



Start of Term

Dear all, it has been a lovely start to the term. Key for us here at Wood End Infants is ensuring our, and your children are safe, happy and settled for learning over the first weeks which has happened smoothly. Thank you for your help with this. Now for the real work: lots of learning and deep thinking, of which we will need your continued support. Outcomes for children are always greatest when there is alignment between home and school lives, so we are all on the same team working to ensure your child is the best version of themselves they can possibly be, academically, socially, emotionally, morally and spiritually. A couple of gentle requests to make sure that your children come into school ready for learning:

- ◆ Encourage a full night's sleep. The NHS recommends children aged between 4-7 should be receiving at least 10-11 hours sleep per night so please check their bedtimes!
- ◆ Ensure children have a nutritious breakfast - without breakfast, blood sugar can drop dramatically, resulting in fatigue. Children who are tired and/ or hungry are not ready to learn!
- ◆ Read daily! We cannot understate the importance of reading for a child's education, academic progression and well-being in life. One of the best things you can ever do for your child is help them to develop a love of reading. Stories before bed time are gift and a perfect opportunity to bond and help with the bedtime routine.



Week 1: Making shapes in Nursery



Bug Club

Curriculum Support

We have Curriculum mornings booked in over the coming weeks where teachers will discuss how you can support your child at home and other curriculum related information, so please do attend. Your engagement is so important to us. Slides will be Parentmailed out for parents unable to attend, but if you can, we really do advise you join us. It will be a perfect opportunity to have any questions you might have answered.

We've got the reading bug:

As a school, to support with reading, we are relaunching Bug Club -an online reading tool - please look out for the letter with login details and more information.

We also have some visits to our local library booked where children will be given the opportunity to sign up for a library card.

We have some wonderful volunteers, Mrs Ash and Ms Morris who will be kindly coming in early every Tuesday and Friday to open up the library so that pupils can come in to take out and swap reading books to take home.

A big thank you to all the parents who came in to read with their child in KS1 this Tuesday. Numbers were high; we hope they remain high as the term goes on. You are setting a great example to your children and we know they really appreciate it.



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Key Dates

25 September
Curriculum
Meeting for Year 1
and 2 at 9am

2 October-
Curriculum
Meeting—Early
Years at 9am

4/10/19 –
International
Afternoon at
2.45pm



School Policy Reminders

- ◆ Footwear must be black. They can be either shoes or trainers and should be sensible- no flashing lights or huge branding over them please. A request for our nursery and reception pupils is that they have Velcro straps - no laces please, unless they can tie them themselves.
- ◆ Please label all your child's uniform with their name. You wouldn't believe how easily they go missing and it can be a logistical nightmare trying to find the owner of an item of clothing with no name. We know it can be frustrating your end when your child loses something so please help us, and yourselves by labelling it.
- ◆ Any grapes that come in in packed lunches should be cut in half. There have been some horror stories in the press about grapes and children choking so please help us to keep your child safe.
- ◆ Birthday treats - we know it's a special opportunity for children to mark their birthdays with a treat for the class. Please ensure the contents are safe, healthy and are nut free. Staff will not hand out the treats so parents of the child with the birthday are responsible for doing this. You should check with other parents/ carers as you hand items out. The school takes no responsibility for this, though we do reserve the right to refuse items being handed out on school grounds if they are deemed to be unsafe or unhealthy. We do this to keep your children safe so thank you in advance for your support with this.
- ◆ Please remind your child to walk their scooter or bike up the school passage to keep everyone safe. We have had a few near misses already. Children may remain on scooters if there is an adult guiding them up the passage as a compromise.



We thank you in advance for your continued support and look forward to an exciting year ahead full of fun and learning for all.

Team Wood End