

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very positive week at Woodloes with many lovely 'normal' things to report.

I have been doing a weekly assembly on TEAMS which has helped us all to stay connected even though we have all continued to work within our separate class bubbles. This afternoon, I was able to see all of the children online and presented several children with certificates for their brilliant 'Work hard, be nice!' posters. The children also provided a short summary of highlights from their week and it is wonderfully 'normal' to hear about our pupils doing great work and being proud to share their achievements.

Year 6 talked about their writing and use of Tier 2 vocabulary (ask them, they'll explain) and showed us all their Living Organisms posters. Year 5 spoke about their work in maths improving their knowledge of place value and also mentioned how much they enjoyed Forest Schools.

Year 4 dazzled us with their use of fronted adverbials, and their enjoyment of Fantastic Mr Fox, whilst Year 3 told us they have been doing lots of reading with impressive levels of engagement on Accelerated Reader.

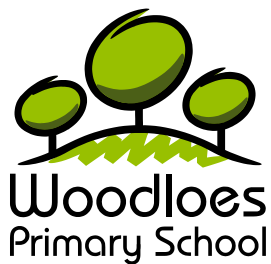
Year 2 talked about adventures in the Kalahari and Year 1 bowled us over with some amazing writing and vocabulary choices.

Simply brilliant!

Year 2T came back early this week due to Miss Tresadern having a negative test for the coronavirus. It shows how many of the symptoms of seasonal illness can appear similar to coronavirus, which is why the testing system is crucial to us all continuing to go about our daily lives. I am pleased to confirm that our Reception classes are able to return to school next Monday and we are looking forward to helping them to settle back into school as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, one of our staff is still feeling poorly and is unable to return, but everyone else has recovered fully, completed their self-isolation period and they are keen to see their classes again and get back to business.

I know this has been an unsettling time for our school community but on reflection, I am pleased that the cases we had were quickly contained and we took appropriate action with excellent support from the team at Public Health. We have also learned from the experience which will enable us to continue to manage ourselves safely and effectively as we move into this next phase.

You will have noticed that our website has been updated and we are adding new content as the weeks progress. We have also created some new shortcuts on the homepage which allow us to pull together key documents to make it easier for you to find what you are looking for. For example, we have a Covid-19 section which contains government guidance and a school response section. There have been several updates this week from the government which we



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have put into this section and you will find the latest on the Covid-19 app and a letter about when you should book a coronavirus test for your child.

We are planning to start sending home school newsletters in the next couple of weeks to reflect our progress towards a more normal state of affairs, in school at least. Our children are working hard and making great progress and I am keen for this to be the story in the weeks and months ahead. Coronavirus hasn't gone away and we need to continue to be vigilant at all times but there is another narrative which needs to take precedent which is about your children's enjoyment and achievement in school.

Finally, Mrs Smith, one of our lunchtime supervisors, has retired after 28 years with the school. She has given wonderful support to many children over the years and she leaves with our gratitude and thanks. Best wishes to Mrs Smith and her family for a long and happy retirement.

Best wishes to you all and to your families – stay well!

Yours sincerely,

Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)

