



Dear Parents and Carers,

The PTA AGM was on Tuesday this week and I am very grateful to the 5 parents who took the time to attend. We had a good discussion about the school projects that have been supported by PTA funds and agreed a way forward for the coming school year. The secretary of the PTA will be making arrangements for a meeting in the near future so please look out for this date and support if you can. Many hands make light work as they say.

I have had the absolute privilege to be able to go into some fantastic lessons this week to see some very talented teachers and children working together. The skill shown by the teachers and the positive attitudes shown to learning by the children are wonderful and there is already excellent evidence of good progress being made since the start of term. This bodes very well for the rest of the school year and I look forward to visiting the other classes after half term. Well done to everyone for their hard work and inspiration!

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Mitchell—Head Teacher

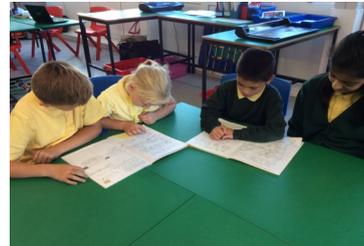
## What's Going On .....

Tuesday 16th October—  
Year 5 Swimming  
Reception 2019 Open Day 1.30-2.30pm (1 of 2)

Thursday 18th October—  
Reception Open Day 9.30-2.30pm (2 of 2)

Friday 19th October—  
Achievement Assembly— RE & Yrs 2, 4 & 6

Saturday 20th October—  
Cross Country at Hatton Country World



Our Year 2 children were invited up to Year 6 to share their stories about Sunny the meerkat. The Year 6 children peer marked the stories and gave some fantastic, positive comments and next steps for Year 2 to focus on.

## Governor Focus

Our local governing body (LGB) at Woodloes has a designated governor who leads on safeguarding - Louisa Farino. However, it is also a subject that all governors are required to have an awareness of. Governors are invited to participate in annual training sessions held for staff and we are also asked to read and be familiar with 2 key documents - Keeping Children Safe in Education Part 1 and Part 2. The LGB also receives termly safeguarding reports and reviews the school's safeguarding policy each year.

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class RE (Miss Evans) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.2% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 246 pupils = 63%

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

I really like how we get stories read to us!

Aarush  
Year 4



Woodloes' Online Safety Committee would like to remind you to:

*"Keep your privacy settings on private. Check them regularly especially after updates."*

Have you ever wanted to write your own comic? Here's your chance using the following link:

<http://pbskids.org/arthur/games/comiccreator/comiccreator.php>

### Focus on Excellence

This week, in Reception, we have been practising our blending skills in phonics. The children are learning sounds daily and are practising their letter formation too. We are excited to continue teaching phonics, blending sounds to read and segmenting sounds to write.

### Other News .....

#### Open Day(s)

A quick reminder that we are holding our Open Day(s) next week for Reception intake 2019. Tuesday 16th between 1.30pm and 2.30pm and Thursday 18th October between 9.30am and 10.30am. We look forward to seeing any prospective parents then.

#### Registration

We would like to remind all parents/carers that doors open at 8.45am each morning and pupils therefore need to be ready to enter school at this time. This gives them time to take off coats, sort out bags, lunchboxes, get a book out etc etc., in readiness for registration at 8.55am. Please ensure that your child adheres to this time. It is important that children are ready for the start of the school day at 8.55am.

#### Photographs

We are anticipating that the proofs will hopefully be sent out next week. Please place any orders on/before the deadline stated on the proofs (as late orders will incur an additional postage charge).

#### School Website

You may notice when browsing our website that it states 'insecure website'. Please disregard this notice, as it is not relevant when merely looking at our website.

#### Lost Property

We are just over a month into the new school year and have already collected a huge mountain of lost property. It is amazing, despite numerous requests, that so many school sweatshirts, cardigans, poloshirts etc etc., are not named! PLEASE ensure you check your child's uniform this weekend and mark all items with a permanent marker pen. We normally donate lost property to the Air Ambulance charity at the end of each term but, because we have so much, we will be making our first donation at the end of the first half term. Therefore, if your child does have any missing items, please come and have a look before Thursday 25th October. After this date, it will be disposed of.