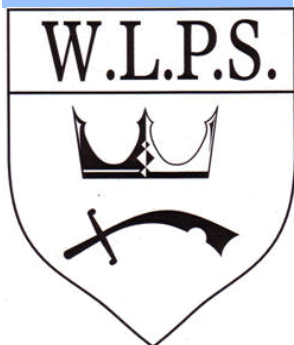


Summer Term
26th May
2017



Dear Parents/carers,

I don't want to tempt fate but I think Summer is finally here!! With that in mind, I would like to remind you to ensure that the children come to school with sun cream on (already applied), water bottles and caps. We monitor the length of time that the children have outside at lunchtimes and if we feel that it is too hot, we ask the children to come inside or to go and sit in the sheltered areas of the school. It would be very helpful if you could talk to your children and re-enforce the message about how they can stay safe in the sun. Thank you.

Times Table Rockstars!

We have been able to purchase a new times table computer game for the children to use from some of the money raised by the PTA. This is a wonderful resource and is creating a bit of a buzz around school. If your child hasn't logged in yet, they will be able to access it after half term.

Circus

As you will be aware, the circus is coming to Woodham Ley on Friday the 9th June. All the money raised from this event goes straight back to the children in the school in the form of resources; and in a time when budgets nationwide are tight, this becomes even more important. In order for these evenings to be successful, we need people to volunteer to help run a stall. So, we are looking for volunteers to help on the refreshments stall for as much or as little time as you can. We are aware that this may be daunting for some people but there would be no pressure put on you—honestly. If you feel you can spare the odd 10/15 minutes during the evening, then please get in touch with Clare Fraser, a class teacher or someone in the office.

Sports Day

We are pleased to announce that we have been able to secure the Basildon Sporting Village again as the venue for this year's Sports Day. This will be on **Thursday 22nd June**. More details to follow.

Dogs on site

Can we remind parents that Essex County Council policy states that dogs are not permitted on their school sites, whether they are on a lead or held. If you do bring your dogs when dropping off or picking up your children, please do not leave them unattended and tied up outside to the school to the railings as this can cause them distress and may be frightening to some of the smaller children. Thank you.

Non-pupil days 2017-18

The non-pupil days for next year are:

- Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September
- Monday 30th October
- Tuesday 2nd January
- Monday 4th June

Enjoy the half term break

Attendance League

Well done to Matisse Class for winning the Attendance League this week; and to Matisse and Hockney classes for jointly winning the attendance League this half term.

Weekly results

Class	Result	League points
Turner	85.86%	2
Picasso	96.13%	2
Matisse	98.28%	13
Monet	96.55%	11
Hockney	96.00%	13
Goldsworthy	94.83%	5
Dali	94.83%	5
Whole school % since the start of the year	96.00%	Lead Class Hockney & Matisse

Diary dates

29th May—2nd June	Half term
9th June	Circus
12th June	Year 1 Phonics assessments (all week)
15th June	Father's day gifts in Sunshine room
21st June	Year 5 talk 'Getting Ready for Secondary school'
22nd June	Sports Day at the Basildon Sporting Village
27th & 28th June	Year 6 Transition days at Appleton
27th June	Reception Trip to Hever Castle
30th June	Non-pupil day
3rd July	New parents meeting for Reception 7pm
4th July	Meet the teacher part 1
6th July	Kids on the Catwalk TBC
11th July	Meet the teacher part 2 District Sports at Deanes
14th July	School Disco
21st July	Last day of term Year 6 Leavers assembly

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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?