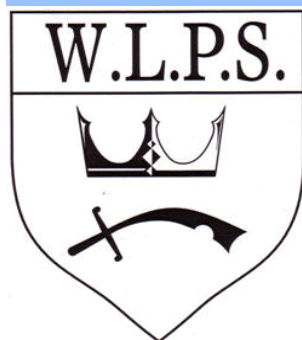


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HAPPY'S CIRCUS Ticket Challenge!! LESS THAN 3 WEEKS TO GO!!!

TICKETS ON SALE
EVERY DAY!! If 200
tickets are sold between
Monday and next Friday
then **certain** teachers will
put themselves in the
stocks to be sponged!!!
Don't leave it to the last
minute!!

The Woodham Ley Weekly

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. It is hard to believe that we only have 7 weeks left to the end of the School year!!
We have plenty going on so please keep an eye on the Newsletters for more details in due course.

Staffing

As some of you will now know, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Wise and Mrs Boyd-Platt at the end of this term.

We are currently recruiting for the positions and I will inform you later on in the term of the appointments made.

I would like to welcome Miss Walton (no relation!) to our LSA team. She is currently working in year 1 and replaces Mrs Clements who has moved across to the be Woodham Tots new Nursery Manager.

New Attendance policy

From September 2015 The Government will be changing the rate at which they determine when a child is considered a 'Persistently Absent Child'. The present rate is 85% attendance or below. From September this threshold rate will increase to 90% or less. This means that if your child's attendance is less than 90% then they will appear on our Persistent Absence Report, which is then forwarded to the Education Welfare Team for monitoring purposes. Please see attached letter for further detailed information.

Family Learning Maths Workshops

The Family Learning Centre will be running a Maths Workshop starting Thursday the 18th June at 1-30-3pm for 2 weeks. Leaflets have been sent out to Year 1 & 2 Parents, to invite them to attend. The sessions will consist of discussions over various maths topics and then the children will join the parents for the last half hour in activities related to the subjects covered.

Sports Day

Our re-scheduled Sports day event will be **Thursday 18th June** so put this in your diaries!!

Library news

In response to the reading questionnaire carried out in book week, we would like to open the school library before school for families to access our wide range of books that are available. If there are any parents that would be interested in volunteering to help out for one day a week, please register your interest with Miss Wise.

Lunch/Menu information

We have evaluated the results from the recent questionnaire and have decided to offer a cold meal option on the lunch menu. The children will have a choice of either a ham, tuna or cheese sandwich along with a pudding/fruit and drink. Cold meals will be prepared to order, so if you wish to take up this option then please ensure that your child tells their teacher in the usual manner and confirms which option they require.

Packed lunches—we are insisting that children bring home any uneaten sandwiches /food from their packed lunches so that you can see what has been/not been eaten!

URGENT SAFETY REMINDER

Unfortunately a head injury occurred at the end of school yesterday where a child was in a collision with another child on a scooter. Please can I remind parents that the riding of scooters on the school premises is not permitted. Can I also remind parents that the use of the play equipment at the beginning and end of the day is not allowed. Thank you for your support.

Asthma Information

We are updating our records and ask that you let us know if your child has Asthma and requires a pump to be kept in the school.

Attendance League

Well done to Monet
Class for winning the
attendance league for
this week .

Weekly results

Class	Result	League points
Turner	95.83%	0
Picasso	94.17%	0
Matisse	98.28%	3
Monet	98.96%	4
Hockney	92.61%	0
Goldsworthy	96.15%	2
Dali	98.28%	3
Whole school % since the start of the year	95.53%	Lead Class Monet

Diary dates

11th June	Reception trip to Hever Castle
12th June	Year 6 leavers photo for the Echo. SRE video showings for parents Yr 3&4 1-2PM YR 4&5 2-3PM
15th June	SRE video showings for parents Yr 3&4 1-2PM YR 4&5 2-3PM
18th June	Sports Day
23rd June	Welcome meeting for new Reception parents 7pm
24th June	Meet the Teacher (New Reception children part 1)
25th June	HAPPY'S CIRCUS
30 June & 1st July	Year 6 transition days at Appleton
30th June	Meet the Teacher Part 2 (new Reception Children)

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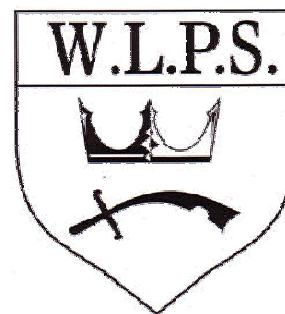
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5th June 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming changes to the persistent absence threshold. From 1 September 2015, the Government is reducing the threshold from 15% to 10%. This will now class a student with attendance below 90% as a persistent absentee, compared with the previous figure of 85%, regardless of whether the school has authorised or unauthorised the absence. This equates to 38 sessions or 19 days of absence across the year.

Schools are no longer judged solely on their overall attendance figures but also on the number of students who fall into the persistent absence category.

Regular attendance at school is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to fulfil their potential. The attendance pattern for all children is monitored weekly with the school seeking to work actively with parents to ensure that regular attendance is maintained. The Department for Education has published data on their website that clearly shows the link between attendance and attainment. This highlights the fact that there will be an impact on your child's education and exam results if attendance is not consistently above 95% throughout their schooling.

Minor ailments, such as a headache or slight cold, are not acceptable reasons for failing to attend school. Repeated absences may require the school to request that you obtain medical evidence from your doctor's surgery or local pharmacy as recommended by the Government.

I would also like to remind you that the law does not give any entitlement to parents to remove their child from school during term-time for the purpose of a holiday. Head teachers may only grant leave of absence where an application has been made in advance and the head teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

We will be writing to you towards the end of the academic year with details of your child's attendance record. We are confident that you will be keen to work with us to ensure that your child meets the new threshold requirements since it is clear that this will have a positive effect on their learning.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher