



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see how well the children have settled back into good routines this week. They have returned calmly and sensibly and have quickly settled to their learning. In our assembly this week (on Teams) the children collectively identified things we should focus on this term and we produced a whole school, summer term agreement. This includes, kindness and respect, working hard, behaving well, being nice and being a good friend! It was a fantastic discussion that showed great maturity from all of our children, which is something we have come to expect, but not take for granted, at Woodloes.

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has, this week, launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve and I would certainly encourage everyone to participate if they can.

We also had a visit today from Philip Hamilton, the CEO of the Community Academies Trust and he was full of praise for the school, commenting that a visit to Woodloes always leaves him feeling 'energised'.

A quick reminder that we are fully open next Friday, 30th April and the year group emails are no longer in operation as I mentioned before Easter. If you need to make contact with the school then please call the office or use our admin email address.

Have a great summer term and many thanks for your continuing support!

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

Year 4 have started their new topic 'People, Posters and Peace' by thinking and writing about what we would pack in our suitcases if we were child evacuees during WWII.

We were surprised to find how different the toys the children played with were compared to our electronic toys today!



Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 3G (Miss Goodrick) with 98.3 %!

Whole school attendance to date - 95.8% (school target 96.5%)

What I love about Woodloes

In Year 5 we are enjoying all of our learning. We are having fun in our bubbles and working hard too.
Freya



In Year 6 this term, we will be studying the Ancient Greeks. We have some exciting, blood-thirsty battles to learn about: the Spartan War, the Trojan War and the Battle of Marathon, just to name a few. In English, we will focus on Greek myths, mainly Theseus and the Minotaur. As well as the historic aspects, we will be studying the geographical factors which will encapsulate the environmental aspects and culture within this country and will enable us to make comparisons with Greece today using persuasive language, encouraging people to visit the country.



Although the Greeks didn't invent the wheel, our pupils in Year 6 have been working on their cycling skills through an intensive Bikeability course – let's hope they all have an Archimedes eureka moment when they pass their skills test!



Other News

Calendar Date

As advised, **school will be FULLY OPEN next Friday 30th April.**

(As you were aware, this was previously noted as a teacher training day, but this was utilised at the end of the autumn term, as requested by the government due to the pandemic). The next teacher training date is, as advertised, on Friday 18th June, followed by Wednesday 21st July (last day of summer term).



Polling Day

You will be aware that local elections are taking place on Thursday 6th May. As per previous arrangements, our small hall will be used as a polling station. Our school will remain fully open on this day to pupils and extra procedures will be in place to keep everyone safe.

Fruit and Veg Scheme

We are pleased to advise that the fruit and vegetable scheme is being re-introduced from next week for children in Saplings, Reception and Years One and Two. All children in these year groups will therefore have access to fresh fruit/vegetable snacks at breaktimes and no longer need to bring in a separate snack.



Lost Property

We are obviously limiting the handling/movement of personal items in school. It is therefore extremely **important that all uniform items are clearly labelled** with your child's name. Due to coronavirus restrictions, we are unable to keep any unidentified lost property items in school for any length of time and any such items will therefore be discarded/donated to charity, if they are not labelled and can be returned to their rightful owner immediately. Thank you for your co-operation.

Class Photos

As you are aware, class photos were taken before the Easter holiday and proofs have been distributed to pupils this week. If you do wish to place an order, your request must be received on/before Tuesday 4th May. (Any late orders will incur a postage charge).

Woodloes Community Event(s)

We have been asked to thank everyone who took part in the recent community event—Easter Egg Hunt. Over 180 children took part and in excess of £600.00 was raised for Adoption UK, which is amazing!

Woodloes Community Events is now busy preparing for their next event, which will be a Bear Hunt on 8th & 9th May. Everyone will be encouraged to get their teddies and cuddly toys and display them in their windows/ front porch/car port/front garden etc. All money raised will go to the same charity as before. Map and Bear Hunt Sheets will be available from KP Newsagents from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th May. Go to facebook — Woodloes Community Events or Living on and Around Woodloes for further details (including how to register your house for a Bear Display).