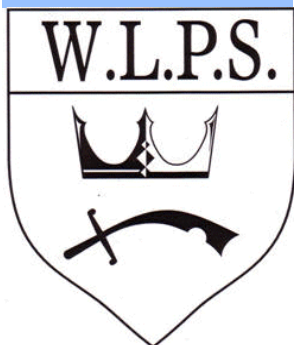


Summer Term

18th July
2017



Times Table Rock Stars

This is a fabulous new resource that our children are using enthusiastically. If your child cannot access it, then please speak to your child's class teacher!

The Woodham Ley
News

The comment I hear a lot from people is, how quickly the year goes round; and here we are again at the end of another one! It's amazing to think of all the things that we have managed to cram in over that time. I would like to wish our year 6 pupils all the best as they begin their journey into secondary education. They are a wonderful group of students who have a lot to offer their new schools and I am in no doubt that they will all continue being successful. Remember year 6, keep in touch.

Saying Goodbye

We are sadly having to say goodbye to some key people at Woodham Ley this week. Mr Curtis, who has been with us over the past two years, will be the new Deputy Headteacher at a school in Ockendon. I would like to thank him for everything that he has done and wish him all the very best for his future career. I would also like to say goodbye to Mr Coyston who will be retiring at the end of this week. He has worked hard to maintain a high standard of upkeep over the past 9 years and has overseen many changes to the building. They will both be sorely missed and I know you will all join me in wishing them the very best of luck for their futures.

Sports News

Last week we had numerous successes at the swimming gala and district sports competitions with lots of children being awarded medals for coming in 1st, 2nd or 3rd positions against the other schools. I would like to congratulate everyone who took part in these two events.

Little Haven's Hospice Coffee Morning

I would like to congratulate Olivia and Frankie Neal for their success at the coffee morning last Friday. This event raised £318 which is a phenomenal amount to reach in just a short space of time but this amount is going to be matched by both Olivia and Frankie's Granddad and Dad. I would like to thank you all for helping to support this worthwhile charity.

It's a dog's life

Last Friday, we were surrounded by Police!! Ordinarily, this might be a bit concerning, but this was an event organised by Mrs Barrett and Mr Mayo (one of our Reception parents) to showcase the work of the Police Dog Unit. We all were amazed by the skills of these animals and how they assist the police in the important work that they do. I would like to thank Mr Mayo and all of his colleagues (2 and 4 legged) for the wonderful display and for giving the children an insight into the life of the police. I know that there will be children who would have been inspired to consider the police as a career choice in the future.

Parent questionnaires/Report feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the response forms over the past couple of weeks. Your feedback helps us to improve and ensures that we can best serve the whole school community. The points for development and the ways that we will address these, we will share with you when we return after the break. Thank you once again.

Things to do over the holidays

I know that we are all looking forward to our 6 week break but it is a long time and can be very expensive. I have, therefore, put some suggestions on the back page of this newsletter which might help you plan a fun and cheap holiday.

I have also given out my, '3 page reading challenge' to the children and Mr Curtis has set up a **Times Table Challenge** for you all to do over the break.

Please look in the diary dates box for the, 'Meet the Teacher Sessions' after the Holiday.

See you all on the 6th September. Enjoy your holidays

Attendance League
Well done to Monet Class for winning the Attendance League this week & to Goldsworthy class for winning the attendance cup this half term

Weekly results		
Class	Result	League points
Turner	92.76%	12
Picasso	93.55%	3
Matisse	87.33%	16
Monet	96.55%	6
Hockney	95.67%	11
Goldsworthy	96%	19
Dali	94.481%	8
Whole school % since the start of the year	95.90%	Lead Class Goldsworthy

Diary dates	
6th Sept	Children return to school
11th Sept	Meet the Teacher session for Year 1 (2:15) Meet the Teacher session for Year 3 (2:45)
12th Sept	Meet the Teacher session for Year 2 (2:15) Meet the Teacher session for Year 4 (2:45)
14th Sept	Appleton visit to meet the yr 6 Parents 9am
13th Sept	Meet the Teacher sessions for Year 5 (2:45)
15th Sept	Meet the Teacher session for Year 6 (2:30)

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

Hadleigh Park

Over the summer holidays, Hadleigh Park are running a whole host of activities—as shown below. One of those is a, ‘learn to ride’ session which is free to any child at Woodham Ley. If this is something that interests you, then get in touch with the park for more information.

Free learn to ride sessions.	The Bike It Officer, Simon Broad, will provide lessons to “Lose the stabilisers”. Recommend to book 2-4 lessons over consecutive weeks. Free to Bike It Schools* enter the code BIKEIT	10.00am – 3.30pm Friday 28 th July, Friday 4 th August Friday 11 th August Friday 18 th August
Free bike check.	The Bike It Officer, Simon Broad, will check any bike for free.	12pm – 2.30pm Saturday 29 th July Saturday 5 th August Saturday 12 th August Saturday 19 th August
Family paddle boarding Family archery Family survival Family fun Friday Family kayaking Family camping Monday Madness (under 5s) Sailing Led Rides Open water swimming	See Hadleigh Park Website hadleigh-park.co.uk/events/	

Mini-Beast Hunting

Marsh Farm Country Park, South Woodham Ferrers

Now until Friday, August 5

Explorers of all ages will be able to take part in mini-beast hunting to discover the creatures that live in trees, hedges and long grass on a specially created path. Look out for beetles, woodlice, caterpillars, spiders, centipedes, ants, earwigs, slugs and snails!

Marsh Farm is open every day throughout the holidays and visitors can pick up a summer passport which gives you a third trip free once you've had two trips stamped.

Day tickets cost £9 for adults and £7 for children ages to two to 15 while under twos are free.

Barleylands, Billericay

July 25-September 2, 10am-5pm

Lots of events and activities lined up over the summer holiday to stave off the boredom, including cooking, crafts and hands-on fun in the Farm Park. Tel: 01268 290213, www.barleylands.co.uk

Colchester Castle Museum

Monday-Thursday, August 1-4

Meet a local Viking settler and hear about Danelaw, the Battle of Maldon and more. See the Vikings's weaponry and find out how the Scandinavian invaders settled in East Anglia. Tel: 01206 282940, www.colchestermuseums.org.uk