



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely week during half term: it was great to see all of the children back in school rested and re-freshed on Monday and ready to go. The PTA disco was a great success and the children had a wonderful time taking part in a range of craft activities, dancing along with DJ Lyons and spending time with their friends— all the key elements of a successful school disco. Congratulations and thanks go to the PTA Committee who did a great job managing their first event and to all the staff who stayed to help who were brilliant.

You may have noticed that children can sometimes be a bit forgetful and some are more forgetful than others! Usually, this isn't a problem but from a learning perspective this can sometimes present challenges when children forget key skills and concepts. In our professional development sessions, we have been considering strategies to help our children remember key information more effectively and the best way to do this is to plan for frequent repetition to improve recall because information is understood at a deeper level. This could also be a strategy that you could try at home with times tables and spellings and if you are interested to know more then have a look for the Ebbinghaus Forgetting Curve online and associated articles which you might find interesting (or not!).

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Mitchell — Head Teacher

What's Going On

Tuesday 12th November -
Reception to Year 6 **Flu Vaccinations**
Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 13th November -
Year 5 Assembly

Thursday 14th November -
8.45-9.30am Class RE 'Stay & Play'

Friday 15th November -
Achievement Assembly, Years 2, 4 & 6

Our focus text for this week has been The Gruffalo. Reception children have enjoyed creating their own gruffalo faces, they were delicious!



Governor Focus

As the governor responsible for safeguarding, I meet with the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Andy Mitchell, twice a term to review all safeguarding activity and practice in the school. Each year the school is required to complete and submit a detailed safeguarding review for the local authority and identify any actions that we may need to take as a result. At our last safeguarding meeting just before half term, Andy and I went through this lengthy review in detail, which we have just submitted to the local authority and as confirmed by Ofsted earlier this year, the school retains a culture of vigilance and is compliant in all aspects of safeguarding.

Louisa Farino, Chair of Governors

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week of half term—Class 6K (Mrs Khiara) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.6% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 177 pupils = 45%

What I love about Woodloes

I
love lunchtime and using
numicon in maths!
Rena
Year 1



Friends of Woodloes School

Thank you to everyone who helped with the disco at the end of last half term. Many hours of preparation are needed to make events such as these possible and we are extremely grateful to everyone who put time and effort in to making this event such a success; the staff, friends and volunteers. Everyone's help is much appreciated!

Whilst having fun, the children also raised lots of money for the school and we are delighted to advise that in excess of £1,000.00 was raised on the evening.

Thank you!

School Council



Friday 15th November is Children in Need. We would like to raise money by having a **non uniform day** at Woodloes. Pupils to dress in their own clothes; there is no theme this year, as we are aware of how much has been going on around the school already. Children are invited to donate £1 on the day.

We will be running a competition to create a Pudsey. This can be a picture, painting, pom pom Pudsey, Pudsey made out of recycled materials ... what ever you imagine! Please label with your child's full name and class and your child can then hand to Ms Valentine in Year one. There will be a prize for each key stage for the winners and the work will be displayed around the school.

Many thanks. Ms Valentine and Miss Lyons

Focus on Excellence

In Year 6, we are so proud of all we've achieved last half term. We studied the origin of money and a timeline to show how money and currencies have developed over time; written comparisons about the UK and a developing country and designed and created our own currencies from clay. In the final week of half term, our 'Dough' topic culminated in bread tasting, data collections, bread designing and, of course, producing bread products!

The adults in the Year 6 team are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes all pupils are demonstrating toward the curriculum – including some really impressive homework - and it's great to witness the pride the children take in their studies.

Other News

School Dinners

You may have noticed that the current dinner menu finishes today. Educaterers have advised that, due to the popularity of the current menu, they are not changing it and it will therefore continue until the end of the current school year. Please therefore retain your current menu and note the following:-

Menu Week 1 w/c Mondays 11/11, 2/12, 6/1, 27/1, 24/2, 16/3, 20/4, 11/5, 8/6, 29/6

Menu Week 2 w/c Mondays 18/11, 9/12, 13/1, 3/2, 2/3, 23/3, 27/4, 18/5, 15/6, 6/7

Menu Week 3 w/c Mondays 25/11, 16/12, 20/1, 10/2, 9/3, 30/3, 4/5, 1/6, 22/6, 13/7

Please note two slight changes to the current menu options -

Friday of week 1—seaside fish fillet replaced with crispy fishcake

Tuesday of week 3—Both red and green options replaced with; sausage and bacon/vegetable country bake

Marle Hall

Thank you to everyone who has paid the £50 deposit (or more) to secure your child's place on the Year 5 residential trip in May next year. A quick reminder that the next payment of £50.00 is due on/before 16th November.

Reception September 2020 Open Day

Our final Open Day for new intake next September will be taking place on Tuesday 19th November from 1.15pm to 2.30pm. If you have a child due to start school next year (or know anyone else who does), we look forward to seeing you then.