



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been book week and we have been celebrating/promoting a love and enjoyment of reading and books. One of the comments I received this week was an observation about how nice it was to see children with a real book in their hands as opposed to reading from a screen which made me think how reading behaviours have changed in recent years.

The children (and staff) had a great day on Tuesday when we had Shakespeare workshops and two performances to enjoy; one being A Midsummer Night's Dream, the other, Romeo and Juliet. One of the children I spoke to said they had learnt a lot about Shakespeare but also about romance; how very apt during Valentine's week!

Massive thanks to staff/volunteers who have facilitated this fantastic week with a specific mention to Joyce North and also Friends. Thanks to Tina Lambert who has coordinated events so well. Finally, thank you for your support if you attended the reading café, supported the book fair and/or donated cakes.

In other news, we are still not in a position to know when Mrs Stevens will be able to return to school. Her husband Andy, has been diagnosed with cancer and they are understandably focussing on his treatment. I am taking on a big bike ride in April and would like to use this as an opportunity to raise some funds for Macmillan to recognise the amazing support they are giving to Sian and Andy (and many others). If you would like to find out more or make a donation then my Justgiving page is at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/a-mitchell10>

**Andy Mitchell, Headteacher**

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

Friday 15th February—  
Last day of first half Spring Term

Monday 25th February—  
School re-opens after half term

Tuesday 26th February—  
Year 4 Swimming

Year 6 have been enjoying an active maths lesson, measuring angles. We covered the tables and windows in our learning area with masking taped quadrilaterals and triangles and the children used protractors to measure every angle they could find.



"Writing calculations on the tables and windows was such good fun and I think I'll remember this lesson forever!" commented one of our pupils.



## Governor Focus

The Local Governing Body met just before half term and topics for discussion included the school's budget and progress against the Learning Improvement Plan. We also looked at the Home/School agreement - this outlines the ways in which school staff, pupils and parents can all work together to support the pupils learning and development, and links to the new Parental Conduct Policy. We all agreed that it was a useful mechanism for ensuring that everyone works together positively, and recommended that work be done to develop the agreement beyond a piece of paper that is signed once during a pupil's time at Woodloes, but becomes more visible and meaningful. Your help in shaping and reworking the content of the agreement will be requested soon, so look out for this.

Kim Eccleston, Governor

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 4K (Mrs Khaira) with 99.3%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 79 pupils = 20%

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

We like this school because we can play with our best friends and learn so much every day. We have fun topics like 'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory'.  
Zoe M, Leland, Harris, Zoe P, Myah  
Year 6



## eSafety

Do you have a profile picture with you among a group of friends? This is a great way of not being easily identified by someone who is unknown to you.

Recommended app: Funimal Phonics Children and parents are well-used to phonics alphabet-learning now, and this stylish flash-cards app gives the discipline a friendly animal face. It's also notable for its inclusion of both US and UK English accents when speaking sounds. (For use on iPhone/iPad – £0.69).

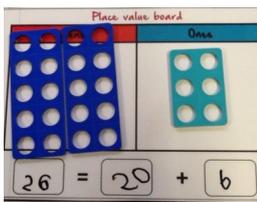
## Pupil Voice (This week—Sport)

Woodloes Netball Team played a home match against Coten End on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Neither team had played a match before, but all the players worked well as a team, taking on board the training they have had from their coaches, Mrs Link and Mrs Lowe. The final score was a draw: 6:6.



## Focus on Excellence

Pupils in Year 1 have moved on to working with numbers within 50 and are currently partitioning numbers into tens and ones. This is done practically over several days to ensure the knowledge is secure.



## Other News .....

**Height & Weight** Parents/carers of Reception and Year Six children—please look out for the information that was sent out earlier this week. Height & weight checks are being carried out Wednesday 27th February.

**Dental checks** A small number of pupils in Reception/Year One have randomly been selected for a PHE Dental Survey on Monday 4th March. If your child is selected, you will have received a consent form earlier this week. Please check your child's book bag, complete, sign and return the required form. Thank you

**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 talk to staff, have a look at the great facilities. 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.

**Safety Improvement Measures** It has been noted that parents/carers are parking along side the new fencing on 'zig zag' lines, plus parking away from the kerb (to allow opening of car doors by the fencing) and, hence, reducing road width further for passing vehicles etc. Please ensure that you park legally/correctly outside the school. The news measures have been implemented for the safety of pupils, parents and the local community. Please adhere to them. Thank you

**Kings High School** are offering a Taster Morning for Year 5 girls on Saturday 16th March and have a few spaces available. If interested, email [marketing@kingshighwarwick.co.uk](mailto:marketing@kingshighwarwick.co.uk) for further information.

**Robot Day #ROBOTDAY** Build & Code your own robot. Free family day Saturday 9th March 10am-4pm at Coventry Transport Museum