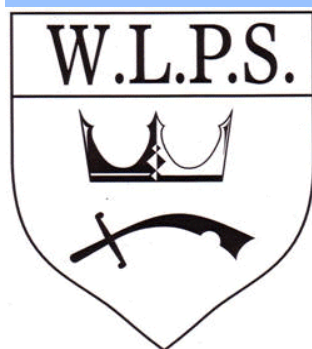


16th January 2015



The Woodham Ley Weekly

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome the new families that have joined us over the past two weeks. Since January, we have had 5 new children join us. They have all settled in brilliantly and have already made new friends. I would like to thank you (adults and children) for making them feel so welcome.

Reading

Over the past term, all of the children have been involved in a Reading Race. The way that this works is that, every time an adult listens to a child read a comment is recorded in their Reading Record book. When the child has 10 pages completed, they are rewarded with a small prize. What is lovely to see now is the increasing number of children who are regularly standing up in Friday's assembly receiving their award. Those children who are being listened to regularly are also increasing their Reading Age, Spelling Age and ability to decode words. They also become far more confident in school because they are able to access the learning in other lessons more easily. As a parent myself, I know how difficult it is, at the end of the day to find time to listen to your child but 5 minutes per night makes a massive difference. We have had children who have increased their Reading Age by over a year, simply by having an adult read with them for 5 minutes each day over a three week period. It really does work. I am, therefore urging all parents to build this special time into your evening/morning routines as it is a simple, enjoyable and highly effective way of improving your child's academic ability.

A request from Reception class

Our Reception children are going to be explorers this term and need to make some binoculars for their explorations! If you have any kitchen roll tubes, can you send them in to the Reception class who will gladly make use of them. They are also looking for rucksacks—if anyone would like to loan/give. Much appreciated.

Big thank you to Mr and Mrs Lipton

Woodham Ley Primary School would like to say a HUGE thank you to Acorn Scaffolding (also known as Mr and Mrs Lipton) for kindly donating a class set of reflective safety vests for our children to use when they go on outings. They will be especially helpful when children are walking somewhere (for example, swimming). I think that everyone will agree that the children look very eye catching!

(Modelled by Year Two)

Snowy weather

As you know, we try to remain open at all times and will only close the school if a sufficient number of staff are able to get into school. If this does happen, you will be notified through the local radio stations, our website and via Parent Mail. Hopefully, any snow we may get will fall over the weekends.

Attendance League
Well done to Goldsworthy Class for winning the attendance league for this week.

Weekly results

Class	Result	League points
Turner	95.67%	0
Picasso	96.96%	2
Matisse	97.50%	2
Monet	96.46%	3
Hockney	93.93%	1
Goldsworthy	98.85%	8
Dali	97.90%	6
Whole school % since the start of the year	95.54%	Lead Class Goldsworthy



Diary dates

5th Feb	CPR governors meeting 5pm Reception Oral Health talk
10th Feb	Dinosaur man in to see KS1 & Rec
12th Feb	Yr 5 production of 'Oliver'
13th Feb	100th day of school
2nd Mar	Book week
6th Mar	School Disco
29th Apr	School Photo's

Top tip

When listening to your child read; why not try alternating the amount they read between the two of you? By doing this, the child will benefit from having reading modelled by an experienced reader which will help them to improve their fluency and expression. Give it a try.

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