



WOOD END FIRST SCHOOL

Redbridge, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes
NEWSLETTER SPRING 2 2010



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a busy half term. I would like to welcome Mrs Susan Lynch who will be job-sharing the teaching of the Year 2 class with Mrs Linda Banwaitt. In July Mrs Banwaitt will be retiring from teaching after 21 years at Wood End. We will of course be marking this occasion next term. I would also like to congratulate Ms Swift on the news that she is expecting a baby in June. The Governors and myself will of course be working hard to secure the appointment of teachers to cover these vacancies.

REMINDERS REMINDERS REMINDERS

Lateness

During February there were 63 late children.

If your child is:	In a year, your child would lose the following days of education:
5 minutes late	3 days
10 minutes late	6.5 days
15 minutes late	10 days
20 minutes late	13 days
30 minutes late	19.5 days

Please remember the North school door opens at 8.45 – 8.55am. Registers are taken at 8.55am. Lessons start at 9.00am. Any child late must be signed in by their parents at the main reception so that registers can be updated by office staff.

Headlice

Headlice continues to be a problem in all schools, I have set out the recommended treatment below which if followed by everybody should help combat the problem.

- This should be carried out regularly even if headlice have not been found. Comb with a fine-tooth comb on really wet conditioned hair. Do this for at least 5 minutes every time the hair is washed. Ensure that the whole head is combed each time from scalp to ends of hair. This removes any lice before they are mature enough to lay eggs or transfer to another head.

Headlice combs are available in the office for a cost of £3.00. If you have a continuing problem or would like expert advice please contact the school office and we can put you in contact with the school nurse.

Breakfast Club

8 – 8.45am (9.00am for playgroup children) £1 per day
Enter through Children’s Centre door.

Relate Counselling

Free family counselling sessions in school available on Tuesday afternoons please ring 01908 310010 to book an appointment and say that you would like to attend the Wood End free session.

Summer play scheme

Monday 26th July – Friday 13th August 9.00am–1.00pm
Booking forms available at school reception desk.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Maths Week

Thank you to the 19 parents who joined us for a maths session, we hope you found it informative and useful.

Valentines Day

Thank you for all your support for our activities. The children seemed to enjoy themselves during the day and we raised a fantastic £60. This is the start of our whole school trip fund.

INFORMATION INFORMATION INFORMATION

Curriculum Information

Year 2 – Transport

- Book to read – The man whose Mother was a pirate
- Places to visit – Stacey Hill Museum – transport/vehicle section
- Website – www.bbc.co.uk/schools/famouspeople
 - : George Stephenson
 - : Brunel

Year 1 – Senses

- Book to read – Our senses (our bodies Discovery library) Susan Thames
 - paperback
- Places to visit – Local parks for walks, talk to the children about what they can See, hear, touch, smell, taste
- Website – www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5_6/sound_hearing.shtml

Reception – Traditional Tales

- Books to read – Treasury of traditional Tales by Nene Cloke
 - The Usborne Books of Fairy Tales by Heather Amery and S Cartwright
 - Oxford Treasury of Fairy Tales by Geraldine McCaughrean And Sophy Willimas
- Places to visit – Salcey Forest –Northamptonshire. Visit the Tree Top Walk and Re enact a traditional tale – can you spot Goldilocks or Little Red Riding Hood?
- Website – www.forestry.gov.uk/salceyforest

Tesco & Sainsbury Vouchers

Once again we will be collecting these please send in and put in box in school hall.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

During March the school will be selling daffodils to support this charity. The box will be brought round to the classes each morning.

Parent Questionnaires

Homework – Some parents requested more homework. There will be additional and different activities coming home this term. Please encourage your child to complete these activities. Please continue to share their reading book and sign the home/school booklet. Bookmark words are now linked to the phonics phase each child is working on, please help them to learn to read these words.

“Knowing how my child is doing”

We have now introduced target sheets to discuss with parents at Parent/child/teacher meetings. This we hope will help parents understand where their children are and their next steps. It is very important that all parents attend these meetings. Please make a note of your time and date on the letter that your child will bring home on Wednesday 10th March.

EVENTS FOR THE HALF TERM

FRIDAY MARCH 5TH – SCHOOL CLOSED

Workouts – Regular Mondays starting Monday 8th March 8.45–9.00

Following the success of our workouts during Brain week, Miss Munroe will be leading a wake up work out every Monday morning.

Tamil assembly – Monday 8th March 2.15 pm

All children have been learning about the Tamil language for the last few weeks, ten children at Wood End speak Tamil as their first language. During the assembly the whole school will sing a Tamil Nursery rhyme that they have been learning and some of the Tamil speaking children will perform a Tamil dance.

Poetry Week – 8th – 12th March/Poetry morning with other schools 18th March

During the week of 8th March all children will be reading and writing poetry during their literacy lessons on the theme of families. On the 18th March all Wood End and Pepperhill children will walk to Stanton Junior School to share poetry they have written during poetry week. All three schools are learning a poem about families which we will perform together.

Sport Relief – Friday 19th March

We would like to help support this worthwhile charity and also encourage the children to take part in sport. We would like all children to bring £1 in to school and after lunch each child will be encouraged to complete at least 1 lap of the school

field (or 2 of the playground depending on weather). Children will be encouraged to complete as many as they can in a limited time.

Phonics workshop for children and parents – Monday 22nd March 3–4pm

Do you want to help your child learn their phonics and improve their reading? Come with your child to our workshop. The teachers will demonstrate activities that the children take part in each morning in our school phonics sessions. You will have the opportunity to pick up some hints on helping your child and activities that you can do at home.

Sponsored event to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis – Thursday 25th March

Each year we choose a charity to support and this year we have chosen Cystic Fibrosis. We will be organising a sponsored bounce for the children to take part in. Prior to the event they will bring a sponsor form home to ask friends and family to sponsor them a few pence for each bounce they can do in a certain amount of time. The children are not allowed to ask strangers or knock on doors. Please help us support and raise a good amount for this charity.

Grand play park opening – Wednesday 14th April 2–3.30pm

I have been very involved in the group leading the development of the play park behind school. Last summer the children visited the park and told the group what play equipment they would like in the park. Please join us for the grand opening – there will be lots of activities to take part in, local groups to talk to and refreshments.

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM	
Monday 1 st –Thursday 4 th March	– Book Week
Wednesday 3 rd March 2.30pm	– Book week assembly
Thursday 4 th March	– Book vouchers to be sent home
Thursday 4 th March 9.30–11.30	– Parents course/Learning differently – still places available
Thursday 4 th March 3–4pm	– After School Club 1
Friday 5 th March	– SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY
Monday 8 th March 8.45–9.00	– Work out for children to start
Monday 8 th March	– Foundation class Parks Trust session at Stonepits field
Monday 8 th March 2.15	– Tamil Assembly
Monday 8 th –Friday 12 th March	– Poetry Week
Wednesday 10 th March	– Letters distributed for parent/child & Teacher meeting times
Thursday 11 th March 9.30–11.30	– Parents Course/How memory works – still places available
Thursday 11 th March 3–4pm	– After school club 2
Monday 15 th March	– Students from Campus at Wood End to lead Theatre work
Monday 15 th March 3.15–5.15	– Parent/Child/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 17 th March 3.15–7pm	– Parent/Child/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 18 th March am	– All children to Stanton Junior School for Poetry morning
Thursday 18 th March 3–4pm	– After School club 3
Friday 19 th March	– Sport Relief
Monday 22 nd March 3–4pm	– Phonics workshop for children and Parents
Thursday 25 th March	– Sponsored Event
Thursday 25 th March 3–4pm	– After School Club 4
Tuesday 30 th March	– Last Swimming session for year 2 this Term
Thursday 1 st April 3–4pm	– Last after school club 5
Thursday 1 st April 3pm	– SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 14 th April 2–3.30pm	– Grand opening of new play park behind School
Monday 19 th April 8.45am	– School opens for new term
Tuesday 27 th April	– Year 2 swimming starts
HOLIDAYS	
Friday 28 th May 3pm	– School closes for half term and training Day
Tuesday 8 th June 8.45	– School opens for new half term
Friday 23 rd July 3pm	– School closes for Summer holidays
Monday 6 th September 8.45	– School opens for Year 2 & Year 1 children (current year 1 & foundation)
	Other schools start date may vary please check with them.