one with their love of reading. The reading buddies give up some of their lunch break each week to share reading books and support the younger children.

Maths Buddies

Following the success of the reading buddies and the interest shown in year 5 pupils in becoming a buddy, we are launching maths buddies this year which will run in the same way as the reading buddies above. We are looking forward to seeing the impact this has on both the KS1 children and year 5.

Peer Supporters

We are extremely grateful to our year 6 pupils who put themselves forward to become peer supporters, following a training programme they help children across the school during lunch breaks. This varies from supporting someone to find their friends, helping children think of fun things to do, reminding children of our school rules and values and reporting any concerns to staff.

Sports Leaders

We are delighted to have been awarded the silver award for school games last academic year, this was supported by our year 6 sports leaders. The sports leaders undergo training which helps them to organise and run activities and games during lunchtime—helping to keep the children active.



Diary Dates & Term Dates

September

Wednesday 6th—Children return to school / New foundation 1:1 visits

Thursday 7th—New foundation 1:1 visits

Friday 8th—New foundation in school **Group A** 9—11.30 / **Group B** 1–3.20

Monday 11th—New foundation **Group A** all day

Tuesday 12th—New foundation **Group B** all day

Wednesday 13th –New foundation **Group A** all day / Year 5 swimming

Thursday 14th –New foundation **Group B** all day

Friday 15th – New foundation both groups in school

Monday 18th – Lower Key Stage 2 walk around the locality week

Tuesday 19th—Y6 trip to Cambridge Mosque and Museum

Wednesday 20th – Open day tours for foundation intake September 2024

Friday 22nd—Foundation Phonics open morning 9.00—9.45

Monday 25th – Oak class forest School session 1 of 4

Tuesday 26th – Elm class forest School session 1 of 4

Thursday 28th—Residential Trip Y5

Friday 29th—Residential Trip Y5 / Chery Class forest school session 1 of 4

October

Monday 2nd—LKS2 Felixstowe Trip / Oak Class forest School session 2 Of 4

Tuesday 3rd October—Individual School Photographs / Elm Class forest School session 2 of 4

Friday 6th—Cherry Class Forest School Session 2 of 4

Term Dates 2023 / 2024

Autumn Term

Monday 4th September—Wednesday 20th December

Half Term Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October 2023

Spring Term

Wednesday 3rd January—Thursday 28th March 2024

Half Term Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February 2024

Summer Term

Friday 12th April – Friday 19th July 2024

Half Term Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May 2024

Non Pupil Day or PD Days

Monday 4th / Tuesday 5th September 2023 / Wednesday 3rd / Thursday 4th January / Friday 12th April