



Wood End School

Learning Together, Respecting Each Other

News 16th July 2021

Message from Mr Boulton

Our final newsletter of the year -and what a year! It started off so well with a fantastic autumn term – all children back and really focussed on their learning. Then come January; we headed into another lockdown and engaged with online learning and live lessons! I know it is a period of our lives we will never forget!

As I have said many times before, I am so grateful to the team of people here for all the work they did to get us up and running so quickly with online learning; to the parents for all they did supporting their children at home; and to the children who worked so hard and engaged with all that we offered.

As we headed into the summer term we had another very good period with everyone in school, only for year 6 to fall at the final hurdle. They have been a fantastic group of pupils throughout their time at Wood End and they leave us with our very best wishes.

I very much look forward to seeing everyone back in September – back to ‘normal’ and without bubbles. Don’t forget those school shoes too!

We are very much looking forward to, hopefully, welcoming back parents into school in September. As you will know parents have to be DBS checked with the school. Therefore, if you have a current DBS check you will be on our list. Because of the process we have to go through in September we will be prioritising new DBS checks with the current year 1 and reception parents as we are conscious they will not have had the opportunity to come into school.

I hope the sun shines throughout August and you all have a fantastic summer break.

Take care and stay safe. Mr Boulton

Message from our Chair of Governors

Dear parents, the Governors have had their final meeting of the year and have looked back at what can only be described as the most exceptional year for education ever. I have recently written to all staff on behalf of the Governors to thank them all for their truly outstanding contribution during the last 16 months and I am sure that is a sentiment that all parents would echo. But we would also like to thank you, the parents and carers of our wonderful pupils for your amazing support. We know only too well how difficult remote learning has been and it is clear to the staff that you have all done an amazing job so the Governors would like to applaud you as well. It goes without saying that the children have played their part as well and have been doing their best with remote learning – but it has been clear since their return to school that they are delighted to be back! Please pass on our thanks to your children. At our meeting we also spent some time looking forward to the next school year and were amazed at the work that the school middle leaders have been doing to review our curriculum and improve lesson planning. We have also welcomed Eszter Kosa as our first ever Librarian who will be working closely with all classes as we raise the bar even higher on our aspiration for reading. Wood End is truly an amazing school!

Finally, I wish all the school community, whatever you are able to do, a wonderful summer break – it really has been most richly deserved.

Best wishes Mike Stevens



Year 4 NYO Musicians

On Thursday, Year 4 were excited to have NYO musicians and ex-pupils Chloe and Ella Harrison in school. They shared a musical performance and other creative music-making activities, exchanging musical hope and ideas with our children, as part of #NYOHopeExchange🎵. Year 4 had a fabulous morning!





PTA Round Up from 2020/21

We are delighted to have raised over **£15,500!**

Thank you so much for all your support.

Highlights of our fundraising include:

£2,577 Summer Hampers



£568 Easter Trail & Shop



£210 Virtual Wine Tasting



£1,836 Christmas Trail, Cookies, Shop & Raffle



£230 Christmas Trees

£694 Easyfundraising /AmazonSmile /other commissions



Christmas Cards £1,411

Christmas Jumper Day £377

Your School Lottery £1,693

Donations £5,463

2nd Hand Uniform and Tomato Plants £582

"Lockdown" Photoshoot £410

London Marathon <ongoing!>

What has it been spent on?

PTA finances have been used to fund/part fund:

- Playground & Wet Play Equipment
- Classroom books
- Ducklings, Insects & BBC micro-bits!
- History Off the Page days
- Virtual author visit
- Key Stage 2 Trim Trail



For 2021/22 we need YOU:

We're hoping that the new school year will give us lots of opportunities to put on the events the children (and parents) love so much. Following the success of allocating the 2019 Summer Fair to a year group, we will follow the same process giving each year group the opportunity to focus on an event and make it their own. There will be plenty of support available from the wider PTA team and previous event organisers!

Come along to our first PTA meeting of the 2021/22 academic year on **Tuesday 21st September** to find out more.

In November, the Trustees will be completing their term in office. Please do consider if you could be a part of the team helping to steer the PTA. Roles & examples of tasks include:

Treasurer	Prepare the annual accounts, and management accounts for each meeting. Manage floats, banking and expenses for events. Pay bills and invoices.
Chair / Co-Chairs / Vice Chair	Run and manage PTA meetings, support the PTA events programme and those organising events, represent the PTA to the school.
Secretary	Prepare agendas for, and take minutes at PTA meetings. Share meeting documents with the PTA distribution list.
Communication	Produce regular communications for the PTA, including the weekly newsletter. Share information via PTA Facebook page, Class Rep messages, school website etc.

Please ask if you would like to know more about what is involved, we are very happy to share how the roles have worked in practice and what we have learnt!

Thank you again for your support. Joanne, Morven, Kirstin, Jo and Laura

Remember To:

- Buy your **Summer Trail Tickets**: www.pta-events.co.uk/woodend/

The trail runs from 21st July to 31st August. Keep your eyes peeled for a host of summery items displayed in windows... make a note of the letters and crack the secret message to be in with a chance of winning one of many great prizes. Tickets on sale now, £5 per family.



- Support us with **Your School Lottery**: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/wood-end-school
- Raise funds just by Shopping Online**: www.woodend.herts.sch.uk/home-1/about/commissions
- Sponsor Mr Barker for the **London Marathon**: www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/woodendmarathon2021
- Save the date for the 1st **PTA meeting for 2021/22** on Tuesday 21st September.

Thank you!

Get in touch via email: pta@woodend.herts.sch.uk

Check our pages on the school website: www.woodend.herts.sch.uk/home-1/about/news

Follow our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WoodEndPTA/

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Holiday Clubs at Wood End School Summer 2021

Club	Dates	To Book/Contact
Jousters	Wed 21 st and Thurs 22 nd July	Jennie Denton Tel: 01707 894650 jennie@jousterschildcare.com
Jousters	Mon 26 th to Thurs 29 th July	
Jousters	Mon 2 nd to Thurs 5 th Aug	
Jousters	Mon 9 th to Thurs 12 th Aug	
Multi-Sports Camp	Mon 26 th Jul to Fri 6 th Aug (see leaflet overleaf for details)	Dean Barker summercamp2020@hotmail.com
All Sport	Mon 21 st to 23 rd July and 16 th to 20 th August. £22 per day (9am-4pm). 20% sibling discount	Paulo Mateus Tel: 07841 720800 allsportclub@hotmail.com www.all-sports-club.co.uk

[External Clubs September 2021 – Please follow this link to the school website](#)