



Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been some fabulous highlights in school this week. In order to promote ourselves as a 'Maths Rich' school, we invited our parents to attend maths 'drop-in' sessions this week to provide an opportunity to see how maths is taught and to see our children in action. We had a positive level of attendance from parents, particularly in KS1 and have received some excellent feedback from the children, staff and parents. One quote received from a parent was;

"Didn't realise maths was so much fun. Such good pace, explanation and gave them lots of confidence to tackle difficult fractions. Thank you for giving us a glimpse of the classroom."

This is exactly the impression we would hope to create and we look forward to repeating a similar process with parents again in the near future. Let's keep building positivity and enthusiasm for maths – it's really working!

In staffing news, Mrs Nicola Andrews will be leaving us at the end of this term to start a new job closer to home in January. Mrs Andrews, has been a massive part of our Woodloes story over the last 10 years and we are going to really miss her cheery disposition and expertise!

We have plans in place to cover her SENDCo responsibilities (more details will follow) and Mrs Lambert has agreed to increase her teaching time during the spring term with some support from Mrs Link to ensure our children in Year 3 continue to make excellent progress. Mrs Andrews, leaves with our massive thanks and very best wishes!

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Mitchell – Head Teacher

What's Going On

Tuesday 4th December—Year 5 Swimming
Wednesday 5th December -
Fireman Visit to Year 1 and Year 5
Friday 7th December—
Achievement Assembly Class RL, Yrs 1, 3, 5

PLEASE NOTE TWO CHANGE OF DATES ON ACADEMIC YEAR PLANNER AS FOLLOWS:-
Year 5 Marle Hall meeting changed from Tuesday 19th March to Wednesday 20th March
Year 6 Cornwall meeting changed from Tuesday 7th May to Wednesday 8th May
Time remain the same, at 6.00pm

Reception... Rehearsals are now under way for our Christmas Nativity a king is born. The children are getting stuck into their rolls and getting their act on. Watch this space ...



Governor Focus

Governors have been very busy in school this week. Not only were we able to attend the maths drop-ins which provided great insight but we have also completed the last part of the annual appraisal process for teaching staff, which this week included Mr Mitchell.

Head teachers, as you would expect, are held accountable to the very highest standards and this is a very detailed, rigorous process that enables us as a governors (and on behalf of the directors of CAT) to challenge senior leaders and secure the very best provision for our pupils.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class RE (Miss Evans) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.2% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 173 pupils = 44.8%

What I love about Woodloes

OSCAR helps the children with their breakfast and dinner!

Samuel



Make sure you and your child really do know the 'friends' on gaming and social media sites. Check the friend lists regularly as well as inboxes.

Recommended Year 5/6 app: Maths Loops Multiply Lite. Work through the 3 difficulty levels on long multiplication. Handwrite the digits and let your device congratulate or correct your calculation fluency skills.

Pupil Voice

The amount collected for Children in Need was actually £325.80 ie., £100.00 more than originally stated!

The 4th/final race of the season took place Saturday morning at Priory Park. The weather was on our side again but wet, slippery leaves and the steepest hills we've come across created a challenge. Well done to all runners for your dedication and competitive spirit.



Thank you parents for bringing your children to these races.

Focus on Excellence

Year 2 have been working very hard on their addition and subtraction skills in maths. They have made excellent progress from using mental calculations to now using written methods. To reinforce their learning, the children played a maths game of snakes and ladders with their peer partner. They used their addition and subtraction knowledge to answer calculations before they were able to move on to the next number in the game. This was a fun and exciting way for the children to apply their maths skills and all of them improved their methods of calculating as a result.



Other News

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

We have now collated all the completed forms in readiness for the flu vaccinations to take place on Monday 10th December. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so as a matter of urgency. Please check it is not still sitting at the bottom of their school bag! Without a completed form, the vaccine cannot be given.

Warwickshire Music

Does your child like to sing? If so, would they like to take part in rehearsals in readiness for a performance at The Bridge House Theatre in Warwick on 4th/5th May? Songs will be from a selection of famous shows and rehearsals will take place at Kenilworth School on Friday evenings 6pm-7.30pm. You can enrol your child at www.warwickshiremusic.gov.uk

Christmas Festivities

Save The Children are promoting their Christmas Fair at Leamington Town Hall on Saturday 1st December (10am to 4pm) and Sunday 2nd December (11am to 5pm). There will be 60 craft and gift stalls including Christmas cards, tombola, raffle, refreshments etc. Admission is free.

Extra Curricular checks

As you know, third party providers offer extra curricular activities at Woodloes Primary School. The club providers use our facilities and the purchase of their services is directly between yourself and the provider. The providers are independent of the school, have their own insurances in place and deal with their own administration etc., with no DBS checks being carried out by ourselves. If you have any questions regarding this, then please speak directly to the relevant club provider.

Missing something?

We still have a number of cake boxes/plates/boards which remain uncollected following the Macmillan Coffee Morning (including a lovely cupcake container). Please collect on/before Friday 7th December. After this date, they will be disposed off, as we do not have the capacity to store them indefinitely! Thank you