



Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a visit from the police on Wednesday this week to inform us that they had received a report of a man trying to entice someone into a white van using sweets on the industrial estate behind the school. Unofficially, we have also been made aware that someone in a hoody might have followed one of our ex-pupils home. Whatever the facts might be, there is an understandable sense of unease at the moment.

Consequently, we have spoken to the children about stranger awareness and have reminded them about some key safety messages. We also emailed all parents immediately after we had been contacted by the police. We obviously don't want to make the children scared or anxious but we need everyone to continue to be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police. We always maintain a very secure school site but have increased our supervision to include extra monitoring outside school during drop-offs and collections.

Our number one priority is to keep your children safe and we appreciate your continuing support during this period of heightened awareness in the community.

On a more positive note, it was lovely to see so many parents 'dropping in' to see the children's work on Wednesday— the quality and quantity of children's work is fantastic and the children feel so proud sharing their achievements with you during these sessions.

And finally, well done to Year 2 who did a fantastic assembly this week that was so well attended by parents and grandparents. A fantastic showcase of wonderful talent!!

**Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)**

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

Next week it is our annual Book Week  
12th to 16th February!!!

- Tuesday 13th February—Visit from actor/story-teller, Anthony Pedley
- Wednesday 14th February—Book sharing café for parents/carers and pupils
- Friday 16th February—Children to dress as a character (see separate letter sent out last Friday for details)
- Book fair will be running (Monday to Thursday) from 3.15pm to 4.00pm

Wednesday 14th February Saplings 'Stay & Play'  
10am and 1.30pm

Year 1 have been learning about the Seasons in their science lessons this term; combining science, maths, art and DT to explore how and why the seasons change and the effects this has on the world around them. They have observed weather changes and kept a weather diary!



## Governor Focus

One of the key documents a school produces that is considered by governors is the school's learning improvement plan (LIP). This comprises a list of the key objectives which the school leaders need to address to remain or move towards excellent outcomes for pupils. The LIP is written after the school has evaluated its performance using information such as the outcomes of statutory assessments (SATs) and, the school's internal data about different year groups and subjects. This identifies strengths and areas for improvement or development and is the basis for the LIP. The LIP isn't a static document - it is regularly reviewed, updated and evaluated throughout the school year.

The four main objectives of the LIP for Woodloes Primary School are: to increase leadership capacity; to accelerate rates of progress in reading and maths and raise standards in spelling; to increase opportunities to improve the health, fitness and wellbeing of pupils and staff; and to increase the level of parental engagement.

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 6B  
(Mrs Barlow) with 99.3%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 99 pupils = 24%

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

I really like Woodloes because we have wonderful teachers & fantastic classrooms. I like reading and writing because it brings me into a new world!  
Max, Year 3



## eSafety

Do you have a profile picture with you among a group of friends? This is a great way of not being easily identified by someone who is unknown to you.

Recommended app: Funimal Phonics Children and parents are well-used to phonics alphabet-learning now, and this stylish flash-cards app gives the discipline a friendly animal face. It's also notable for its inclusion of both US and UK English accents when speaking sounds. (For use on iPhone/iPad – £0.69).

## Pupil Voice (This week—Sport)

Well done to the Year 6 netball team who won the tournament on Monday 5th February. They won all four matches and the medals received were totally deserved!"



On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February the Year 5 & 6 football team played Park Hill Primary School. After 10 minutes, unfortunately, we are 3-0 down but, after some technical advice and re-shuffling of positions, the team played very well in the second half. Unfortunately, Park Hill scored again and the final result was 4-0. Well done for not giving up and to man of the match, Jacob, who worked tirelessly all match to support his teammates!

## Focus on Excellence

Yet another busy half term, with Year 4 discovering all there is to know about mountains. The adults in our year group are so impressed with how well the children are doing with their spellings and we saw a visible improvement in the scores when we tested on the Year 3 and 4 spelling last week. Well done to all and please keep practising at home too.

Our year group have also been pioneering a new style maths lesson in which we focus on a very definite teaching point and explore it in depth through practical (do it) pictorial (secure it) and reasoning (deepen it) activities. Once again, our children have risen to the challenge and have applied their selves 100% to their learning, and are very definitely enjoying this new approach.

## Other News .....

**Book Week** As mentioned on page one, it is 'Book Week' next week and we are celebrating this in a number of ways. A separate letter was emailed out to all parents/carers on Friday with full details of the various events/activities taking place next week, so please take a look at this, as it includes an invitation to you to our 'book sharing café' on Wednesday (please bring in cake donations Tuesday, or first thing Wednesday) and also provides details of the 'dressing up' day on the last day of this half term. We would still like some help with the book fair on Tuesday and Thursday. If you can assist, please let the school office know. Any offers of help would be much appreciated. Thank you

**Onside Coaching** will be holding half term holiday courses at Aylesford School and are now taking bookings. They will run from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February and children will be offered 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](http://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk)

**Lost Property** Once again, as we edge towards another school holiday, we invite parents/carers to call in and have a look at our current lost property items (situated by school office). Please take a few minutes over the half term break to check your child's uniform and ensure that it is clearly labelled, then, if you they lose an item it is very easy to return it to it's rightful owner. We have, on occasion, some distressed children who can't find various items, which have not been labelled. Thank you

**Warwickshire Police** Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have advised that an online Poll which will determine Policing priorities for the next quarter has gone live, so invite members of the community to have a look and vote on the things that are a concern for you and/or your community.

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/43599/Warwick-Central-Community-Priorities>