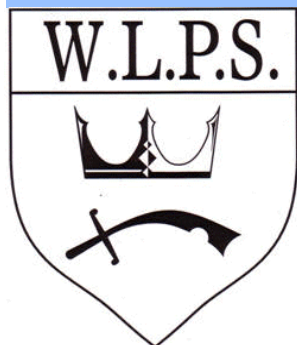


Autumn Term
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The Woodham Ley News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Friday is our annual PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning. This is held in the school hall once you have dropped off the children and is open to all. Last year we raised about £120 and it would be good to try and equal or better that amount this year. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Start of the day

Just to remind you that parents need to wait with the children on the front playground until a member of staff opens the gate, before going off. Can you also remind your child/ren not to use the equipment before or at the end of the school day please. There have been a few incidences of children using their scooters and playing with the equipment at the end of the day which has caused accidents and so we are, again, asking parents to be vigilant—thank you.

Just Giving Page

Just to make you aware that there is a 'Just Giving' page that has been set up to help raise money for the Royal Brompton Hospital who have been caring for Billy Thomas for the past several weeks. All monies donated will go to purchase more heart monitors that are urgently needed on the Rose Ward. To access the account just follow the link below. On the Just Giving website click on Rose Ward then click on Theo'learys and then click donate. Thank you. **[JustGiving/Search=RoseWard=Theo'learys=Donate](#)**

Data Forms

If you rummage through your child's book bag this evening, you will find the school's data return forms. These need to be filled in and returned to us by 30th September please, so that we can update our systems ready for the census day the following week. These are self-explanatory but if you are unsure about anything, please ask at the Office. Thank you.

Reading in Unusual Places

Thank you to those parents who have emailed the photos of children reading in unusual places. Please keep them coming. Email your photos to: admin@woodhamley.essex.sch.uk.

The Book Fair returns - Wed 28th Sep —Tuesday 4th Oct

Next Wednesday, the highly popular book fair trolleys will be delivered to the school. These are a firm favourite with our children and last year we sold over £800 worth of books. The result of the sales is that we got £500 to spend on books for the children—so everybody wins. It will be in the Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Tuesday and in the Library on Friday and Monday.

Teeth cleaning

On Wednesday, we had the school nurse in to school to talk to the children about the importance of keeping their teeth clean. She gave lots of useful tips to them—brushing them for 2 minutes but using a stopwatch/timer to help them know when 2 minutes is up; drinking fizzy drinks through a straw and not rinsing after they have brushed so as to allow the paste to be absorbed into the teeth. I thought that by mentioning this to you, you could reinforce these tips which may (if you're lucky) mean that you can stop the daily nag. There is also a letter going home tonight to develop the children's awareness of the importance of healthy teeth.

Parent support page

On the back of the newsletters, I put information that might help parents with various aspects of learning and things that you could do that would support that process. On the back of this newsletter is a list of possible questions you could ask your child when you are listening to them read each night.

Year 6 reminder

I'm sure you are all aware but the closing date for applications to transfer to secondary school is **Monday 31st October**. The link below will give you all the information you need. If you need help with the transfer process, please get in touch. https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/Secondary_Admissions_Brochure.pdf

Attendance League

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

Weekly results		
Class	Result	League points
Turner	98.03%	6
Picasso	96%	9
Matisse	98.33%	6
Monet	95.86%	0
Hockney	97%	5
Goldsworthy	98.28%	6
Dali	96.21	1
Whole school % since the start of the year	96.90%	Lead Class Picasso

Diary dates

27th Sept	Reception Class Photo in the Evening Echo Newspaper
28th Sept—4th Oct	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
7th Oct	School Disco
24th –28th Oct	Half term week
31st Oct	Non—pupil day
10th Nov	Tempest photo's in for individual and sibling photos
18th Nov	Children in Need
23rd Nov	Flu Immunisations

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Parents' Support Page

QUESTIONS FOR READING

Below you will find a list of possible questions to help you with conversations about your child's reading. They are not intended to be used all at once or every time you read with your child. Use them at your discretion and where they are appropriate. Happy Reading !!

Questions to ask before you read

- Can you look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book?
- What makes you think that?
- What characters do you think might be in our story?
- Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not?
- Does the topic/story relate to you or your family? How?

Questions to ask during the reading

- What do you think will happen next?
- What can you tell me about the story so far?
- Can you predict how the story will end?
- Why do you think the character did _____?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- How would you have felt if you were the character? (use different characters)
- As I read _____, it made me picture _____ in my head. What pictures do you see in your head?
- As you read, what are you wondering about?
- Can you put what you've just read in your own words?

Questions to ask after reading

- Can you remember the title?
- In your opinion, was it a good title for this book? Why or why not?
- Were your predictions about the story correct?
- If there was a problem, did it get solved?
- What happened because of the problem?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- What is the most important point the author is trying to make in his writing?
- What was your favourite part of the story?
- If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be?
- Can you retell the story in order?
- If you were _____, how would you have felt?
- What is the most interesting situation in the story?
- Is there a character in the story like you? How are you alike?
- Why did you like this book?