



Wood End School

Learning Together, Respecting Each Other

News 26th October 2018



The School Council would like to invite the children to wear pyjamas or a 'onesie' (with t-shirt under the onesie in case of getting too hot) on **Friday 16th November** to raise money for Children in Need. There is a voluntary contribution of £1 for wearing your pyjamas/onesies.

Every penny donated goes towards helping disadvantaged children and young people right here in the UK. Their vision is that every child in the UK has a childhood which is: Safe; happy and secure, and allows them the chance to reach their potential.

The School Council also plan to hold a cake sale after school on Friday 16th November so we are asking for donations of small cakes, biscuits, flap jacks and brownies (no nuts please), with a Spotty theme if possible, to be brought in on the morning on 16th November to the classrooms.

Please send in between 6-12 cakes per family. Many thanks in advance for your support,

From Mrs Timms and The School Council Team.

Enterprise Sale Friday 9th November 3.15pm in the Junior Hall. Everyone welcome. Remember to bring lots of change!

Mid-day Supervisors – Please Help – We Need You!!

We are looking for more people to join our MSA team. This can be either on a voluntary or paid basis. If you (or any other member of your family/friends) could spare a few hours each week, Monday to Friday (or any day), 11.30am to 1pm, please contact the School Office. It is a rewarding and valued role, and we have a friendly team who will welcome you on board to help make the lunch hour a safe and happy time for our children.

Meet the Team

Name: Mr David Lowndes

Title/Position: Co-opted Community Governor - Chair of Resources Committee

What does your role involve?

The resources committee is responsible for all those "back office" functions which contribute to the smooth running of the school, which in turn help the teaching staff provide the best possible education for our children. We monitor the school's finances and budget; are responsible for the buildings and grounds, including security and health and safety; and work with the head on personnel matters. We work closely with the School Business Manager.



How did you get into this role?

Having had two daughters at Wood End (longer ago than they or I care to remember!) and having lived in the area for over 30 years, I was pleased to be invited to join the governing board as a community governor some months before my grandchildren started at the school.

What do you enjoy about it?

It is always a delight to engage with the children who, by and large, tell me they enjoy their time at Wood End - positive, polite young people. The staff always seem prepared to go the extra mile for their pupils.

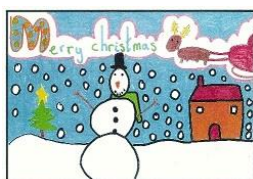
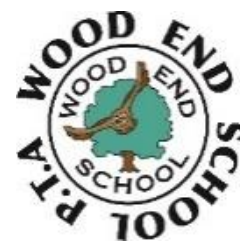
What might surprise people about your role?

The range of topics with which we become involved and the volume of paperwork the Headteacher (and all the staff) have to manage whilst doing the "day" job of educating the children.

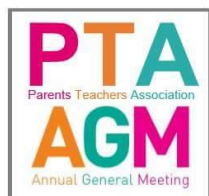
PTA News



Thank you so much to all the staff and parents who supported the children's Halloween Disco last Friday. We had lots of fun, and raised approximately £1,700. A big thank you to Kirstin, Morven and Denise for organising, Martin for the fantastic lights and to 'DJ' Carl for keeping everyone so entertained.



A reminder that **PTA Christmas Card Order Forms** and payment must be returned to the school office by **7th November** at the latest.



Our **PTA AGM will be on Tuesday 6th November at 7.30pm** in the Staff Room at Wood End School.

Everyone is very welcome to join us at this annual meeting. Do come along to listen in or share your views - we'd love to see you there.

Save the Dates: More details after half term



Look out for more information after half term for a **Wood End PTA Christmas Event – Friday 30th November 4pm to 6pm**.

Save the date for our ever popular **PTA Quiz Night - Saturday 2nd February** (more details after half term).



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

Email: PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk



Rotary Shoeboxes

Apologies an incorrect deadline was published. The deadline for return is **Friday 9th November** (after half term). Please bring the filled boxes to school w/c 5th November. If you haven't been able to fill your box, please bring it back to the school office and we can refund your £2. For up-to-date information and pictures of boxes being delivered, visit the Rotary website at www.rotaryshoebox.org

www.facebook.com/rotaryshoeboxscheme



Congratulations to our after school chess club members whom have achieved their certificates for passing their Chess Levels this term. Certificates were handed out in celebration assembly this week.

Links to Recent Events on the School Website:

[Girl's Football League Friendly & Basketball](#) – Monday 22nd Oct & Thursday 25th Oct

If you wish to receive news reminders and view past events from the website on your phone please download the School Jotter App. For iPhone users go to the App Store and for Android users go to Google Play. Follow the instructions on screen to find Wood End School. There is no need to add your payment details as all payments are made via Schoolcomms.

Community



Poppies will once again be sold in school w/c 5th November

Poppies (paper) donation/Wristbands £1*/Reflector 50p*/ruler £1*/Pencil Sharpener 50p*/Eraser 50p*, are available to purchase from the school office.

*Suggested donation

Year 6 children will also be collecting donations from the classrooms during this week if your child would like to purchase one themselves.

The Harpenden Christmas Carnival

The Christmas Carnival will take place on the 25th November down the High Street. A spectacular event in Harpenden High Street, encompassing a carnival procession, walkabout entertainment, charity stalls, a farmers market, turning on of the Town's Christmas lights, fairground rides and festive shopping!! Father Christmas and his Elves will be stopping by again to visit the children of Harpenden, and our famous Christmas Lights will be switched on as the sun goes down at 5pm.

Further details attached to this email.

DSPL Training Programme – Wednesday 14th November

Information evening for parents, carers and families of children and young people with additional needs. Please see the attached leaflet for further details.

Get into Teaching Events 2018/19

Please see the leaflets attached.

We wish you all a fabulous half term. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th November 2018.