



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another excellent week at Woodloes with two highlights being our new parents evening and the EYFS children doing their Christmas plays.

It was great to see so many of you at our new 'drop in' parents evening on Wednesday and the new format gave me the opportunity to talk to many of you without there being the time constraints that usually accompany the appointment format. The flexible timings seems to have been particularly helpful for parents with more than one child as it prevented appointments over-running.

We have received some excellent feedback about the termly reports too with one comment saying:

"I think the new style report is a great way to communicate with parents on how we can help at home and how your child is doing at school in a concise way".

This is exactly what were hoping to achieve so we are very pleased that you have found this to be useful.

Our youngest children in Saplings and Reception have done their Christmas plays this week and they were absolutely wonderful. Great to see so many parents and grandparents joining us to see so many talented performers. EYFS and KS1 have all have performance opportunities this term and we look forward to seeing Key Stage 2 on stage in the spring and summer.

One more week of Christmas build up to go— have a great week!

Andy Mitchell— Head

What's Going On

Thursday 20th December—

Afternoon visit from a 'special guest' (whole school)

Friday 21st December—

**Christmas dinner
'Christmas Jumper' Day
&
Last day of term**

Of all our visitors this term, we all enjoyed the Fire Brigade's visit and all the safety information they passed on to us to share with our families.



Governor Focus

The Autumn term is always a busy term in school and even more so as we approach Christmas. As governors it is always good to see the outcomes of plans presented to us earlier in the term. This morning I have seen some excellent feedback on the new style reports and drop in sessions that have been implemented this term and we will hear more about these at the last local governing body meeting of the year on Tuesday. As I left school this morning another governor, in her role as EYFS lead, was arriving to see the outcome of some other hard work - the reception Christmas play which I'm sure will have been amazing. Sue Robinson (Chair of Governors)

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 1V & 3LA (Mrs Valentine & Mrs Lambert/Andrews) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.1% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 152 pupils = 39%

What I love about Woodloes

School is brilliant because everything is challenging but fun and I learn new things every day!

Faith
Year 5



Take control! Follow the link to set parent controls on a variety of devices in your home:



<http://parentalcontrols-on.org/>

Recommended KS1 app: Endless Reader.

This new app tests younger children on their sight reading of high frequency words. It includes interactive puzzles, sentence puzzles and colourful monsters demonstrate the meaning of the words.

Pupil Voice



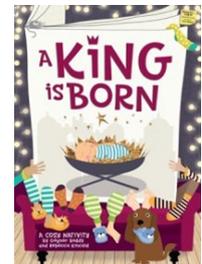
Next Friday (last day of term) we are inviting pupils to

'Wear your Christmas Jumper Day'. Everyone is invited to wear their Christmas jumpers (no uniform required) for the last day of the autumn term. No donation needed.

Focus on Excellence

The children have worked extremely hard at practising and performing their Christmas production.

A huge well done to all of the children for their excellent acting skills!



Other News

Christmas Dinner

There will be a menu change on the last day of term (Friday 21st December) and the options currently shown will be replaced by Christmas dinner, consisting of turkey with all the trimmings (vegetarian option will be a quorn fillet). The cost remains the same as a usual school dinner. Payment must be made via Parent Pay before the dinner is taken.

Sporting Achievement

We would like to recognise that one of our Year 6 pupils for her sporting achievements. Zoe regularly competes in various competitions and has won many awards. She dedicates a lot of her spare time (and energy) to a sport that she loves and we would like to congratulate her on her many cycling awards.



Friends

Friends would like to thank everyone who either made donations to support their stall at the recent Victorian Fayre in Warwick, or who visited the stall on the evening. In excess of £300.00 was raised on the evening, which is a fantastic amount. Friends are very keen to recruit some new members. Can you spare a little free time, either to be on the Friends Committee to help organise events etc. or to help as/when required? If so, please let the school office know.

Pupil Request

One of our KS2 pupils is asking for help with a project 'Help the Homeless' before Christmas. Can you spare any scarves/gloves/hats for adults? If so, please forward them to school on/before 20th December. Thank you

Lost Property

A final reminder that we will be disposing of all lost property at the end of this term. Please therefore take this last opportunity to have a look at our lost property box (located in foyer by the school office) on/before the last day of term, Friday 21st December.