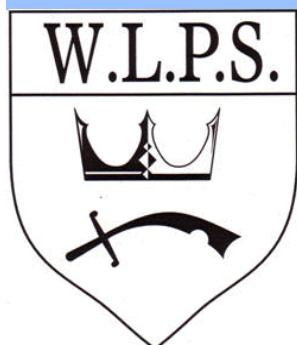


Autumn Term

9th September  
2016



The Woodham Ley News

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of another academic year at WLPS—I hope you all had a lovely summer. It has been fantastic watching the children arriving this week looking so smart and keen and ready to learn. The atmosphere in the school, as I have been walking around, is calm and purposeful with the emphasis on learning. I would like to extend a special warm welcome to the parents and children who are new to our school.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Smith and Miss Kelsey to our teaching staff. Mrs Smith is teaching the children in Year 5 and Miss Kelsey is teaching the children in Year 2.

We also welcome Mrs Jane Grainger who has taken on the role of School Business Manager. Mrs Grainger also works at Montgomerie school in the same role. We are very lucky to have them join our fantastic school.

### Welcome to the new year meetings

It was great to see so many parents attending our, 'Meet the teacher' sessions this week. You will notice from the 'Dates for the diary' letter (sent out today) that we will be having regular sessions to help you understand more about the curriculum that your child will be learning this year. Please put these in your diary as these will hopefully help you to help your child make even better progress this year.

### Start of the day

On Monday we will be asking you to congregate on the front playground as we used to before the Trim Trail equipment was installed. I will open the black side gate at 8.35 which will be when the children in Year 2, 3, 4 5 and 6 can start to enter the school. The children in Reception and Year 1 will enter via the black gate on the other side of the building, as normal. I would also request that parents ensure that the children do not use the 'Trim Trail' or any other equipment whilst they are waiting at the start and end of the day. Members of staff will talk to the children if this happens. Thank you.

### Our thoughts

You may be aware that Mrs Thomas's son Billy was taken unwell during the holidays. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time and we all wish Billy a speedy recovery.

### Reminders

Please ensure all belongings that your child brings to school are clearly labelled (several times for good measure). This should help us to keep out lost property mountain down to a small hill!!

Please, also, let us know if you have had any changes to your contact details. We also need to know if there are any changes to the adults who may collect your child from school as we cannot let them go with someone else without prior notice. We will be sending out the Data Collection forms for you to check over the next week so please let us have them back as soon as possible.

### Reading in Unusual Places

Reading for pleasure makes a big difference to the children's educational performance. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than any other factor. As part of our continued focus to promote reading for pleasure we are inviting all the children at Woodham Ley to email in photos of unusual places they read in. This can also include, siblings, parents and other family members too. Please email your photos to: [admin@woodhamley,essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodhamley,essex.sch.uk).

### Request for Reception class

Reception class would be grateful if you can send in any small tomato sauce or salad cream bottles (cleaned please) for a project they will be working on.

Thank you.

### Attendance League

Well done to  
Picasso

Class for  
winning the

Attendance League  
this week.

Weekly results		
Class	Result	League points
Turner	97.30%	2
Picasso	100%	4
Matisse	96.35%	1
Monet	91.33%	0
Hockney	99.33%	3
Goldsworthy	92.41%	0
Dali	90.695	0
Whole school % since the start of the year	<b>95.15%</b>	<b>Lead Class Picasso</b>

### Diary dates

12th Sept	Deanes Club's start this week Running Club starts today Yr 1 Phonics workshop 2.30pm
14th Sept	Gardening Club starts
28th Sept	Book Fair
30th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning Reception Class Phonics workshop and lunch
Week starting 3rd Oct	Collecting tinned food and toiletries for Canvey Youth Project for Harvest Festival
4th Oct	Yr 1 & 2 Reading workshops 2.30pm
5th Oct	Yr 3 & 4 Reading workshops 2.30pm
6th Oct	Yr 5 & 6 Reading workshops 2.30pm

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