



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and happy new year to you all!

Inevitably, we spoke in assembly on Monday about resolutions for the new year; we reflected on the positives from last year and considered what we might do this year to make things even better. Some resolutions are quite short-lived but we talked about making a longer commitment to ourselves and each other to ensure we all make the most of our opportunities. The children came up with some great suggestions; let's see how long it lasts!

We have certainly hit the ground running this week and a highlight has to be the trip to Young Voices that we do every other year. This is the third time we have done Young Voices and it is without doubt one of the most memorable experiences of the year. Staff took the children to the Genting Arena on Tuesday evening and they had a wonderful time being part of a huge children's choir singing songs and dancing along with parents who came along for the evening's performance. The feedback we have received has been amazing and the photos are also fantastic!

Many thanks to all of the staff who made this happen, especially Mrs Eldridge but an extra acknowledgement needs to go to Mrs Jeffery who sorted out all of the arrangements...and it was complicated!

A great week back that sets the tone for the rest of the year!

Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)

## What's Going On ..... (or gone on)!

Monday 8th January—Start of Spring Term

Tuesday 9th January—Young Voices Concert at Genting Arena (KS2)

Monday 15th January 8.45am to 9.30am  
Class RS 'Stay & Play'

Friday 19th January 8.45am to 9.30am  
Class RL 'Stay & Play'

On Monday morning Year 2 discovered a GIANT egg in the outdoor area!

It was such exciting news that we worked in groups to perform a TV news report informing people about the

event. We asked and answered questions to give a detailed account of the discovery. After some research, we believe it may be a dragon's egg and we have planned to take it in and care for it.



## Governor Focus

Happy New Year. This week Mick Potter, Vice Chair of Governors introduces himself .....

I have been a member of the Governing Body since September 2011. I was 'persuaded' to become a governor when I took early retirement/redundancy from Warwickshire County Council and was appointed as a local authority governor. I am now a Community Governor and live locally to the school. Apart from my Vice Chair role, I am the nominated governor for on-line safety and have regular meetings with Mrs Burnard to discuss the issues facing the children and staff. I also have a role as link governor for training issues and try to ensure that governors have the appropriate training to help them to carry out their role. I have seen a lot of changes within the school over the last 6 years and thoroughly enjoy playing as full a role as I can to help meet the challenges which continue to face education and the school.

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for Autumn Term—Class 5CL (Mr Clark) with 97.7%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 116 pupils = 29%

## What I love about Woodloes .....

I really like the school and I also like forest school. The people in Woodloes School are really nice and kind and it's really fun!  
Mahnoor, Year 5



Have fun taking photos/videos of your children & family, but never show where you are on social media. 'Location' can be switched off in your settings on the social media site as well as on your phone.



**Recommended app:** Where's my Water? A challenging physics-based app complete with vibrant graphics, intuitive colours and a sensational soundtrack. This engaging game is a perfect way to learn how to calculate fractions and percentages. Ideal for KS1, it combines a story and simple physics-based puzzles. Where's my water? is available for iPhone, iPod and iPad. (£1.49 App Store)

### Pupil Voice (This week School Council)



The school council met yesterday and are already busy planning some events they would like to organise this term. We have been making a list of some celebrities we'd like to invite to school. Our top favourites were David Walliams, Wasps rugby team or an Olympian!

We will be writing letters to invite a range of people to visit over the next few weeks. Also, we were discussing a charity event for the end of this term. School council have decided they want to raise money for an animal charity and will research some who have an impact in the local area. Watch this space .....!

### Focus on Excellence

Reception children have written some amazing letters to Santa, to say thank you for all of their wonderful Christmas presents!



### Other News .....

**Reception Intake September 2018** A final reminder that the deadline to apply for a Reception 2018 place is Monday 15th January. You can do this quickly and easily online [www.gov.uk/schools-admissions](http://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions)

**Young Voices Concert** Earlier this week a number of KS2 children, plus members of staff, took part in a concert at the Genting Arena, alongside thousands of other children across the region and it was an amazing opportunity for school choirs to come together and sing in harmony with others! Well done to the children for their impeccable behaviour and thank you to our wonderful staff for their fantastic organisational skills in making it happen! **'I don't want this night to end!' ..... Quote from Myah, Year 5.**

**Years 5/6 Residential Trips** A quick reminder that the next instalment of £50.00 is due on 19th January for the Marle Hall and the Cornwall trips.

**Extra Curricular Activities** There are a number of spaces available in some of the clubs, so please speak to us regarding costings etc. Meanwhile .....

The tennis club, in particular, have spaces for their club on a Monday, 3.15-4.10pm for children in Years 1-6. If interested, for the remaining 9 weeks of this term the cost would be £36.

Email [liannesupperstone@hotmail.com](mailto:liannesupperstone@hotmail.com) to secure a place for your child.

Go Go Makers are also advertising their club; fun, exciting, educational arts and crafts after school club for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be starting on Monday 15/1 for 10 weeks and there are just a few spaces left! For more information please contact Emma on 079791 596124 or email: [emma@gogomakers.co.uk](mailto:emma@gogomakers.co.uk)

**Uniform** As advised in our last newsletter, we have now donated lost property from last term to the Air Ambulance. PLEASE ensure that **all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name**. We send out reminders on a regular basis about lost property but, despite this, we still have a large collection of un-named items at the end of each term. Thank you

**Charity Event** A fundraising event is taking place on February 9th 2018 at 7.30pm at The Nelson Club, Warwick in aid of 'Rethink Mental Illness' (registered charity no., 271028). Bob Phillips and the Dylan Rhythm Band will be performing and tickets costing £5.00 can be purchased by phoning 01926 402610/07709 270626.