



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been Book Week this week and it has provided us with lots of wonderful opportunities for creative learning and fun! We obviously want to promote reading and a love of books and the book café, book fair, poetry slam and other reading/ book related projects have provided a fantastic array of activities to round off this half term. Well done to everyone for getting involved and for providing such fantastic support with a specific mention to Mrs Lambert for her leadership and organisation skills!

You may have also noticed that we have had several staff absent through ill health, including Mrs Moore who has broken her foot...again! I hope everyone makes a full recovery over half term and would like to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of all those staff who sometimes drag themselves in feeling unwell because they make a massive positive impact in the lives of our children and they help us to maintain the highest possible standards.

It has been a great half term in many ways and the children and staff have worked incredibly hard to produce some wonderful work. It has been lovely to see so many of you during 'drop ins' and year group assemblies and I would like to thank you all for your continuing support. Have a great half term!

Andy Mitchell
Headteacher

What's Going On

Friday 16th February—Last day of first half Spring term

Monday 26th February—First day of second half Spring Term

Tuesday 27th February—Composting Assembly for all children

Year 4 were creating mountain landscapes in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe.



Using oil pastels, we tried to create a 3d effect by concentrating on the contrast between light and dark.

Governor Focus

Sarah Burnard and Sian Stevens share the staff governor role on the local governing body. As teacher governors, we have the opportunity to view aspects of the school, including its future direction, from two perspectives: professional and public. As members of staff, we are involved in school evaluation, development and raising standards and also contribute as part of the team to the Learning Improvement Plan (LIP). This professional perspective enables us to work closely with the Governing Body to review policies, discuss the curriculum and play a part in supporting the school to maintain standards and create opportunities for improvements, which will, most importantly, benefit the children of our school community.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 3W (Miss Winstanley) with 99%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.2% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 90 pupils = 23%

What I love about Woodloes

I like Woodloes because the clubs, activities and all lessons are amazing and the best!
Ffion
Year 5



Woodloes School turned Safer Internet Day 2018 into Safer Internet Week! The Online Safety Committee delivered an assembly to introduce the theme,

'Create, connect, share respect; a better internet starts with you!' All children took part through a variety of activities: creating superhero puppets - whose powers were linked with keeping the internet safe; using computing skills to create posters showing devices which connect to the internet, performing role plays, generating 'Keep Safe' quizzes & discussions about online activity & how we can take ownership to make the internet a safer place. An eventful week experienced by all learning about Online Safety.

Pupil Voice (This week—Sport - Extra Curricular Activity)



We have been learning judo at school for over three years; since then we have been taught how to throw/carry each other and defend ourselves. The session lasts for 45 minutes weekly and throughout this we have to stay focused and follow every instruction. A trophy is awarded to the person who Adam, our Master, thinks has worked the hardest and has made the most progress or improvements over a week. We love Judo because it gets us active and is great fun.

By Katie and Tarrin, Year 6

Focus on Excellence

In year three, we have concluded our topic on Romans with a trip to Priory House in Warwick. Following a very successful half term, all children were able to demonstrate their knowledge learned throughout the topic, while gaining first-hand experience of artefacts that are over 2000 years old!



Both classes took part in a variety of activities, including grinding cumin in a mortarium, discussing food and nutrition of rich and poor Roman citizens, sorting artefacts from replicas, and we even had the opportunity to write letters on a Roman tablet using a stylus (not like the ones we know today)!

Each class amazed all of the adults with their behaviour and knowledge; we even taught the staff at Priory House some new facts! Thank you for all of the support provided by parents and staff, which made this trip possible. The help is greatly appreciated and we couldn't manage events with such success without you.

Other News

Book Week A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our Book Week, either by purchasing books for your children, donating cakes, attending our book sharing café, or **all of the above!** The book sharing café, in particular, was a huge success! In addition, the children have had a great week of activities; visit from actor/story teller, design a book cover competition, poetry slam and finally all children dressing up today as different characters. It has been an extremely successful week! We would like to thank Mrs Tina Lambert (Literacy co-ordinator) for arranging all of the various events/activities, which has enabled children to celebrate their love of reading. Also, thank you to Friends for funding the actor/story teller event. The book fair has been a huge success; we are currently adding up the total amount we have raised and will advise of this in our next newsletter.

Photo Orders Please note the deadline to purchase the class photo is Monday 26th February, so please ensure any orders reach us by the end of school on this date.

Parenting Guides Warwickshire County Council has purchased three nationally acclaimed online Guides (courses) - designed to help parents feel more confident. Every single parent, grandparent, or carer living in Warwickshire can now access these Guides FREE OF CHARGE, which have been designed by NHS experts and are part of the evidence-based 'Solihull Approach' programme, which supports mums, dads and carers to develop positive and responsive relationships with their infants, children and young people. In turn, this helps to strengthen emotional resilience and wellbeing, so infants and children are able to bounce back from life's various challenges. For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguide>

Planet Ice (attendance award) If your child has a Planet Ice voucher, please note this may now be valid on a Sunday until the end of March (you would need to contact Planet Ice directly for validation of this information).