



Dear Parents and Carers

An important part of our curriculum offer at Woodloes is to give the children opportunities to attend residential trips. Currently, we take children in Year 5 to Marle Hall, which is an outdoor pursuits centre in Conwy and in Year 6 we take the children to the Eden Project in Cornwall.

There are many reasons why this has huge educational value for the children who attend but we do this primarily to give the children opportunities to be more independent and to challenge themselves in exciting environments. They often discover something new about themselves and their ability to face personal challenges which can build confidence, resilience and an ability to work as part of a team that they take forward into the next phase of their education.

Both venues are superb and provide the children with fantastic opportunities for adventure and wonderful memories. Year 5 have been at Marle Hall this week and I know they have had an amazing time judging by the photos I have seen on the school website!

We are always keen to know your thoughts about our curriculum offer and we will be looking for some feedback from you about our residential trips later this term so please look out for this in future correspondence.

Many thanks for your continuing support. Good luck to anyone riding in the Birmingham Velo on Sunday— I am riding to raise funds for Cure Leukaemia to support one of my friends and also a parent who is currently undergoing treatment. If you wish to read more/donate, please go to http://www.justgiving.com/Guy-Stanton4?utm_id=22

Andy Mitchell—Head Teacher

What's Going On

Monday 13th to Friday 17th May—KS2 SATs
Monday 13th May—Year 5 back in school after their residential trip

Tuesday 14th May—Year 3 Swimming

Friday 17th May—
Achievement Assembly
Class RL, Years 1, 3 & 5

Year Two have been exploring moving mechanisms in their DT work.

Last week we investigated pop up books to see how different mechanisms

work. We then used this to create a sliding picture of the Little Red Riding Hood fairy tale which we have been studying in our topic 'Twisted Tales'.



Governor Focus

As part of the monitoring process for Governors, I spent part of Wednesday afternoon in school with Mrs Lambert. We listened to a sample of children from across the whole school, reading to us. The aim of this was to ensure that books and texts are matched to each child's ability and provides them with a suitable challenge.

Mick Potter, Vice Chair of Governors

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2M (Mrs May/Madan) with 98.7%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 35 pupils = 9%

What I love about Woodloes

The best thing about Yr 6 is being a reception helper and having so many responsibilities. I love our giant leaf insects & love running the daily mile! Yr 6 is all about beating our personal best.

Freya



The Online Safety Committee members say—

Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude.

Learning game recommendation: Dance Mat Typing <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/>



Focus on Excellence

On Friday 3rd May Reception enjoyed visiting Umberslade Farm Park.

The children excelled themselves with their behaviour and positive attitudes. They all listened carefully to the farm guides and asked appropriate questions about the animals.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and came away with lots of new facts!

Thank you to the volunteers who took time out of their day to help on this trip. It is much appreciated.



Other News

Dinner Menus

New dinner menus have been sent out this week (effect from next Monday 13th May). This still shows jacket potato as an option on Thursdays/Fridays but, as per our previous correspondence, they are not currently on the menu on these days at the moment.

Half Term Activities

Onside Coaching are now taking bookings for the May half term school holidays. You can find them at Aylesford School in Warwick from Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st May, where they will be offering a choice of multi-sports, football or dance. Full wraparound care is available from 8.30am to 5.00pm. For details of how to book, please visit the Onside Coaching website at www.onsidecoaching.co.uk

Health & Safety

It has been noted that, during before and after school hours, children (and parent/carers) have been riding bikes and scooters on the school premises. Children have also been playing ball games. For safety reasons can we please ask that you/your children refrain from these activities, as we do not want any injuries to others. Please do not be offended if a member of staff asks your child to refrain from using their bike/scooter etc., on the premises. Thank you

Recycling Request

Woodloes are now recycling pens. Ms Valentine has organised for us to recycle writing instruments - felt tips, highlighters, biro's, roller ball pens and correction fluid by linking with Coventry University who are the local representatives for Terracycle. If you have any old pens at home bring them to school so we can help the environment by keeping them out of landfill sites.

Messy Church

Is taking place tomorrow, 11th May, from 10.30am to 12.30pm at our school. It's FUN & FREE (donations however are welcome). Messy church is an informal, relaxed, child friendly gathering for families. Games, bible stories, crafts and songs are followed by lunch. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to register or book, just go along. For more information, contact Claire Reid on 07950 942093, or check out their facebook page @MessyChurchWoodloes