



# Wood End School Spring Newsletter



## Thank You

### Harvest Festival

Thank you for the wonderful selection of food that you donated. 'The Food Cupboard' were extremely pleased with the collection.

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all your donations. The Royal British Legion received £62.84 from the school.



### Children in Need

Thank you for buying wristbands, keyrings and cakes and we raised a fantastic £127.02

### Christmas Family Disco

Thank you to all those who attended and supported this event and we raised an amazing £165 for school fund which will be used to help fund our Summer Whole School Trip.

## Wood End First School

12th January 2012

### Special points of interest:

- ☉ Curriculum Information
- ☉ Dates For Half Term
- ☉ Stars of The Week
- ☉ Maths Week
- ☉ Emergency Closure

## Attendance Certificates

Well done to our pupils who managed to achieve over 95% attendance this term but a special well done to the 20 pupils (pictured below) who have attended school every day since the start of the school year on 5th September. They were awarded a special attendance badge.

### 100% Attendance Since 5th Sept



Florence, Joe, Ella, Nhyira, Tasha, Jessica, Kayleigh, Sophie, Leighton, Amanada, Georgia, Tyler J, Shayne, Haresh, Shobitha, Finaly, Bethany, Levi, Rebecca, Courtney

### 100% Attendance Autumn 2

Florence	Amanda	Shobitha
Joe	Georgia	Sarmika
Ella	Tyler J	Finlay
Nhyira	Dishan	Bethan
Tahsa	Ayesha	Dipo
Harry	Nico	Harmony
Jessica	Lloyd	Levi
Kayleigh	Haresh	Abdul
Sophie	Biriyankan	Rebecca
Leighton	Tayler	Ben
Courtney		

### Over 95% Autumn 2

Yvonne	Kyle	Alex
Milan	Ruby	Ayisha
Saizar	Logan	Jasminda
Layla	Lennon	Shannon
Megan	Gabriella	Aaron
Libby	Shannon	Jeanluc
Bryan	Gregory	Ben F

### Attendance Autumn 2 Term

%	Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year to Date
<b>Attendances</b>	94.7%	94.6%	97.1%	95.5%
<b>Authorised Absences</b>	5%	4.3%	2.4%	3.9%
<b>Unauthorised Absences</b>	0.3%	1.1%	0.5%	0.7%
<b>Lates (After 8:55 before 9:30am)</b>	1.3%	3.1%	1.8%	2.1%

## School Website



Visit our updated website at [www.woodend.org.uk](http://www.woodend.org.uk) In particular please read our School Behaviour Policy renewed in the summer. If you have any comments or ideas about the website, please let us know.

## Children Centre Activity Calendar



Don't forget all the activities being organised by Squirrels over the next few months. Details of which can be found on our website

[www.woodend.org.uk](http://www.woodend.org.uk)

## Breakfast Club

REMINDER 8am to 8.45am each day. Children are then taken to their classes. £1 a day. Just turn up. Enter through Children's Centre Door.



## 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.

## Dates For Half Term

Wednesday 18th January Wednesday 18th January 9.15am - 11.15am Wednesday 18th January 3 - 3.45pm	Year 2 - Parks Trust Trip—Sculptures Helping my child to learn workshop (1st session) Zumba afterschool club
Friday 20th January	Phonics session for Foundation parents 9- 9.30am Children and parents and then 9.30-10am parents only.
Monday 23rd January to Friday 27th January	Maths week
Wednesday 25h January 9.15 - 11.15am Wednesday 25h January 3 - 3.45pm	Helping my child to learn workshop (2nd session) Zumba after school club
Friday 27th January 9 - 9.45am	Parents maths morning (see this newsletter for more details)
Monday 30th January - Friday 3rd February	Brain week
Wednesday 1st February Wednesday 1st February 9.15am - 11.15am Wednesday 1st February 3 - 3.45pm	Foundation Class - Parks Trust Trip - 'The Gruffalo' Helping my child to learn workshop (final session) Zumba after school club
Wednesday 8th February Wednesday 1st February 1.30pm - 3pm Wednesday 1st February 3 - 3.45pm	Year 2 - Parks Trust Trip—Mapping and trails Espresso workshop for parents Zumba after school club
Thursday 9th February 7pm	Year 2 Dance performance 7pm (details to follow)

## Parents in School at 8.45am Monday to Thursday

The mornings are a very important time as we have our 'Wake and Shake' session, the register and phonics. Year 1 and 2 children are not expected to need their parents to come into school with them at 8.45am. It is expected that some Foundation parents during the Autumn term will accompany their children. It is very pleasing to see many Foundation children coming in very confidently on their own.

Now that all the children have settled, please can we ask that all parents, including Foundation, do not come in with their children but leave them at the door. Messages can be given to the teacher on the door.

**On Fridays everybody is very welcome to join us for our parents morning.**

## Star of The Week - Well done to you all



Star of the week certificates were awarded to the following children during the Autumn 2 term



### The Owls

#### Foundation

Alex	Owen
Bethany	Gregory
Joe	Haresh
Ayesha	Matas
Tasha	Leighton
Dimitris	Rebecca
Nimue	

### The Bees - Year 1

Shayne	Julia
Logan	Katie-Leigh
Najdan	Haydn
Shobitha	Niluxsy
Yvonne	Tommy
Jaydyn	Erin
Meyra	



### The Ladybirds - Year 2

Finlay
Shannon
Dylan
Kelsey
Ayisha
Kyle
Tegan



## School Holiday Details

Spring 1	Friday 10th February 3pm	School Closes for Half Term
Spring 2	Monday 20th February 8:45am Friday 30th March 3pm	School Opens School Closes for Easter Holiday
Summer 1	Tuesday 17th April 8:45pm Friday 1st June 3pm	School Opens For Summer Term School Closes
Summer 2	Monday 11th June 8.45am Friday 20th July 3pm	School Opens School Closes

## Text Message Service

At Wood End we now use a text messaging service for parents to keep you informed with any news and information. This is a great service and can be used for all sorts of things such as clubs, reminders, school closures to name just a few.

For this service to work and to ensure you don't miss out on school information, please can you ensure that contact details are kept up to date

## Espresso

**Wednesday 8th February 1.30-3.00pm**

Following the Espresso letter that you received this week we will be running a parents workshop on the above date. Come and use Espresso in our ICT suite and see how it works and how it can support your child at home.

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## Ways you can help your child learn about this half term topics



### Foundation Theme - Journeys

#### Books to read at home

- 'Please don't chat to the Bus Driver' by Shen Roddie
- 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen
- 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin
- 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' by John Buringham.
- 'Oil! Get off our Train' by John Buringham.
- 'Duck in the Truck' by Jez Alborough

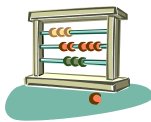
#### Suggested Visits

Go on a bus journey or train journey - talk about what you see / hear along the way.

#### Websites to visit

[www.learninglive.co.uk/teachers/fs/index.asp](http://www.learninglive.co.uk/teachers/fs/index.asp) - 'TownTrail' game.

An interactive game focused on 'Knowledge and understanding of the world'



### Maths Week 23rd - 27th January

We will be concentrating on Maths during this week including some extra special activities.

- Each teacher will deliver Financial Capability lessons around money.
- Maths games in the classrooms.
- An opportunity for parents to see a maths lesson in their child's class on

**Friday 27th January 9-9.45am**



### Year 1 Homes

#### Books to read at home

All kinds of Homes a lift the flap book by Emma Damon

Homes History Snapshots by Sarah Ridley

#### Suggested Visits

MK Museum

#### Websites to visit

[www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/houses](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/houses)

### Year 2 Florence Nightingale



#### Books

Florence Nightingale by Lucy Letherbridge (Usborne)

#### Visits

Florence Nightingale Museum in London

#### Websites

[www.florence-nightingale.co.uk](http://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk)

### Top Class Award



Date	Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2
<b>Total Wins To date</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
31st Oct -4th Nov	-	Top class	-
7th-11th Nov	-		Top class
14th-18th Nov	-	-	Top class
21st-25th Nov	Top class	-	-
28th Nov-2nd Dec	Top class	-	-
5th-9th Dec	-	Top class	-
12th - 16th Dec	-	-	Top class

This weekly award is for the class with the highest attendance. Well done to all classes this term as the Top Class was awarded more evenly but Year 2 is still in the lead having won it 8 times compared to 3 times each for Foundation and Year 1.



# Reading



We continue to focus on reading this term with the following activities:

## Phonics sessions led by Literacy Consultant Carole Smith

A session for parents of Foundation children on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 9 -10am. The first half hour your child will be invited into the hall with you and then from 9.30-10am Mrs Smith will talk some more about helping your child.

## Reading at home

Congratulations to the 18 children who qualified to be in our December prize draw. The children had to have read 3 or more times in the weeks beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December. Owen Tagg was the lucky winner of the voucher to use the climbing wall and thank you to Elis Brigham for this donation. This does however mean that there are 68 children who did not read 3 or more times on all three weeks. The school expectation is that children read at home 3 times a week (foundation) and 4 times a week for years 1 and 2.

You may be hearing them read but not signing the booklet - please ensure that you do this.

## Reading Challenge

### New Challenge

Our next prize draw will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Children will be entered for this draw if they have read at home 3 or more times a week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> January, 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 30<sup>th</sup> January. This prize has been kindly donated by Tesco's at Wolverton and is a

£5  
Voucher



## Language Of The Term

This term we are learning Portuguese which is a language spoken in Portugal and Brazil. We are learning some Portuguese words and a song. Our project will finish with a community assembly on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 9 - 9.30pm. All welcome



## Reminder

### Bring Your Mum and Dad To School Mornings

#### Friday Mornings - 8:45am to 9:30am

Bring your Mum and Dad to school mornings are an opportunity for you to see your child's classroom and read/play with them. There are also some extra things happening during that time they are:

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January Phonics session for parents of Foundation children 9-10am
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January Maths morning

**All Welcome**

# Mobile Library Bus

If your child has an MK library card they can borrow books from the library bus that visits Wood End School every other week on a Tuesday at 1.15pm - 1.45pm.

The dates are

- 24th January at 1.15pm - 1.45pm.
- 7th February at 1.15pm - 1.45pm.
- 21st February at 1.15pm - 1.45pm.
- 6th March at 1.15pm - 1.45pm.
- 20th March at 1.15pm - 1.45pm.



Please ensure your child has their library card and any book(s) they borrowed from the main library or from the library bus. Each time the mobile library is at Wood End School, Mrs Baron will take those children on to the bus to change their books. Please tell the teacher on the door that morning that your child needs to visit the mobile library. If your child is not yet registered with the library, please visit a library and register them and then they can come on board the library bus.

## School Library

Reminder - This is open every Wednesday 3 - 3.30pm to browse books, talk about your child's reading, share a book with your child and to change their school library book.



## Emergency School Closures

**Find Out First If Wood End Has To Close At Short Notice**



Milton Keynes Council has a system for communicating school closures to the media and the public. This system will be particularly useful when the school has to close in an emergency such as flooding or heavy snow fall.

The website closes the school and it also updates the local radio station and the council's website. If you think that your child's school may be closed, for example when there is heavy snow fall or bad weather, you can find out by visiting the council's website [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolclosure](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolclosure) or

You can listen to Horizon Radio 104.5FM or BBC Three Counties Radio or visit their websites [www.horizonmk.co.uk](http://www.horizonmk.co.uk) or [www.bbc.co.uk/threecounties](http://www.bbc.co.uk/threecounties)

**Please sign up for this service by going on to the website.**

**[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolclosure](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolclosure)**

In addition the school will also in an emergency attempt to use our own texting service to keep you informed. To ensure you receive the text, please inform the school if you change your contact details.