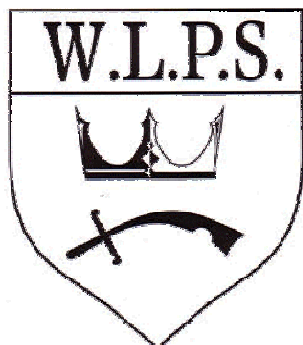


Autumn Term  
9th October 2015



**THERE IS NO  
APP  
TO REPLACE  
YOUR LAP!**

**PLEASE  
READ TO  
YOUR  
CHILD!**

**The Woodham Ley  
Weekly**

Dear Parents and Carers,

## School admissions September 2016

Was your child (or do you know of a local child) born between 1st September 2011 and August 31st 2012? If yes, then they are due to start school in September 2016. Please note the online application period for admissions for entry to school next year begins 9th November and closes 15th January 2016. Please see Essex County Council website [www.essexcc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essexcc.gov.uk/admissions). or call Phone 0845 603 2200. If you need a place next year, it is vital that you apply through the central Essex County Council admissions system, not through the School although we are always available to answer questions and to help.

We will be holding an open morning session for prospective Early Years pupils and their parents to visit the school on Wednesday 11th November at 9.15- 10.30. We will be running tours of the school and providing useful information.

## Trip to the London Aquarium

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 had a fabulous day on Monday at the London Aquarium. The children had the opportunity to see lots of wonderful creatures from all over the world. The children were impeccably behaved and a credit to the school. Don't forget that the children will be performing their 'Under the Sea' Conservation show next Friday at 2pm.

## Cross Country

Don't forget we have our ROBUS Cross Country event this Monday at the Thundersley School. Parents need to pick up their children from the School hall at 3pm and take them directly to Thundersley School.

**Please note:** Because of this event there will be NO Football Club after school this Monday.

## ROBUS Update

As you know, Woodham Ley has been part of the ROBUS Multi-Academy Trust since January and in that time many things have happened that have benefitted the pupils from all schools. The first of these is that we now have a 17 seater mini bus that we can use for visits/sporting events etc. We have employed music specialists, Mr Hoyle, who works with us on a Wednesday afternoon and Mr Rawlings who teaches guitar, piano and the Young Voices Choir. We have an iPad in each class and 32 Ukuleles. The staff in all four schools are also now meeting regularly to organise extra events for the pupils of all schools; the first of which is the Cross Country competition on Monday. So, lots of exciting developments and lots more in the pipeline!



## REMINDERS

- In the interest of Health and Safety for Adults and Children please can you refrain from smoking outside of the school gates and immediate area. Thank you.
- The class pages on our School Website contain lots of useful information and practical activities for parents to look at and do with your children. Check your class page out today!

## READING WITH YOUR CHILD

This year we are emphasising the importance of reading. Reading with your children every day, even if it is just for 10 minutes, will help their reading. Please see the back page for further support.

## Children's Choice Menu

Year 6 have chosen Beef Burger and Chips for next week's lunch on Monday the 12th October.

**Attendance  
League**  
Well done to Dali  
Class for winning  
the  
Attendance League  
this week.

Weekly results		
Class	Result	League points
Turner	90.67%	3
Picasso	93.67%	8
Matisse	96.67%	12
Monet	95.17%	5
Hockney	95.56%	5
Goldsworthy	96.30%	5
Dali	99.31%	12
Whole school % since the start of the year	<b>97.23%</b>	<b>Lead Class's Matisse &amp; Dali</b>

## Diary dates

12th Oct	Reception class to Tarpots Library
15th Oct	Flu Immunisation day years 1-6
16th Oct	KS1 showcase 'Under the Sea' 2pm
21st Oct	Harvest festival assembly (children only!)
23rd Oct	Non PUPIL DAY
2nd Nov	Back to school
3rd Nov	School Nurse in for height & weight checks for yr 6 Parents evening 3.30-7pm
4th Nov	Parents evening 3.30-5.30pm
10th Nov	Tempest photo's in for individual photos
19th Nov	PTA Fashion Show
4th Dec	Xmas Bazaar
16th Dec	Xmas dinner

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

## Parents' Support Page

Even though schools teach children how to read, parents still have an important role to play. Research shows that parents who get involved in their child's education make a big difference to how well their children do. Parents can help their child with reading by showing how important it is and by finding ways to help their children enjoy reading. Studies show that children who enjoy reading do much better at school. Another recent study also found that children who were reading to their parents improved their reading skills a great deal, even if the parents could not read English or read at all in any language.

### Instant ideas for improving a child's reading at any age – suggestions from parents

- Spend 10 minutes a day reading together. Make it fun – choose books you both enjoy. Talk about the pictures and characters and make up your own stories.
- Ask your child's teacher for advice and ideas about how you can help with reading.
- Buy books as presents.
- Make a special place to keep reading books from school, books borrowed from the library and books bought as presents. It will show how important reading is to you.
- Look at brochures and catalogues together.
- Look at newspapers together and point out more unusual words.
- Make a word box and put in new words your child has learnt.
- Let your child see you reading and talk about what you like and don't like reading.

