



Dear Parents and Carers,

So here we are, in another lockdown. The number of positive cases in Warwick had been rising week on week, reflecting the trend nationally, so it was inevitable that some further action was going to be necessary to bring things back under control. Fortunately, from a school perspective, we are able to stay open and maintain our oasis-like state and build on the good progress that we have been making since September. As you are aware, we have many control measures in place to maintain the safest environment possible and I have spoken to several parents this week who have told me they feel confident and safe sending their children to school which is great to hear. However, if you are concerned about any of the arrangements we have currently in school then please make contact with us and we will do whatever we can to help.

The biggest protective measure we have is to keep infection out of school. If you or your children feel unwell then please do not attend school and get a test if you are symptomatic. It is really important to err on the side of caution at the moment and take advice if you have any worries or concerns. We have emailed flow charts and have information on our website (in the Covid-19 section) that will help you to make a safe decision but if you are in doubt, then please call us to discuss it before coming to school, to minimise the risk of transmission to the lowest level possible.

I hope we can all play our part at a community, regional and national level to ensure we can reduce the infection rate so the current lockdown isn't extended further and we can all return to some level of normality in the near future.

In other news, wonderfully, the children returned to school this week and have had a fantastic week. They are genuinely happy to be here and are making good progress at the moment which is great to see. Well done to the staff and to you at home for supporting the children so well to keep their routines and school experiences as close to normal as possible, no mean feat given the current circumstances.

We had a virtual PTA meeting on Wednesday and I am pleased to report we have a great team who are working hard on behalf of our school. The schedule will be different this year but there are some exciting things to look forward to that are currently in the planning stage. More information will be coming your way about the PTA next week.

Many thanks for your continuing support and for the positive feedback and encouragement that we have received. We will continue to do whatever we can to keep everyone safe and to have a good time in school along the way. Please remember that we are here to help if we can.

Best wishes, stay safe and take care.

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

Reception

This week we have been exploring numbers. Isla used counters to represent the abstract numbers, she was able to address misconceptions she was faced with when counters were added that did not follow the sequence of numbers. For example 1,2,3,4,6, she removed one counter from the last number to make the sequence 1,2,3,4,5



Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week of term—
Classes 1V & 1L (Ms Valentine & Miss Lyons) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 95.2% (school target 96.5%)

What I love about Woodloes

Class 5SB is the best class in the whole world! We are all keen to learn and are very patient. We are sensible and respect others to stay happy and safe and follow the rule to "work hard, be nice"
Liliana, Class 5SB



Children In Need

On Friday 13th November we are asking children to come to school in their own clothes for Children In Need. As we are not accepting any money in school at this moment in time, we are asking you to make a small donation via the Children in Need website instead. The link to donate is <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



We are busy planning fun activities that the whole school can safely enjoy, which will focus on wellbeing and staying healthy and happy!

Focus on Excellence



Saplings have really enjoyed learning about the weather in Autumn this term. We have been learning about the effects of the wind. Saplings have enjoyed doing different activities in the forest, collecting leaves and sticks and bringing them back to the classroom to create Autumn pictures, leaf painting, creating their own stick men and flying kites in the wind, and re-telling Autumn stories.



Other News

Reception Open Evening cancelled

Unfortunately due to recent Government advice resulting in a further lockdown, we have had to cancel tonight's Open Evening. We are considering alternatives, and these will be made available on our school website in due course. We apologise for any frustration this may cause and look forward to welcoming visitors to our school again.

Emergency chilled goods food bank

Brunswick Healthy Living Centre has advised us they are able to distribute chilled goods to families in need. For £5.00, a family will be provided with items such as milk, bread, butter, cheese and meat to the value of £20.00. Families can be referred from any professional agency i.e. GP, Social Services etc or a family can self refer and all recipients need to register with the Brunswick Hub. Please call 01926 422123 for further

Playground equipment

Due to the current circumstances and the need to prevent bubbles from mixing, please can we ask that pupils and siblings, particularly from Reception and Saplings, resist the temptation to climb on play equipment and play with outside resources when passing the Saplings playground.

Parking

Once again, we have received a complaint from a local resident who could not leave their driveway due to one of our parent's car parked across it, also leaving no room for cars to pass up and down the road. We would like to remind all parents who park on Knoll Drive and other local roads to please be considerate when parking, allowing room for residents to leave their driveways and vehicles to pass safely,

Crossing Patrol - there will be no crossing patrol on Millers Road during the current Lockdown.