



WEPS weekly

18th September 2015

Reminders: We have spaces at our before and after school club. To book contact the school office on 01827 872237.

Week commencing 14th September 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Extra curricular activities start week beginning 27th September				2.35pm-Celebration Assembly

Our Website address is changing to: woodend.eschools.co.uk

Dear Parents,

Working Together To Be the Best We Possibly Can

I am immensely proud of the way in which our Nursery and Reception children have settled into life at Wood End Primary School. They look very grown up and extremely smart in their new school uniforms. I am also delighted to say that the lunch for Reception parents and their children was very well attended and it was a pleasure to meet so many new parents to our school. I will look forward to seeing your children grow with the many rich opportunities and experiences that Wood End provides for your children.

At Wood End we set extremely high standards and there is an expectation from the outset that we work as a team to achieve this end. The children behave impeccably, dress smartly and their attitudes to learning are second to none. This is because the children **WANT** to achieve their full potential. We are very fortunate at Wood End that the messages that we give and the children's learning that takes place is fully supported and acted upon by you. By working in partnership with each other, we can only increase the chances of your children's successes. Be it academically, creatively and socially, by having an open dialogue with each other this will only serve to enhance your children's achievements in becoming well rounded individuals who have the confidence to approach new things.

It is important that you know that should you have any queries related to anything at Wood End Primary, you can usually find me on the playground at the beginning or end of the day. If not, you can make an appointment to see me at the School Office as I will always endeavour to do my best to see you as soon as I possibly can.

I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Carolyn Hadley-Head of School



Our wonderful Street Party and Holiday Project Exhibition.

Stars of the week

Well done to all our stars this week!

Cedar— **Harley Yates**-For a fantastic start to Year 1.

Oak— **Daniel Cheshire** – For a fantastic attitude towards his learning

Pine— **Charlie Owen Sanders** –For having an excellent, enthusiastic start to the year

Willow— **Keili Platt**-For settling well into Yea 6 and producing some excellent work



New National Curriculum and Assessment
'An end to our old system'

The Department for Education (DfE) has decided to end assessment levels nationally. The DfE felt that the old national curriculum and the levels system failed to adequately ensure that children had a breadth and depth of knowledge at each national curriculum level.

We are now in a new era of 'assessing without levels' and this is a big change in the way that children in schools are to be assessed. This is a new way of thinking for schools, and assessment will look very different to how it has done for the past 20 years.

There is no national requirement from the government in how schools should assess and record progress. Former national curriculum assessment levels (3c, 3b, etc) have been removed and the new curriculum has much higher standards and expectations. Under the new National Curriculum, children must only work on the objectives for their year group and should not be taught skills from a 'higher year group'. For those pupils who have reached their end of year expectations, our teachers will provide a range of high quality learning opportunities that offer a greater depth and breadth of understanding specific to their year group.

It is therefore up to each school to develop its own system. As a leadership team we have considered a number of different systems and along with the other schools we have agreed to adopt a system which is based on the 'age expectations'. In other words we will assess whether a child has reached their 'expected age' for a specific subject. All pupils will be taught and assessed against the new National Curriculum skills with pupils in year 6 being given a 'secondary ready' measure. Further information on this will follow in subsequent newsletters.

We will therefore be expected to be measuring children against NEW standards and to have far higher expectations of what 'expected' looks like. One of our initial concerns in school is that it may appear that children have somehow 'gone backwards or not progressed' because children who were previously 'above average' might now only be assessed as 'average' and so on. The new standards are extremely challenging but we expect to rise to the new challenge and ensure that our children make 'outstanding progress'.

What does this mean for you?

Rather than sharing the old levels, we will share with you the 'age' that your child is currently working at and whether they are on track to reach their end of year expectation. These steps will be recorded and discussed at parent consultations.

We will keep you informed about further developments in our assessment policy

Mr May
Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary Academic Year 2015/2016

Autumn Term 2015

Professional Development Day	Monday, 7th September
Stay and Play restarts	Every Monday-12.30-2.45pm
Harvest Assembly	Monday, October 12th
Hands on Maths session	Thursday, October 15th
Professional Development Day	Friday, 23rd October
Grandparents Lunch	Friday, 6th November
Interim Reports to Parents	Friday, 13th November
Parents Evening	Wednesday, 18th November
Parents Evening	Thursday, 19th November
Christmas Fair	Saturday, 5th December
KS1 and 2 Christmas Performance	Thursday, 10th December

'When I ask my child what they did today, they say 'Nothing!!!'

Definitely NOT true! Each and every day, children in EVERY class are involved in a reading, maths, phonics and English activity. In the afternoons we cover themed work and may teach the children some Art, Music, PE or all manner of other subjects. Our children work extremely hard and one thing they never do is 'nothing'!

Weekly Safety Message ... *Each week we give the children a quick 'outside of school' safety reminder in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:*

'Children need to learn how to cross the road safely. In 2010, around 19 child pedestrians (aged 0-11) were killed or seriously injured every week in Britain. The Green Cross Code is taught in schools but needs to be reinforced from home - and not just by memorising the words, but by parents practicing and explaining the code to their children. Do you know it? Do you follow it? The code is for everyone.

Look all around for traffic and listen

- Look all around for traffic and listen.
- Look in every direction.

Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.

Attendance

Our attendance this week is :

97.6%

Well done everybody!

Our school attendance target is 97.5%



Charity Fundraising for Acorn's

Children's Hospice: £377.88



Reminder for Parents
Holidays During Term Time
Ensuring children don't miss out

In September 2013 there were very significant changes to the law with regards to holidays being taken during term time. In effect Headteachers were no longer permitted to grant an 'authorised holiday' in term time unless under 'exceptional circumstances' and following completion of a 'holiday form'. 'Exceptional circumstances' are considered to be only those which are 'rare and serious issues' and not because of parents 'work commitments' or the availability of 'cheap holidays'.

Our parents are incredibly supportive and it is now very rare indeed for any of them to request holidays during the school term. Parents understand the impact of children being away from school even for a short time and the impact on their child missing careful planned programmes of work.

We occasionally hear 'my child will catch up'. Unfortunately, this is wrong. We don't have the opportunity to reteach planned lessons and our clear evidence is that missing school causes problems that ripple through a child's education career. Our policy, which matches the law exactly, is repeated regularly in our newsletters. The school does NOT approve of any holidays being taken during the term time. The simple reason for this is that we wish the best for the children and understand with complete certainty that missing school impacts significantly on progress.

There is a common myth that 'I won't be caught'. The large fines levied at those deciding to ignore the rules would suggest otherwise! Unfortunately, a child returning tanned, talking about the wonderful time they have had, as well as the ability of the schools 'attendance software' to recognise unusual attendance patterns, often results in an unwelcome letter from the Local Authority 'Enforcement Service' and a 'fixed penalty notice'

This year the local authority have introduced a new initiative which allows them to take 'retrospective action' when it comes to light that absences have been for holidays. This has unfortunately resulted in action against a very small minority who have been less than honest about school absence.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourselves a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find a joy in overcoming obstacles. Remember, no effort that we make to attain something beautiful is ever lost." **Helen Keller**



Keyboard lessons



We still have places for keyboard lessons in school. If you are interested in your child learning, please pick up a letter from the School Office.



Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 2.45 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. We have cardigans, sweatshirts, water bottles and book bags in stock.

Thank you



Reporting a pupil absent

If your child is away from school for any reason, you should contact the school office **before 9 a.m.** to report the absence. We take our responsibility of keeping the children safe very seriously and it takes a lot of time for our office staff to contact parents to check if their child should be in school.

On the day your child returns to school, the absence should be covered with a letter to the teacher.

Thank you.

Community Advertising



Vacancy

we currently have a vacancy for a
Relief Mid Day Supervisor.

The ideal candidate will:-

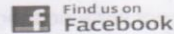
- Be available to cover on a causal basis from 11.50 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. (sometimes at short notice)
- Be good with children and able to provide a happy lunchtime experience (DBS checks will be undertaken by the school)
- Be willing to get involved cleaning tables and mopping floors etc.
- Be willing to undertake first aid training.



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NEW FAT BURNING , FITNESS ,

CIRCUIT CLASS

Every Wednesday

From 7th Jan 2015 7.30pm -

8.30pm

Wood End Club

57 Tamworth Road, Wood End

Friday 30th October-

Halloween Party

Fun and Games

Prize for the best Fancy Dress

6.30pm start

Adults-£1 Children-Free



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