



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and happy new year to everyone! On behalf of all the staff, I would also like to thank you for any Christmas cards or gifts: your wonderful generosity brought lots of smiles to faces and happiness at the end of term!

The children have settled wonderfully well and we spoke about new years resolutions and new beginnings in assembly this week. We have all agreed that we are going to focus on kindness and respect and to think of something nice to say or do for someone else every day: I hope you notice this at home too.

We are starting the new year with some exciting new developments. We are launching a new behaviour management programme and a copy of the policy is available on our website (new website coming soon). The programme is based on promoting and acknowledging good behaviour but also has a staged approach of sanctions to address any inappropriate behaviour. Our children are amazing and the behaviour at our school is fantastic overall but we do want to continue to make improvements and we are confident that the new programme will have a positive impact where required.

We are also launching a new lunchtime model next week after months of research, discussion and planning. Every minute of the time our children spend at school should be a positive experience where they have opportunities to enjoy themselves and learn: the changes we are making to the structure and timings are designed to facilitate this intent. It has been very carefully considered and it will be explained in detail to the children on Monday morning so they understand the new expectations and hopefully, there won't be too many bumps in the road!

I look forward to reporting on the impact of these new initiatives in the weeks to come.

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

## What's Going On .....

Monday 13th January —  
Class RE 8.45am to 9.30am 'Stay & Play'

Tuesday 14th January -  
Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 15th January—  
Saplings 'Stay & Play'  
9.00am to 10.00am (1 of 2)  
12.30pm to 1.30pm (2 of 2)  
9.15am Reception 'Height & Weight'

Friday 17th January—  
Achievement Assembly Class RH, Years 1, 3 & 5

This week Year 3 have been getting to grips with their new topic 'The Romans'. We did this by learning about Roman clothing, the Roman myth of Romulus and Remus and about how the Romans used numerals to count. To embed our learning further we took our new found knowledge outside and practiced Roman army drills using Roman numerals and directional maths language.



## Governor Focus

At the very end of last term, I came in to carry out another round of our regular series of Pupil Interviews with Mr Mitchell. The entire members of the School Council – representing every year group - kindly gave up their lunch break to come and answer our questions, and share their thoughts, views and recommendations about the school and their learning and development in particular. It was, as always, a refreshing and enjoyable experience as the children speak so eloquently, respectfully and enthusiastically about Woodloes and the school community.

Louisa Farino  
Chair of Governors

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2T (Tresadern) with 99.3%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 114 pupils = 29%

## What I love about Woodloes .....

I like Woodloes because  
of all the teachers and the  
fun learning!

Nathan, 3G



## Focus on Excellence

We would like to welcome our 13 new children to our setting this term. We are pleased to say that they all have settled in well.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead and excited to see their progress and enjoy the lovely resources available to support their learning and development.

Kiran Uppal  
Saplings Manager

## Other News .....

### Our New Behaviour Policy

This week the children have been very excited to begin earning GEMS and Jewels as part of our new behaviour policy. This policy is now on the website if you would like to take a look.

### School Dinners

Please note that, with immediate effect, there is a slight change to 'Week One' of the menu, as follows:- Wednesday and Thursday menus will switch over from one to the other ie., Wednesdays (on week one) will now be beef Bolognese. Thursdays (on week one) will now be roast dinner day, instead of the Wednesday, and pork will be replaced with chicken.

### Lost Property

Final opportunity to come and check lost property before the end of the day on Monday (13th January) before we dispose of all items that have been languishing in the lost property box during the autumn term!

As advised previously, items that are in a reasonable condition will be donated to the Air Ambulance clothing bank, to raise funds for this worthy cause.



### Plea from the chickens ...!

As you may know, the Woodloes family has expanded recently with the hatching of our little feathery friends. They have been 'chicks on tour' and met most of the children in their classrooms and Mrs Saliss has ordered them a coup ready to move into the middle courtyard between years 4 and 6. We want to make 'the keeping of chickens' an enjoyable experience for the children and the fowl so are looking to enhance the courtyard.

On our wish list are the following things....

Help squad to paint and preen the court yard in the better weather (date to be arranged)

Two benches for the children to sit and enjoy the chickens.

Chickens like toys! Who knew? Hanging feeders apparently. Feeding balls and check this out— swings!!!

Shelters— not their evening coup, but places they can rest in the day and hangout if they fall out.

A large **covered** dust bath so they can keep themselves mite free and healthy (very important)/bale or bag of hay/sawdust/shavings for their coup/tins of sweetcorn (a favourite treat)/bags of dried corn/chicken pellets.

You may have chicken accessories that you no longer use? You may be able to make these because you are super skilled? You may wish to buy a treat for the chickens because you are a fellow animal lover.....

If you can help support our chicken adventure at Woodloes in any way big or small we would be really grateful.

There is a great website [Omlet.co.uk](http://Omlet.co.uk) that has all you need to know about chickens and some fun products that if you google you can always get a little cheaper somewhere else.

Please get in touch with Ms Valentine who will co ordinate the venture.