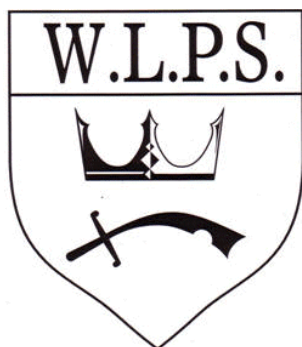


Autumn Term

22nd October
2015



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The Woodham Ley
Weekly

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very exciting and busy half term and it has been great seeing the children settle into their new classes so well. We wish you and the children a very safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing you all back on **Monday 2nd November**.

KS1 Under the Sea report

On Friday, KS1 held an important Community Conservation Show to raise awareness about sea pollution. The children spoke about rules for the beach and how to collect your rubbish after your visit. The children also demonstrated the location of some sea creatures and the different temperatures of the oceans around the world. They ended it with a beautiful rendition of 'Beyond the Sea'. Thank you to all the parents for supporting this term's learning.

Mrs Hopkins and Miss Cooper.

Harvest festival Assembly

A very big thank you to all parents and children who contributed food and toiletries for our Harvest Festival Assembly. As you can see we have an amazing assortment of items which will be passed on to 'CAVS', who support local families in the Castle Point Area. I would also like to say thank you to Rev. Rose for taking time out of his busy schedule to attend this event.



REMINDERS

School admissions September 2016

1) The online application period for admission 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 or call 0845 603 2200.

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 9.30 - 10.30am**. We will be running tours of the school and providing useful information during this time.

2) Please note that Football Training for KS2 children and Year 6 Tutorial sessions will not start back until after school on Monday 9th November.

Cross Country

I would like to say a big well done to all of the children who took part in the first Robus Cross-Country competition two weeks ago.

The children raced hard, were very competitive and *seemed* to love every minute of it (there were certainly lots of red faces at the end!!). The results are as follows:
Well done to all who competed. A particular mention to Holly Liggitt and Mason Perry who came 2nd in their races and Grace Allen who came first in the Yr3 race. Well done to all!!!

Year 3 Girls	Third
Year 3 Boys	Third
Year 4 Girls	Third
Year 4 Boys	Third
Year 5 Girls	Second
Year 5 Boys	Second
Year 6 Girls	Second
Year 6 Boys	Third

Attendance League

Well done to Goldsworthy Class for winning the Attendance League this week; and to Dali Class for winning the League for this half Term.

Weekly results

Class	Result	League points
Turner	96.67%	7
Picasso	85.5%	8
Matisse	99.50%	12
Monet	96.43.%	7
Hockney	94.44.%	7
Goldsworthy	96.76%	13
Dali	91.81.%	15
Whole school % since the start of the year	96.43%	Lead Class Dali

Diary dates

2nd Nov	<i>Back to school No Football or Yr 6 Tutorial this week</i>
3rd Nov	<i>School Nurse in for height & weight checks for yr 6 Parents' evening 3.30—7pm Tag Rugby starts after school for KS2</i>
4th Nov	<i>Parents' evening 3.30-5.30pm</i>
9th Nov	<i>Netball Match against Holy Family School at home</i>
10th Nov	<i>'Tempest Photos' in for individual photos</i>
12th Nov	<i>Yr 5 & 6 WWII Sleepover</i>
19th Nov	<i>PTA Fashion Show</i>
4th Dec	<i>Christmas Bazaar</i>
10th Dec	<i>KS1 Christmas Performance at 2pm & 6pm</i>
15th Dec	<i>Woodham Tots Nativity 10-11.30am</i>
16th Dec	<i>Christmas dinner & Carols at the Church</i>
17th Dec	<i>Reception Nativity 2-3pm</i>
18th Dec	<i>Last day of term</i>
4th Jan 2016	<i>Back to School</i>

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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

- 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.

