



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.

The Woodham Ley Weekly

Dear Parents and Carers,

Roll Up Roll Up the Circus is coming!!

This year, we will not be holding a summer fete but will instead, be having a circus on our school field for one night only!

Happy's Circus is a well established animal free Professional Circus who will be performing on Thursday 25th June —so book the date out in your diary today. To take advantage of the early bird booking price of £25 for a family ticket, please send your money in before 1st June (prices go up after this date) . It will be fun for all the family and will be raising valuable funds for our school. Booking forms have been sent home with the children, but more can be obtained from the office. The PTA plan to set up a table outside the school entrance after school each Friday after Easter to enable parents to collect their circus tickets. Also, the PTA will be selling discounted tickets to Adventure Island for the Summer Holidays.

Near Misses.

We have recently been made aware that Parents are parking on the pavements near the school and mounting the pavements when dropping off and picking up their children. As this is extremely dangerous and can be upsetting to the children and pedestrians, please can you ensure that this is not done and that you park in a suitable, safe place when bringing your children to and from school.

Thank you

Earrings

Can I remind you that the policy of wearing earrings for school does not allow for them to be worn during PE. This is an Essex County Council Policy to which we must adhere to. Please be aware of this when thinking of having your child's ears pierced.

Relief Staff required

We are currently looking for relief staff to assist when required for our Cleaning Team and Mid-Day Assistants. If you are interested please contact the office for more details.

Year 5 Production

Last night, the children in Year 5 staged their adaptation of 'Oliver' to family and friends. Mr King and the children of Year 5 have worked hard over the past few weeks to stage this play and you will not be surprised to hear that the performance was absolutely fantastic with all children performing brilliantly. The quality of singing was spectacular too and our thanks to Mrs Curtis for leading the children in this area. Well done to all.

100 days of School

Today, the children celebrated being at school for 100 days by taking part in a Maths day. The children took part in cross-curricular activities that required them to use their maths skills. So we had maths and languages, maths and music, maths and Geography, maths and PE and maths and DT. The children had a fabulous day. Below are some of the comments that the children made.

It's been good as I've used my hands and my brain - Harrison (Year 4).

My favourite bit has been solving problems - Ralph (Year 2).

I like all the different bits of maths - Molly (Year 1).

Some maths has been challenging but that's okay - Molly (Year 5).

It's my favourite subject - several children from all

Attendance

League

Well done to Goldsworthy Class for winning the attendance league for this week and Dali Class for winning the Attendance League for this half term

Weekly results

Class	Result	League points
Turner	95%	7
Picasso	88.33%	3
Matisse	97.14%	8
Monet	87.78%	8
Hockney	90%	2
Goldsworthy	99.23%	16
Dali	98.62%	19
Whole school % since the start of the year	95.78%	Lead Class's Dali

Diary dates

23rd Feb	<i>Back to School</i>
2nd Mar	<i>Book week</i>
3rd Mar	<i>Cross country competition</i>
5th Mar	<i>World Book Day</i>
6th Mar	<i>School Disco Year 5 to Appleton for taster day</i>
12th Mar	<i>Netball match against South Benfleet 'home'</i>
13th Mar	<i>Red Nose Day</i>
29th Apr	<i>School Photo's</i>

'WLPS is committed to developing unique and ambitious children who make informed choices and are inspired to reach their greatest potential.'

We are often asked how parents can help develop the reading skills of children who are already fluent readers. The best way is to share books with your child, listening to him/her read but more importantly discussing the text with him/her and by careful questioning.

I have put together some questions, which I hope you will find useful. It is not necessary to ask every question each time your child reads, but pick one or two questions each time.

1. What has happened in the story so far?
2. What do you think will happen next?
3. Who is your favourite character? Why?
4. Who is the character you like least? Why?
5. Do you think the author intended you to like / dislike this character?
6. Does your opinion of this character change during the story? How? Why?
7. Find 2 things the author wrote about this character that made him / her likeable or unlikeable?
8. If you met one of the characters from the story, what would you say to him / her?
9. Which part of the story is your favourite / least favourite? Why?
10. Would you change any part of the story? How?
11. Would you change any of the characters? How?
12. Which part of the story was the funniest, scariest, saddest, and happiest?
Find some evidence in the text to support your opinion.
13. Do you think the title of the book is appropriate? What would you have called it?
14. What is the genre of the book: - Sci-Fi, Who done it, historical, fantasy, adventure, horror, comedy?
15. Find 2 sentences, which describe the setting.
16. Is the plot fast or slow moving? Find some evidence in the text, which supports your view.
17. If the author had included another paragraph before the story started what do you think it would say?
18. Would you like to read another book by this author? Why?

I hope you find these questions helpful. Happy reading!