



Dear Parents and Carers

A new word entered the English language last week as we have lived through and survived 'snowmageddon'! I wonder at the national media sometimes for creating a sense of hysteria when we have a bit of snow making even sensible minded individuals check their cupboards to ensure they have adequate amounts of candles and condensed milk. I would like to applaud all of our sensible and supportive parents and staff who have 'just got on with it' taking sensible precautions to keep safe and warm during this period of unusually cold weather.

Sometimes we have no option but to close— as we did on Friday- and this is a governor decision based on availability of staff, heating, provision of meals and site safety but it is a decision that is taken only as a very last resort as we are well aware of the disruption this causes to families and the children's education. If this does happen again please check our website and we will also text you. You can also check the local authority's school closure website on <https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/SchoolClosures/rss/feed.html>

Hopefully, now the 'beast from the east' has passed we can look forward to a bit of sunshine with spring just around the corner.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Mitchell
Headteacher

What's Going On

Monday 5th March
Class RL 'Stay & Play' 8.45am to 9.30am

Thursday 8th March
Year Two Trip to Sealife Centre

Friday 9th March
Class RS 'Stay & Play' 8.45am to 9.30am

This week Reception have enjoyed playing in the new role play- a hairdressers! They have also been busy practising addition/subtraction, writing instructions, learning how to throw a javelin and making the Hungry Caterpillar pictures, using cardboard tubes!



Governor Focus

This week we hear from Mitch Reynolds, Community Governor:

I became a community governor at the beginning of this school year and have been through a rapid period of learning through some formal training and some "on the job" training. The latter is often me disrupting meetings to ask what some education specific language/acronyms mean. Seeing "behind the scenes" at school gives a very different view from being a parent and highlights the planning and professionalism of all the staff.

I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead as the governing team drive the school to ever better standards in providing the best possible education to all pupils.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last half term—Class 5CL (Mr Clark) with 97.6%!

Highest class attendance for last week of term—Class 5CL again with 99.3%! Well done 5CL!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.1% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 82 pupils = 20%

What I love about Woodloes

Woodloes is a great school because you get to learn instruments. Each teacher makes the learning fun so that the children don't get bored.
Charlotte, Year 4



eSafety

Away on holiday? If you post photographs whilst you're away, anyone will be able to see your house is potentially empty.

Recommended app: Think & Learn Code-a-pillar is a free app which encourages children to complete a set of puzzles introducing young children to the underlying concepts behind coding and computer programming.

Pupil Voice (this week—Sport)



Well done to Zoe in Year 5 who has achieved 3rd place in the West Midlands Cyclo Cross U12 League!

Zoe competed in 14 races between September and December 2017, and her place in the league was achieved from her 6 best race results.

This is a great achievement, well done Zoe!

Focus on Excellence

Year 2 are focussing on money in maths and have been using different coins to make an amount. We applied this to a real life situation by buying and paying for toys from our "Toy Shop".

We really enjoyed deepening our learning and look forward to helping out our parents at the shops by paying for items and counting out change!



Other News

Governor Vacancy Are you interested in becoming a parent governor and being more involved in school life? We currently have a vacancy and, if interested, would ask you to please email the school at admin5207@welearn365.com providing your contact details on/before 12pm Monday 12th March. Thank you.

Book Week As advised previously, book week was a huge success. Over £900.00 in commission was raised, to be spent on much needed books for our school. This is amazing and we are very grateful to everyone who supported the book fair. Congratulations to the 8 winners of the 'design a book cover' competition (check out website for further details of them)!

School Crossing Patrol Please note that with effect from Monday 5th March there will be no school crossing patrol outside our school (Deansway), until further notice. We would like to thank Angela Bicknell for her service to our school during this school year and will be sorry to say goodbye to her.

Parking We would like to remind parents/carers about parking courteously/appropriately outside the school and surrounding area. As you are aware from previous newsletters, parking/driving issues are an ongoing concern and we have yet again had reports of inappropriate parking/driving during the school drop off and pick up times. **PLEASE NOTE:- following a parent/carer being reported recently to the authorities regarding inappropriately parking/driving outside our school/surrounding area, they have been issued with a £50.00 fine. Please therefore ensure this does not happen to you!**

Heritage & Culture Centre are holding a fundraising night at Market Hall Museum on Friday 9th March 7pm to 9pm, to help raise funds towards running a summer holiday camp for selected local children. Please visit <http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/cocktail-night-at-the-museum/> for full details.