

**Reminder:** Please ensure we have your up to date contact details, mobile telephone numbers, landline and email.

## What's on week commencing 7th January 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fun Fitness Club	Football Club		Yr 4/5 Swimming Hedgehogs trip - Tamworth Castle Dance Club Study Centre Yrs 2-6	Nursery - Early Writing Badgers trip - Holocaust Museum

## Parents' Vital Role in Improving Children's Reading

### *Making sure our children read well*

A major focus for school improvement this year is on 'reading'. Whilst we have 'spell checkers' that help us spell correctly, computers that mean we are using handwriting less, as well as calculators on every mobile phone which support our mental arithmetic, there is little out there which diminishes the importance of being able to read well.

Reading is arguably one of the most important skills we teach our children and despite massive strides in technology is still the only way we can easily assess websites, social networking sites, read electronic texts and understand and interpret most aspects of our lives. Without being able to read well, children face huge challenges in life because so much of our world becomes closed to them.

Reading is so important that we teach it on a daily basis. Our youngest children start by learning the sounds individual letters make and go on to start understanding combinations of letters, before reading whole words. By year 6 we expect children to read complex texts, choose their own books, answer complex comprehension questions and make inferences from text read.

Parent's role in supporting children's reading is **absolutely essential**. Although we give children the opportunity to be taught an aspect of reading at least 30 minutes every day, it is not nearly enough time! To progress rapidly, children MUST practise their reading every single day, and we need children to be reading regularly and consistently at home to make sure their reading continues to improve. Children also need to read at weekends and whilst on school holiday!

Each of our children has a Reading Record which contains their weekly 'Reading Target'. This is our minimum expectation of the number of times they should read at home. For most children who read for pleasure, this is an easy target to achieve. PLEASE help us to help your child by making sure they read often at home

**Mrs Cross**

**Executive Headteacher**

## Spot Light on Excellence...

### Memorable experiences

I know from my own experiences at school that trips and visits are the things that you remember most clearly. Teachers are acutely aware of this and strive to provide these experiences for our children. This term will see visits to museums, a castle and places of worship, which will enhance the learning in the classroom.

This week our choir went to young voices and had an amazing time joining thousands of children from around the country. We also look forward to inviting a theatre company from the Hippodrome to give some of our children a taste of life on the big stage.

I would like to thank parents for their continued support of these trips.

**Mrs J Smith**

**Associate Headteacher**

### British Values

A core British Value in our modern society is **democracy**. At school we exercise democracy in many aspects of life at school. We vote for house captains, school council and digital leaders. We get given choices and understand that there is pupil voice.



Thank you for your co-operation during the unforeseen closure of our playground. The safety of the children is paramount and remedial works are currently being carried out to ensure this.

## Academic Year 2018-2019

### Spring Term 2019

Fun Fitness Club	Monday 21st Jan
Football Club	Tuesday 22nd Jan
Hedgehogs Trip	Thursday 24th Jan
Dance Club	Thursday 24th Jan
Study Centre Yrs 2-6	Thursday 24th Jan
Nursery - Early Writing	Friday 25th Jan
Badgers Trip	Friday 25th Jan
Young Carers Day	Thursday 31st Jan
Dragonflies Trip	Monday 4th Feb
Grandparents Lunch	Wednesday 6th Feb
Dear Zoo Launch	Tuesday 12th Feb
Butterflies Trip	Thursday 14th Feb
Spirit of Bollywood	Thursday 14th Feb

### Half Term

**Monday 18th Feb**

Staff Training Day*	Monday 25th Feb
Children Return to School	Tuesday 26th Feb
World Book Day	Thursday 7th Mar
Red Nose Day	Friday 15th Mar
Parents Evening	Wednesday 27th Mar
Parents Evening	Thursday 28th Mar
Shakespeare Week	Monday 8th April
Deadline for Manor Adventure Payment	Friday 12th April

### Term Ends for Easter

**Friday 12th April**

### Summer Term 2019

Children Return to School	Monday 29th April
SATS Week	Monday 13th May
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 27th May</b>
Children Return to School	Monday 3rd June
Manor Adventure Trip	Friday 7th to Monday 10th June
Staff Training Day*	Friday 21st June

### Term Ends for Summer 1pm

**Friday 19th July**

Please note Diary Dates may be subject to change.

Full details and times to be confirmed nearer the event.



# Young Voices 2019



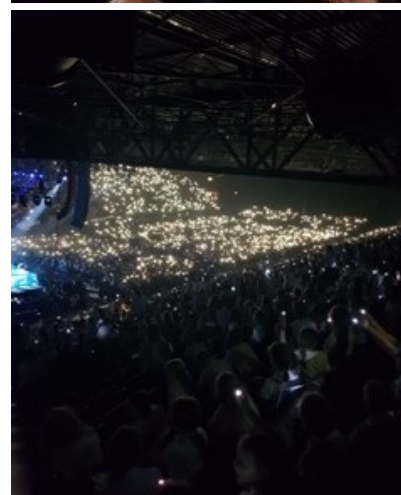
**Some of our KS2 children went to Resorts World Arena to participate in the Young Voices Choir.**

**There were 6566 children that took part from schools all over the country.**

**They had an amazing time and performed fantastically.**



**The staff were really proud of them!**



Don't forget to log into eSchools to see what is happening on your children's class pages. The eSchools 'app' is available for you to download from the Apple or Google Play stores. The app will allow you to receive text notifications directly from the school to your mobile device.



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Have you applied?!



### Attendance W/E 11/01/19

	Last Week	Year
Ladybirds	94.37%	92.33%
Butterflies	87.50%	91.33%
Hedgehogs	89.66%	93.26%
Dragonflies	94.62%	96.13%
Foxes	94.40%	95.65%
Badgers	95.52%	94.73%

Please ensure you contact the school on every day that your child is unable to attend



Don't forget to send your child in with a coat in this cold weather

### Last Week's Postcards Home

Dragonflies = Riley

Badgers = Scarlett

*This postcard is your invite to our celebration assembly on Friday 11 in the Hall*

### Wood End Primary School

*Rich Opportunities. Memorable Experiences*



### Want to know what's happening in school?

Go to [www.wood-end-primarieschool.co.uk](http://www.wood-end-primarieschool.co.uk) there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.