



Dear Parents and Carers,

You might recall, towards the end of the autumn term, that we wrote to you about 'no marking' week. This was a genuine piece of research we wanted to undertake to see if we could develop different and potentially more effective ways of providing feedback to the children to help their learning. Traditionally, teachers have written (often) copious amounts of comment into children's books to guide their next steps but this has increasingly been seen as an inefficient feedback strategy, if it is overly used, particularly if the children haven't read the feedback comments before starting their next piece of work.

During our research, we discovered that the children responded really well to collaborative feedback i.e discussing a piece of work with other pupils and then with their teacher which gave more efficient feedback to help their next steps. Sometimes a short written comment can act as a reminder but the real value was seen more in discussion and clarification rather than notation.

As with most things in life, the short conclusion is to use a blend of strategies rather than embracing one specific approach exclusively. The staff and children came up with some really innovative ideas to develop the quality of feedback which will also lead to more efficient use of everyone's time.

It is Year 2's curriculum assembly on Wednesday next week; looking forward to seeing parents and sharing some fantastic curriculum and learning!

**Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher**

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

Tuesday 4th February -  
Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 5th February -  
Year Two Assembly

Friday 7th February -  
Achievement Assembly Class RE, Years 2, 4 & 6

This term Year 2 have been learning all about China. So, we thought we'd celebrate Chinese New Year with a day full of Chinese themed activities.



The children had a go at writing in Chinese, eating some Chinese foods and making their very own fire breathing dragon!

## Governor Focus

During last week's monitoring training for the school's governors one of the items covered was Learning Walks. These walks are an opportunity for governors to observe a part of the school's day and make sure that it follows the school's development plan. Areas that can be observed by the team of governors include curriculum provision or student behaviour. The day's observations are then shared both with the rest of the governing body and school staff.

Michael Loizou  
Parent Governor

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2ML (Mrs May/Lambert) with 99.3%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 100 pupils = 25%

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

I like learning maths and English. I like writing in my special Year One books.

Lily  
Year One



## Friends

As advised previously, Friends are currently busy making plans for the film night and as soon as this is confirmed, we will advise you of the details.

Friends are also busy planning a recycled uniform sale, which will take place after school one day. Again, further details will be confirmed in due course.

Meanwhile, if you would like to become involved with Friends, please let us know!

## Focus on Excellence

Year 4 have been participating in the Warwickshire schools Reading Celebration 2020! This is an annual event which encourages Year 4 pupils to read for pleasure and supports our curriculum in the comprehension of texts, providing an opportunity to critically assess what we are reading as well as giving us the opportunity to read a wide range of books which can then be implemented into our writing. The initiative is a celebration of reading and encourages children to use their local library. We are reading, recording and critically assessing our books in our Reading Celebration Logs and preparing for our collective creative response to an area of reading.

There will be a final Celebration event on the 20th of March where we will showcase our creative response to reading produced collaboratively by all Year 4 children. There will also be a book based quiz!

Year 4 will be having a guided visit to the Warwick library next term which we are all looking forward to.

## Other News .....

### Dates

As mentioned at the beginning of the academic school year, the bank holiday date in May has been changed—from Monday 4th May to FRIDAY 8th MAY. Please note your calendar!

### Marle Hall Residential

If not already paid, please log onto your child's Parent Pay account and process the January instalment for this trip ie., £50.00. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the school office to discuss further.  
Thank you

### Cornwall residential

Reminder for Year 6 parents/carers that the second payment of £65.00 for this trip is due by end of today, bringing the total paid to £200.00. Please ensure payments are made on time, or speak to the school office if they won't be.

### School Holidays Activities

Warwick School are advertising their half term holiday club, which takes place from Monday 17th to Friday 21st February. They are now taking bookings and courses are available for children from Reception upto Year 6. Please refer to their website <https://www.warwickschool.org/february-half-term-2020>

Everyone Active are advertising a half term football camp for 7-11 year olds at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre on Wednesday 19th February from 10am to 3pm, at a special rate of £5.00. There are limited spaces available. To book, phone 01926 495353