



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had another good week this week and are taking positive steps forward academically and in terms of their overall approach to their learning. I asked all the staff to take 5 photos this week to exemplify the children's learning which has provided some fantastic information that I will be sharing with governors in our end of term meeting next week. Governors are unable to visit school under the current restrictions but still have an important role to fulfil to ensure the school is doing everything it can to support all our pupils. Therefore, as an interim measure, we are using photographic evidence and sound files to exemplify our work with governors until school visits are able to resume.

During the pandemic we have invited parents to make contact with class teachers directly using the year group emails and this has helped us to maintain good communication throughout. As we are now all back in school we have taken the decision to revert back to email contact being directed to the admin email account to ensure that any email enquiries can be responded to accordingly.

Unfortunately, it is that time of year when some of our staff start to think ahead and make plans for future career development opportunities that take them in a new direction. Alice Day and Katie Elvidge are two of our wonderful teaching assistants who unfortunately are leaving us at the end of the spring term. They have both done tremendous work on behalf of the children at Woodloes and we are very sorry to see them leave. However, they go with our massive thanks and best wishes for continuing success in future.

I am delighted to announce that we have two poetry competition winners at Woodloes; Ella and Anderson. They wrote beautiful poems about what happiness means to them which they read to all of us in assembly on Monday in preparation for a repeat performance on Zoom on Wednesday where they read their poems to the residents of one of our local care homes. Well done to them for their winning entries and to all the other children who also produced some fantastic work.

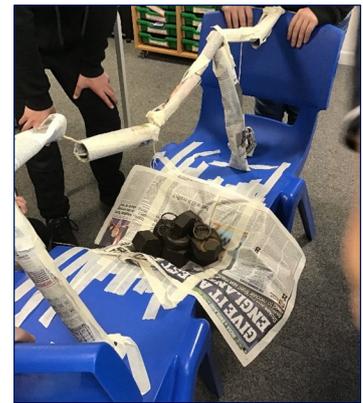
A quick reminder that smartwatches are not allowed in school. Fitness trackers are ok but Apple watches are not appropriate. Many thanks for your support with this.

Finally, positive case numbers in Warwick remain low and we have had no positive cases at Woodloes this term which is wonderful. Many thanks for continuing to be vigilant; we are all still very dependent on each other to stay safe.

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

In Year 6, after studying the works of the Victorian engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, we looked at a variety of bridge designs. In DT,

Year 6 were set the challenge to build a sturdy bridge using only newspaper, masking tape, string and scissors. After 45 minutes, the strength of the bridges were tested using kilogram weights.



Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 1V (Ms Valentine) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 95.8% (school target 96.5%)

What I love about Woodloes

I love Woodloes because my teacher is amazing because he teaches me things I never knew.

Pupil from Class 3C



Focus on Excellence

Year 4's topic this half term is flotsam and coasts based on the lovely picture book Flotsam by David Weisner. We have been exploring a range of writing genres in our English. We described an underwater cartoon world using amazing detail to make it come to life for the reader. We wrote poems personifying the sea and giving it human characteristics; we had the sea eating the sand for breakfast, playing with the children in the surf, raging in anger, drooling over the smell of food, crying and waving at the beach.

We have also done some beautiful art work sketching real life flotsam and shells as well as painting with texture adding sand to our paint and using cotton wool and sticks to create lines in the waves and puffy clouds. We have been learning about coastal features in geography too - let's hope we get the chance to spot some of them this summer!

Other News

School Meal Tuesday 30th March

Last week in our newsletter we advised of an amendment to the menu for the above date. Please note that this has now changed, so ALL pupils will have the option of choosing either a turkey wrap, or a vegetarian hot dog.

Free School Meals

Does your child currently receive 'benefits based' free school meals in school? If not, do you think they could be entitled? If so, please follow the link below, check whether your family meet the criteria, and, if so, apply.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

If you apply and your child is entitled, not only do they receive a free meal in school, but the government and local charities have also been providing additional support during these difficult times and you could potentially be missing out on this eg., food vouchers during holiday periods, free holiday activities places, food parcels etc.

Onside Coaching

Are relaunching their after school club at Woodloes for Key Stage Two children, commencing from Tuesday 20th April. The club runs from the end of the school day to 4.30pm. Bookings/enquiries are all direct with On-side Coaching. Book online at www.onsidecoaching.co.uk (Central Warwickshire Team).

Parking

Now that all pupils are back in school, it is noticeable that there have been an increase in parking issues. PLEASE do not park too close or on corners of roads, on zigzags outside school, or block pavements, making parents/carers and local residents having to walk on the road. In addition, a number of local residents have reported that their driveways are being blocked. We appreciate that parking is an ongoing issue but, if you can, leave your vehicle at home and walk. Alternatively, park a little further away from school and walk the remainder of the way. Please be considerate of others if you do need to use your vehicle for the school run. Thank you for your co-operation.

Online Courses for Parents/Carers

Have you heard about the online courses for parents/carers, FREE for residents in our local area? The Solihull Approach (NHS) have launched a **NEW** online course. Go to www.inourplace.co.uk for further details. The code to access courses is BEAR

Can I tell my family and friends? YES. Share the news with other families in the area so that they too can take advantage of this opportunity.

How long is it? There are 7 modules which each take about 5 minutes to complete and will benefit from time to digest in between.

If you like the above, you might like the bigger

[‘Understanding your child’](#) or

[‘Understanding your child with additional needs’](#),

or other courses in the series. www.inourplace.co.uk

Alex's Football Coaching

Starts Tuesday 20th April at Aylesford School, for boys and girls aged 4-12. Contact Alex on 07758 752033 for further details/book your child in.