



Dear Parents and Carers,

Safeguarding is a big part of our work at Woodloes, indeed in all schools and it is something that we consider to be of paramount importance. It is vitally important that we work closely with families and other agencies to ensure we keep our children safe and we have already completed quite a lot of work this term to promote and implement strategies for keeping children safe. We have a very comprehensive set of safeguarding policies available to read on our website and we all receive regular updates and training to ensure we stay up to date with statutory requirements that are updated at least annually.

Staying safe isn't just about avoiding the stories that we see in the media, it also relates to our general conduct around the school site and beyond. You will notice that the council have introduced new traffic management measures outside school which will hopefully reduce the potential for a serious accident. We have also been looking again at our management of accidents in school and I have spoken to the children about the choices they sometimes make when they are playing, to ensure they are also aware of the need to keep themselves and other safe.

I am very pleased to report that I did an interview with school council just before Christmas with our safeguarding governor, Louisa Farino and we asked a set of questions that were specifically about 'staying safe'. The children were resoundingly positive about feeling safe in school and knew that they should speak to an adult if they had any worries or concerns. It's good to know the work we are doing in the curriculum and discussions we have in class and assemblies is being taken onboard helping us all to maintain a culture of vigilance that keeps our children safe and well.

Many thanks for your continuing support!

Andy Mitchell—Head Teacher

What's Going On

Monday 21st January
—Class 3LA Trip to
Priory House

Tuesday 22nd January
—Class 3W Trip to
Priory House
Year 4 Swimming

Friday 25th January
Achievement Assembly -
Class RE And Years 2, 4 & 6

In Year 6, we have been enjoying running the daily mile. We have found that this exercise not only increases fitness level, but improves our concentration to learn, as well as being a positive outlet for stress and emotions; improving our mind set and wellbeing.

Not only whilst running the daily mile, Year 6 have shown great focus, determination and perseverance in the classroom too. We have been particularly impressed with the level of challenge they are pursuing in maths with fractions, percentages and decimals.



Governor Focus

As many of you know Woodloes Primary school is a member of Community Academies Trust. The Financial Statements for the trust and other governance documents can be found on the trust's website (<https://www.communityacademiestrust.org/en-GB/trust-information>). The policies cover a wide range of issues relevant to pupils, parents/carers and staff. Governors at Woodloes have an opportunity to comment on policies when they are in development.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2B
(Mrs Bailey with 99.6%)

Whole school attendance to date - 96.8% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 121 pupils = 31%

What I love about Woodloes

I love school, especially reading and writing. My teachers help and support me when I do this and I get better and better.

Lizzie, Year 4



Have fun taking photographs and videos of your children and family, but never show where you are on social media. 'Location' can be switched off in your settings on the social media site as well as on your mobile 'phone.

Recommended app: Where's my Water? A challenging physics-based app complete with vibrant graphics, intuitive colours and a sensational soundtrack. This engaging game is a perfect way to learn how to calculate fractions and percentages. Ideal for KS1, it combines a story and simple physics-based puzzles. Where's my water? is available for iPhone, iPod and iPad. (£1.49 App Store)

Focus on Excellence

The Year 5 teaching team are very impressed with the positive and enthusiastic approach all of the Year 5 pupils are showing towards their work after their well-deserved Christmas holiday.

Linked to their knowledge and application of the DR ICE strategies, Mrs Barlow and Mr Clark are also proud of the fact that the Year 5 pupils are continually looking for ways to add value to their own and their peer's learning. As well as sharing their knowledge and support in classroom sessions, the pupils are planning and leading their own clubs including a maths and reading club and, new for this term, a handwriting club.

Two of the Year 5 pupils (Tegan and Oliver) are also the junior road safety officers for Woodloes Primary School. This term they are launching a competition to design a Woodloes Primary School road safety mascot wearing hi-vis clothing on A4 paper. Designs should be posted in the entry box in the Year 5 area by 31st January.

Tegan and Oliver look forward to seeing all road safety competition entries and to announcing who has won the prizes.

Other News

Saplings Open Day

Wednesday 27th February 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Saplings staff look forward to meeting prospective parents/carers on this date, with the opportunity to meet the staff, have a look at their great facilities etc. Your child is welcome to join in with exploring the surroundings, playing on our equipment etc. Please pass this information onto relevant friends and family.

Traffic Calming Measures

You will have noted that the local council have installed new barriers, bollards etc., outside the front of the school to try and alleviate some of the parking issues that occur when people park incorrectly/dangerously outside the school. We do hope that you will find the new measures effective and help to reduce some of the current parking issues.

Weather With the recent drop in temperature please ensure that your child is properly equipped i.e., appropriate coat, waterproof shoes etc., during the colder months.

[Hopefully we will not be affected by bad weather, but in the event that we are, we would like to remind you of our procedures :-](#)

In the event of a school closure, we notify the local authority immediately and confirmation of this should be posted on their website within 20 minutes of notification:- www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures

Also on the website you will see a list of local radio stations who, at regular intervals, announce local schools that are closed.

Warwickshire County Council offer a school closure FREE text message service

To register, visit the above website. It will automatically issue a text message if the school has to close. This service runs from September to July, so you would need to sign up again at the start of September.

In addition to the above communications, we would endeavour to text you (if we are able to).