



Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been the first week of our new lunchtime arrangements. Some of the feedback we received in the parent survey last summer suggested you would welcome some changes to our lunchtime provision and we have devised a three-sitting model to secure positive changes.

Our intention is to ensure that all our children have a very positive experience at all times in school so we have developed a plan that is intended to be more social for the children but also teaches them how to have a nice meal with a group of friends: a very important life skill, I'm sure we would all agree.

The structure gives the children a set amount of time to eat their lunch and opportunities to chat nicely on their table until they are all finished and ready to leave. Inevitably, children eat at different speeds but this plan is helping to encourage the children to eat sensibly in an appropriate amount of allocated time.

The plan is also intended to create additional space on the playground with fewer children outside at any given time so they have better access to space and resources, although this has been slightly scuppered this week by wet plays and storm Brendan!

Considering that this represents a fundamental change to the organisation of lunchtime, it has gone very well and I have had some very positive feedback from some of the children. There are still some tweaks that we can make to improve things further but overall it has been a successful first week with improvements seen every day as the children get more familiar with the new routines.

In my role, I don't set homework very often but if I could this weekend, I would ask everyone to practise using their knife and fork. If we could crack that one it would be amazing!!

Many thanks for your support.

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

What's Going On

Tuesday 21st January

Year 5 Swimming

Friday 24th January

Achievement Assembly
Years 2, 4 & 6 plus Class RE

"The children in reception have become paleontologists this week! They have been busy searching for dinosaur fossils and some very special eggs!"



Governor Focus

The Governing Body often asks members of staff to come along to meetings to talk us through the work that is being done throughout school in their particular area of responsibility and expertise. At our last meeting, Mrs May, the curriculum leader for English, updated us on a school-wide internal 'deep dive' into reading that took place last term. Governors were informed about the intent, implementation and impact of the work/approach undertaken and we had the opportunity to ask questions. Finally, we were able to hear about and discuss the list of actions that were identified as a result of this whole process. An extremely worthwhile exercise all round!

Louisa Farino
Chair of Governors

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2ML (Mrs May/Lambert) with 99.2%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.1% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 95 pupils = 24%

What I love about Woodloes

I love Woodloes because everyone is so kind and caring.
Isabelle
Year 5



Sports News

On Tuesday 29 Year 3 pupils travelled to Aylesford School to take part in a Sporting Personal Best challenge.

The aim was that pupils took part in a series of events at school before the event and then attempted to best their personal bests as they competed at Aylesford. Sarah, one of our sports stars, said "I'm proud because I scored 50 points more than my best!"

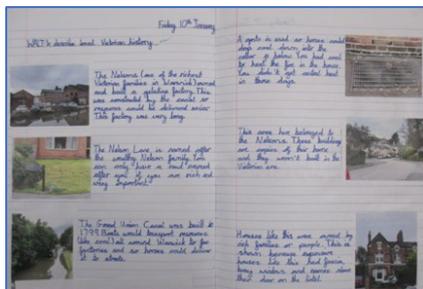
The pupils were a credit to the school and had a great time.



Focus on Excellence

To begin our new topic with a 'wow factor', on Friday morning, Year 6 went on a tour around Warwick led by Mr Trevor Langley. We learnt about the Nelson family—the richest family in Warwick at the time—and visited the site of the family home, the gelatine factories the family had owned, plus the Lord Nelson pub and the Nelson club, built specifically for the factory workers. Did you know, Charle Street, Montague and George Road were named after members of this family?

After walking 5.2 miles, we were all able to identify features of Victorian buildings and explain numerous Victorian facts, shown in an example of our work. A huge thank you to Mr Langley for his expertise on this subject—what an effective, enjoyable way to learn!



Other News

School Dinners Please ensure that your child's parent pay account is kept in credit at all times for school dinners, to enable your child to continue to receive school dinners. Thank you

Marle Hall To Year 5 parents/carers:- if not already done so, please log onto Parent Pay to make the next instalment of £50.00 for this trip. Thank you to those that have already paid the required two instalments so far (£100). Your child's place is now obviously confirmed.

Extra Curricular The Spring Term schedule has been issued (and sent out at the end of last term). If you are interested in any clubs for your child please speak to the school office for further details.

There are a number of places available in some of the clubs, so please speak to us.

In particular

Go Go Makers have spaces (for children in Reception to Year Two). Club runs after school on Thursdays. Street/Pop Dance have a number of spaces (Reception upto Year 6). Club runs Monday lunchtime. Tennis Club have spaces from Year One to Year Six. This club is on a Monday straight after school.

Leicester Tigers are offering families special prices to experience the thrill of a live Gallagher Premiership Match at Welford Road. Leicester Tigers v Wasps, Saturday February 15th 3.00pm kick off. Use code WASSCH20 when purchasing tickets (tel 0116 319 8888, option 2).