



Wood End School

Learning Together, Respecting Each Other

News 5th October 2018

Reception Parents Phonics Workshop – Thursday 11th October

We are looking forward to seeing Reception parents at the Phonics Workshop in the Infant Hall on Thursday 11th October at 9am. No need to book just turn up!



Tempest Photos

Individual Photo Proofs sent home last this week.
Deadline for orders to the school office is **9am Monday 15th October**.

Harpenden Waitrose Green Tokens—Colts

Colts will kindly be donating the proceeds of the Waitrose Green Token Scheme, that is running this Autumn, to our School in order to purchase some new football goals. Please support us by putting your token in the Colts box! Thank you.

Meet the Team



Name: Mrs Heather Bayne

Title/Position: Co-opted Governor

What does your role involve?

Governors act as a critical friend to the Headteacher. We review all the data and ask challenging questions to help ensure the school is run in the best way possible. Co-opted governors represent the local community and are identified to bring specific skills and knowledge to the school, to help support the senior leadership team.

How did you get into this role?

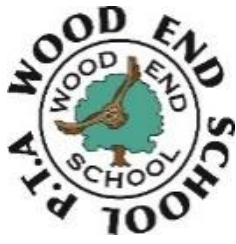
I first became a governor in October 2010. At the time my two daughters were at the school and I was elected as a parent governor. When they moved on to secondary school I transferred to be a co-opted governor so that I could continue to support the school.

What do you enjoy about it?

Being a governor has enabled me to learn more about the education system and to understand the continual pressure and change that is placed on the school by the government's ever-changing agenda. As a governor you are learning all the time. Seeing the children so happy in school and watching our new teachers develop their skills is always a pleasure.

What might surprise people about your role?

Governors are all volunteers. In Hertfordshire we are lucky to be supported by an excellent governance team at Hertfordshire County Council. Through them governors have access to a wide range of training. Topics such as school budgets, pupil premium and supporting SEND are all covered, as are more generic leadership skills. As someone who is now self-employed I have found having access to this training an unexpected bonus of being a governor.



PTA News

Just a few places are still available in the afternoon on Saturday 13th October for a family photo shoot. Raise money for the PTA and capture some lovely shots. Secure your place now: <http://www.ianscottphotography.co.uk/wood-end-school-family-photo-days/>

Final details for the PTA Parent Disco on Saturday 13th October will be emailed out early next week. (Nearly sold out: just 2 tickets remain).

Tickets have sold fast (on the School Gateway) for the PTA Halloween themed Infant and Junior Discos on Friday 19th October. Ticket numbers are limited for the Junior disco - only the last few available.

Infants may bring a named bag with a change of clothes into school on Friday 19th - costumes or party clothes! (Nothing tricky to wear please as they will need to get changed themselves).

Further helpers would be very appreciated during the Infant Disco, at changeover and during the Junior Disco. Please let Kirstin & Morven know via WoodEndPTADisco@gmail.com.

PTA Key News and Dates: <http://www.woodend.herts.sch.uk/home-1/about/news>

Email: PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk



Rotary Shoeboxes

We are once again participating in this worthwhile scheme. The gift of a shoebox that contains toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods is a drop of happiness to the people of Eastern Europe who live in a world of poverty.

Full directions are given on the box. For many, it will be the first present that they have ever received, and it lets them know that somebody, somewhere cares.

Boxes are available from the school office, or on the middle playground next week.

Thank you to the Year 6 children who have been helping to distribute them this week! Boxes are £2—if you pay for the box up front, no need to put another £2 on the box itself.

Deadline for return is **Friday 3rd November** (after half term). For up-to-date information and pictures of boxes being delivered, visit the Rotary website at www.rotaryshoebox.org

www.facebook.com/rotaryshoeboxscheme

Community

Harpenden Town Council Christmas Poster Competition

Based around the theme 'A Celebration of Christmas' – Closing date Friday 2nd November 2018.

See poster attached for more details.

Harpenden LTC October Half term Junior Holiday Coaching 2018 – form attached

Tilly's Yoga After School Club

Links to Recent Events on School Website:

[Year 5 Residential to Kingswood October 2018](#)

[Reception Stay and Play 1st to 5th October](#)

[Girl's Football League](#)

[Harvest Festival](#)