



Dear Parents and Carers,

A fantastic and very full week at Woodloes culminated in a brilliant Christmas Play performed by our Reception children this morning. They have worked very hard this term to build the skills and confidence required to put on a great performance and it was lovely to share that with so many parents today. Well done to everyone!

We also had our termly report evening on Monday which was very well attended. The parent survey, completed last summer, suggested that a number of you wanted to have an opportunity to discuss potential issues in privacy with your child's class teacher and we made provision for that to happen this week. The feedback we have received has been very positive and it was great to see such a good level of attendance.

As the shortest day draws nearer, daylight is very much at a premium. Dark mornings and evenings combined with poor weather can increase the potential for accidents during drop-offs and pick-ups and of course, we want to keep everyone as safe as possible. It has been reported (and we have also noticed) some cars have been parking on the zig-zag lines in front of school and I would like to remind everyone to leave these spaces clear at all times to reduce the potential for a very serious accident.

Finally, Christmas is just around the corner and it is the last week of term next week. Parties and celebrations are planned and we will ensure the children have a lovely time. I have spoken to the children today about aiming to achieve a level of 'sensible excitement' without going completely over the top. Fingers crossed on that one...

Many thanks for your support.

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

What's Going On

Week beginning 16th December

Last week of term

Thursday 19th December

Father Christmas Visit

Friday 20th December

Christmas Dinner

Last Day of Autumn Term

Year 5 have enjoyed researching about Highwaymen this term and have produced some fantastic writing demonstrating what they have learned so far.



Governor Focus

This week myself and our Vice Chair of Governors attended the Parents Report Evening in school, and it was great to see pupils having the opportunity to show their parents/carers their work this term and parents having the opportunity to talk about their child's report with the teachers. The feedback sheets that we saw indicated not only a really good turnout but a high level of satisfaction and praise for the event.

Louisa Farino
Chair of Governors

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 6K (Mrs Khaia) with 99.2%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 118 pupils = 30%

What I love about Woodloes

I like doing English!
I like writing stories.
Cody
Class 1L



Pupil Voice

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, next Friday (the last day of the autumn term) will be a 'non uniform' day. Children are invited to come to school in either a Christmas jumper, or festive coloured clothes i.e., red and/or green. We are not collecting any money for charity for this; it is to celebrate the holiday period/end of this term.

As advised, this will also be the day that Christmas dinner will be served, instead of the advertised menu i.e., turkey fillet/quorn fillet.



Focus on Excellence

In science this week we received a letter from some Aliens after reading the story 'Aliens Love Underpants'. We were asked to find the best material to make them their own pair of pants...instead of stealing pairs from Earth! The children explored a range of different materials and their properties. We discussed which material would be the comfiest and most suitable for the aliens to use. Year 1 then wrote a postcard back to the Aliens with their findings.



Dear Aliens

The paper pants would rip in sleep and give you pain etc. I think the cotton pants are the best because they are soft and stretchy.
Love from Amulya

Other News

Weather

Hopefully we will not be affected by bad weather but, in the event that we are, we would like to remind you of our procedures:-

In the event of a school closure, we notify the local authority immediately and confirmation of this should be posted on their website within 20 minutes of notification:- www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures

Warwickshire County Council offer a school closure FREE text message service. To register, visit the above website. The service will automatically issue a text message if the school has to close. This service runs from September to July, so you would need to sign up again at the start of each new school year. Also local radio stations will, at regular intervals, announce local schools that are closed. We would also put a notification on our website. In addition to the above communications, we would endeavour to text you (if we are able to).

Chicken Pox

We have had a number of cases of chicken pox reported recently. If your child does come down with this, they will need to remain off school until the scabs have all crusted over.

School payments

As you know, the majority of payments made to school are via parent pay. There are occasional instances when money needs to be sent in directly to school i.e., payments that are sent onto third parties i.e., DVD orders, extra curricular activities etc. In these instances, could we please request

- a) payments are in a named, clearly labelled sealed envelope
- b) The exact money is enclosed, as we are not able to provide change

Thank you

Extra Curricular

Street/pop dance club, which runs every Monday lunchtime, have spaces from January. Reception children are now also invited to now attend. Request further details from the school office.

Messy Church are holding their last session of the year on Saturday 14th December from 10.30am to 12.30pm here at school. It's FREE. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The session will be Christmas themed with games, crafts, stories, songs, followed by hot dogs and a Christmas gift! No need to book, just pop along! For more information, phone Stacey Bains on 07507 722537