



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a dull, dreary week! The weather obviously: life in school is never dull or dreary and there have been lots of exciting things happening across the school this week.

Lunchtimes have also been more settled this week as everyone becomes more familiar with the routines. The feedback I am getting is very positive: the children like being able to sit together as we no longer separate packed lunches from hot dinners making this a more sociable experience for everyone. I have also been very impressed with the general conduct around the school at lunchtimes. The organisation of the 3 sittings has raised expectations again about how we move around the school building and show kindness and respect at all times and this has certainly been evident so far. We are still making a few tweaks and had another meeting again this week to review the plan, so we are very positive that new routines will become embedded and we will have a highly effective system in place that makes every moment of the children's time in school count.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Mitchell
Headteacher

What's Going On

Tuesday 28th January -

Year 5 Swimming

Friday 31st January—

Class Photographs
Achievement Assembly Class RH, Years 1, 3 & 5

Year 6 have been working really hard on their Victorian themed project homework. So far, children have brought in models of Victorian workhouses, a sweep for cleaning chimneys, tasty recipes (some not so tasty), rules and lists of punishments carried out in that era. We're LOVING this topic theme!



Governor Focus

A Governor's life can be very interesting and varied!

On Monday I spent the day in school helping with interviews for a new member of staff. Tuesday evening saw all Woodloes Governor's undertaking a training session on governor school monitoring, which is very important to us to ensure that when we visit school we do so effectively. Finally, Wednesday saw me observing the regular fire drill.

Mick Potter
Vice Chair of Governors

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2T (Miss Tresadern) with 97.3%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 102 pupils = 25%

What I love about Woodloes

Year 6 is excellent!
You have more responsibilities,
more challenging work and you
are expected to always be a
good role model to the rest of
the school.
Jay, Year 6



Focus on Excellence

Year 5 have had an exciting start to the spring term with their new topic of time travel. Their enthusiasm linked to this has already been seen by the excellent (and at times delicious) pieces of long term homework they have completed.

Year 5 science lessons are literally out of this world as the pupils are learning about Earth and Space this term. After initially sharing their prior knowledge, the pupils have already expanded this further through their participation in K group discussions, research and they are looking forward to future experiments enabling them to delve even deeper into space.

How do we use and apply the mathematical skills and knowledge we are learning about and what prior knowledge will help us? These are key features of Year 5's six part maths lessons. Learning about real life links are also helping the pupils to realise the purpose of their learning and will allow them to apply it to many everyday activities. If you need to find the perimeter (including of composite rectilinear shapes) for a new fence, or the area for a carpet, Year 5 pupils are the ones to ask!

All of the Year 5 teaching team would like to thank our parent/carers for their continued support. We are sure that you will enjoy hearing about your child's continued learning and achievements during this term.

Other News

Young Voices

Thank you to all children who took part in the Young Voices concert on Tuesday evening this week. You were a credit to the choir, your class and Woodloes School! What an amazing evening. Thank you also to Miss Winstanley, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Hood, Miss Day and Mrs Dunkley, who took time out of their own busy lives to accompany the children. It was a late night—not getting back until nearly 10pm. Without their support, events like this cannot take place.



Update on Mathletics

At Woodloes Primary School we believe in a broad and balanced innovative and dynamic based curriculum in which all subjects are valued. Through engagement in this, pupils gain a wealth and breadth of knowledge and skills, as well as the opportunity to apply these to real life situations. Linked to this, we are constantly reviewing the resources used to enhance both home as well as school learning opportunities.

Therefore, we are pleased to be able to share some current resources with you, which can be used at home to deepen your child's/children's mathematical thinking and understanding. These will replace the previously promoted Mathletics online programme from the start of February.

KS1 and KS2 Bitesize

www.ictgames.com

Daily 10 (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>)

www.topmarks.co.uk (a range of ideas available for KS1 and KS2)

Year 5 Marle Hall Trip

A reminder (if not already done so) to log onto your Parent Pay account and make the next payment of £50.00 towards the trip. Thank you to those parents/carers that have already paid this instalment.

Year 6 Cornwall Trip

To Year 6 parents/carers:- the next instalment of £65.00 for this trip is required by 31/01/20, bringing the total that should be paid to £200.00. Thank you to those that have already paid the required instalments so far.

Ridgeway School

It has been reported that a number of parents/carers are using Ridgeway's carpark at drop off/pick up times. Please refrain from using theirs (and also ours) carparks. Thank you