



Dear Parents and Carers

There have been a number of high profile reports recently in the media about the potential negative impact on children of social media and excessive screen time. This has led to a number of organisations making recommendations about how much time children should or should not spend in front of a screen but what has struck me the most is the lack of clarity about what we should or shouldn't do as parents to manage our children's use of electronic devices.

In the absence of definitive guidance, I tend to take the view that too much of anything is generally unhealthy and we should try to achieve a good sense of balance. The internet is a weird and wonderful place and as educationalists and parents we have a responsibility to help our children use it and enjoy it safely. We should also be prepared to make changes to our children's online behaviour if they start to show signs of obsession or distraction to safeguard their wellbeing and help them to develop positive online habits.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

**Andy Mitchell, Headteacher**

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

Tuesday 12th March  
Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 13th March  
9.00am Year 1 Assembly

Friday 15th March  
Achievement Assembly Class RE,  
Years 2, 4 & 6

Year three have been making the most of the sunshine, taking their Active Maths outside. In 'Chalk Chop' the children took pieces of chalk and walked around the school playground 'chopping' items in halves, thirds and quarters.



## Governor Focus

As the governor responsible for safeguarding in the school, I was invited to attend a thorough review of safeguarding practices across the school this week, conducted by Jo Howell, the safeguarding lead from the CAT. Overall, the school was able to demonstrate that there is a strong culture of vigilance around safeguarding in all its aspects and I was particularly impressed to see the number of colourful posters around the school aimed at pupils that reinforce the importance of staying safe.

A report with some suggestions for improvements/additions will be sent shortly for review and action.

Louisa Farino, Community Governor

## Attendance News

Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2B (Mrs Bailey) with 99.3%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.6% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 67 pupils = 17%



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

I love the whole school and writing!  
Adam, Class 1E



## eSafety

We like to keep our children safe by knowing what they're doing online, but we can also have conversations with them about knowing potential dangers and how to stay safe on the internet. The NSPCC ([nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk)) offers advice on how to begin conversations with your child and what to do if you're worried about online safety.

Recommended app: YouTube kids - We know our children love to watch videos on YouTube, yet not everything on this social media site is appropriate for children. Google has made a child-friendly app which filters before viewing, and tries its best to make sure they only see what is appropriate.

## Pupil Voice



On Tuesday, children from Years 2 and 6 were invited to participate in a pancake race in Warwick town centre, organised by Warwick Rotary Club. The children were really great at racing but disappointed that they couldn't eat the pancakes!

All four children had an enjoyable time and can now toss a pancake with a smile!



## Focus on Excellence

The children in Saplings have enjoyed reading the story of 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt'. They have enjoyed going on their own bear hunt in the forest and drawing maps and then going to go look for the bear. The children have gone on to explore the book further by making bear faces on their pancakes and using their imagination to then go on a lion hunt!



## Other News .....

### Comic Relief

As advised in our newsletter last week, we will be supporting Comic Relief next Friday 15th March by inviting everyone to donate £1.00 to wear red clothing, wear a red nose, have a crazy hairstyle, or all 3! We will be selling red noses from Monday 11th March for the duration of the week, at a cost of £1.25. We look forward to raising as much money as we possibly can for this fantastic charity.

### Marle Hall Year 5

If your child is going to Marle Hall, the final payment (if not already paid) of £50.00 is due on/before Friday 15th March. Also, we look forward to seeing parents/carers at the meeting on Wednesday 20th March at 6.00pm. Meanwhile, please complete and return the relevant forms that were sent out to you last week.

### Recycle with Michael

Due to the popularity of the above recycling scheme, we have run out of the bags to bring your recycling in! However, we have been advised that recycling can be brought in any carrier bags/bin liners so please continue to bring us your recycling!

### Messy Church

Messy Church takes place on the 2nd Saturday of the month (9th March, 13th April, 11th May) from 10.30am to 12.30pm at our school — completely independently of us. It's a free club and is an informal, relaxed, child friendly gathering for families. Games, bible stories, crafts and songs are followed by lunch. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to register or book, you can just turn up. For more information, contact Claire Reid on 07950 942093 or go on their facebook page @MessyChurchWoodloes

### Friends

Save the Date! 27th March—School Disco. We are pleased to advise that Friends are busy organising a disco and we will forward further details in due course. Meanwhile, put the date in your diary!