



# NEWSLETTER

7TH OCTOBER 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks with lots of exciting events happening.

I would just like to remind you all that there is a teacher training day on Monday. As this training is taking place away from the school site, there will be no one available to take calls or answer e-mails on that day.

## OPEN AFTERNOON

We will be holding two open afternoons for prospective parents whose children will be starting school in September 2023. These will be held on Thursday 13th October and Thursday 10th November. If you know anyone with a child starting school next year, please let them know about these events.

If any parents with children at local nurseries could take some of our flyers advertising the event, please speak to Mrs Agar in the office. Your help to spread the word would be really appreciated.



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## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our first face-to-face coffee morning in three years was a resounding success. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event. We had a mountain of cake donations and raised an amazing £357.50 for this amazing charity.

I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers for their support, particularly Mrs Wood and Mrs Chalk, who kept the tea and coffee flowing and Mrs Ellard.

A HUGE well done must also go to our Year 6 pupils who did such a great job in serving cakes and clearing away.

They were a real credit to our school.



## SCHOOL LIBRARY TEAM

Our school library leaders raised a tremendous £28 by selling our surplus reading books at the Coffee morning. This money will be going to the School Council, who will decide how best to spend it, so all the children in the school benefit.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our democratically elected school council meet every two weeks with Mrs Wood to discuss key issues regarding school.

Today, in our Celebration assembly, we awarded the children their School Council badges.



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## SYCAMORE BELL -BOATING

Even the wet and windy weather on Wednesday didn't dampen the enthusiasm of our children in Sycamore class who participated in a bell-boating experience day. Setting sail from the Navigation Inn the two boats paddled down the Stratford canal at a leisurely pace, enjoying the beautiful surroundings. The children quickly learnt that if they didn't work as a team and co-ordinate their rowing action the boat didn't move!

A big thank you to Mrs Wood for organising the event and to Mrs Ellard, Mrs Jones and Mrs Folkes who accompanied the group. We would also like to thank the staff at the Navigation who allowed the children to use their facilities and supplied hot chocolate to everyone.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

The children and staff attended St Peter's Church to celebrate Harvest. Each class prepared a short piece for the service. Everyone performed well and the standard of singing was exceptional. A special mention must go to Oak class. Our younger children, who have only been in school for five weeks, sang a wonderful Harvest Song.



All donations of non-perishable food will be used by the church in their Harvest Hampers which will be auctioned at the Harvest Supper.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Friday 30th September

Theme: effort

Well done to: Lenny, Chloe, Dan, Esmee, Alana, Jake, Harry, Oliver, Sophie and Elliot.

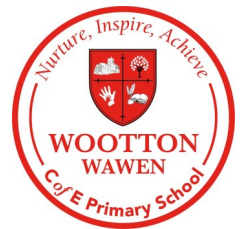
Friday 7th October

Theme: mathematics

Congratulations to: Ann-Marie, Archie, Teddy, James, Charlotte, Daniel, Alana, Dexter, Gabriel and Lola.

Beech Hut Star: Ruby

## SCHOOL LOGO



After launching our new vision statement and motto last term, the school have now made changes to two of the pictures on the school badge. We have replaced the computer with a picture of the mustard tree to reflect our school's Bible story and the WW with a picture of two hands to represent nurture. This new badge will start to appear on letterheads and the web site. It will also be used on uniform. Children will be able to wear uniform with the old badge on until they outgrow them.

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## FOWS UPDATE

FOWS have some exciting activities planned for the coming weeks. With current economic issues they have decided to keep planned events low cost. Coming up there will be:

Thursday 3rd November- Bonfire Bake Off

Friday 2nd December - Christmas Break the Rules

Friday 16th December—Father Christmas Afternoon Tea and Christmas Jumper Day

## PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS WEEK

Next week, as part of our PSHE curriculum, the children will be learning about how to keep safe through the Taking Care Project.



Click the link below to access the Protective Behaviours Parents' Guide on the school web site.

<https://www.protectivebehaviourstraining.co.uk/publications/we-all-have-the-right-to-feel-safe-booklet>

## PARENTS EVENING

This will be an opportunity for parents to speak to their child's class teacher and to view some of the work that has been completed.

Bookings will be open from 6pm next Thursday. Details about how to book appointments will be sent out by Mrs White next week. If any parent cannot attend please speak to the class teacher and an alternative time can be made.

## ONLINE SAFETY

All children have completed their online safety for this half-term.

Mrs White would like to signpost parents to a useful website which gives information on apps and games your child may want to play.

[www.commonsemmedia.org/](http://www.commonsemmedia.org/)

## DATA FORMS

Thank you to everyone who has returned their data forms. There are still a very small number outstanding and we would appreciate if they could be returned as soon as possible.

## ATTENDANCE

There has been an improvement in our whole school attendance in the last two weeks. Last week our overall attendance was a magnificent 99% with Sycamore winning our attendance cup with 100%.

**A reminder that we are unable to authorise requests for leave of absence for a family holiday.**

Have a wonderful weekend. The next newsletter will be Friday 21st October.

## DATES for this half-term

**10/10/22– TEACHER TRAINING DAY**

**13/10/2022—Open Afternoon for prospective parents 1.30-3 pm**

11/10/22- Protective Behaviours Week

17/10/22—Willow class trip to Kenilworth Castle

17/10/22—Final date to return Christmas Card forms.

**20/10/22 – PARENTS EVENING. (This will be face-to-face)**

21/10/22—Celebration assembly at 2.40pm

Half-term from Monday 24th—Friday 28th October.

31/10/22—Return to school and closing date for Year 6 applications to secondary school.

10/11/22—Open Afternoon 1.30– 3pm



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