



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure it hasn't gone unnoticed that our Deputy Head, Mrs Stevens has been absent from school for the last few weeks. Sadly, her husband has fallen ill and she has needed to take time off work to look after him. We have made arrangements to cover her absence for the rest of this half term and Mrs Barlow will continue to teach their class brilliantly. I am sure you would like to add your best wishes to ours for Mr Stevens to make a full and speedy recovery. Mrs Haycock, one of our teaching assistants is also at home recovering from surgery and we also send her our very best wishes and hope to see her soon!

We had Year 6's assembly this week which was very well attended by our parents. The children took responsibility for scripting and organising the assembly which was a fantastic showcase of their talent and hard work this term. The range of activity gave everyone the opportunity to see the excellent quality of the Year 6 curriculum which also included children rapping and walking on their hands! Their enjoyment and enthusiasm for school is infectious and we are very proud of the fantastic work they are doing!
Many thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Mitchell— Head Teacher

What's Going On

Tuesday 27th November -
Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 28th November—
Year 4 Assembly 9.00am

Thursday 29th November—
Parent Drop In to see Maths
Yrs 1, 2, 3 9.15am to 9.45am
Yrs 4, 5, 6 11am to 11.30am

Friday 30th November—
Achievement Assembly Class RE, Yrs 2, 4,6

The Year 4's have fully embraced their new topic 'Posters, People and Peace' this half term. Many have bought in memorabilia such as medals, newspaper clippings and photos, which they have been eager to share with their class. What has been wonderful to see is some of the children have gone one-step further and have had a go at baking recipes originating from WW1. We have had Anzac biscuits, sherbet lemon cakes and uncooked chocolate cakes!

Thank you so much to all the adults at home in supporting your child with their learning.



Governor Focus

A number of governors recently attended the Community Academies Trust Annual Governor Conference. As a new governor, this was a particularly valuable opportunity to understand more about the Trust. In listening to the Trust board members speak, it was clear - and reassuring - that helping young children grow and develop is absolutely at the heart of what they do. There were some really interesting workshops on effective leadership; how we ensure that as a Board we have the right skills and approaches to properly govern the school; and how best to support the Senior Leadership Team. Sometimes this may mean challenging decisions or approaches, but a purely critical relationship would not be a helpful one - we need to make sure that we are empowering and enabling excellence.

Kim Eccleston, Community Governor

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class RE & 3LA (Miss Evans & Mrs Lambert/Andrews) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.2% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 173 pupils = 44%

What I love about Woodloes

The teachers are nice, the school trips amazing & OSCAR is fun and you always have someone to play with. The teachers and kids are supportive and helpful.

Fleur, Ruby, Chloe, Mahnoor,
Madeleine, Madison
Year 6



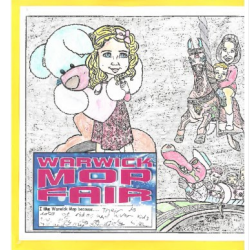
Keep a close eye on who your child is speaking to online. Limit your child to a number of REAL friends in their list.

Recommended KS2 app: 7-11 KS2 Maths (Hexium) . Work through this set of multi-choice questions to improve confidence in KS2 maths

Pupil Voice

Thank you to everyone who supported Children In Need on Friday. It was great to see everyone wearing a wide array of ears! A total of £225.78 was raised for this amazing charity.

Congratulations to Megan in Year 4, who won the KS2 colouring competition in conjunction with Warwick Mop/Fair, for her brilliant colouring skills!



Focus on Excellence

Year 3 started the term by going on a treasure hunt to rescue Captain Patch's lost treasure. Using their navigation skills, they made a compass and followed directions to uncover the loot! This has led to an exciting start to our new topic called 'Message in a bottle'. The children have created some wonderful poetry to describe 'The Great Storm' from 'The Mousehole Cat' written by Antonia Barber. After enjoying the fabulous illustrations by Nicola Bayley, the children have explored painting techniques and drawing skills. Having discussed and debated whether or not it would be best to return the treasure to the pirates, Year 3 plan to rehide the treasure and await a response from Captain Patch or the girl pirates!

Other News

Communication

We are pleased to advise that we now have an 'external' post box for use by parents/carers, which is situated on the wall by the main entrance (by the school office window). Therefore, instead of dropping off items i.e., forms, letters, payments etc., directly to the school office, we would now ask that you post them (in a clearly labelled envelope) in the box. This will save time having to wait to gain entry to the school office and seeing the office staff. The box will be checked on a daily basis. Thank you

Nut Allergy

Could we please ask that no nut products are brought into school please. We do have a small number of children with nut allergies. Thank you for your co-operation.

Cold Weather

The temperature has dipped considerably this week. PLEASE ensure your child is appropriately equipped for the cold! They need a WARM winter coat. A number of children have arrived at school this week without one.

Flu Vaccinations

If not already done, please complete and return the form which was sent out last week by Monday (26th November) at the latest. **This form needs to be completed regardless of whether or not you give consent.** If you have lost the form, it can be printed off from www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Photographs

Photographs have now been received from the photographers and have been distributed today. Please therefore look out for these in your child's bookbags etc.

Friends Request

Thank you to those parents/carers for alcohol donations for Friends stall at the Victorian Evening next Thursday (29th November) in the centre of Warwick. We can accept further donations upto Wednesday afternoon.