



Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been Book Week and there have been many exciting activities intended to help children learn something new and to develop a love of reading. We have enjoyed a series of events including a visit from an author and a trip to the book café to visit family, check out some books and have a cake: what's not to love about that!?

The 'visiting author' - Heather Butler - spent the day working with the children and she gave me some wonderful feedback about their enthusiasm, lovely manners and positive attitudes to learning. It is so lovely when someone provides such positive, unsolicited feedback.

We enjoyed a whole school assembly this morning to share our book week experiences and to perform some year group and whole school poetry. These 'poetry slam' events work brilliantly at Woodloes and we all thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to come together and share our learning.

There are lots of people to thank for the success of this week. Mrs May organised the whole thing and Mrs North has been very generous with her time in the book fair. Mrs Valentine led the Poetry slam assembly (with Arez and Izzy) and the PTA were amazing, running tea and cakes all day on Wednesday; an incredible team effort overall!

The real measure of success will be whether our children read more and enjoy reading for pleasure. I hope they feel inspired to read over half term and hope you get chance as a family to spend some time sharing a book together.

All the best and thank you for your support this half term!

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

What's Going On

Friday 14th February -
Last day of this half term

Monday 24th February—
First day of 2nd half Spring Term

Tuesday 25th February -
Year 5 Swimming

During this week, Reception children were lucky to listen to a story told by the author Heather Butler. She told us all about how she used to make up stories using toys and objects that her two sons would bring to her. She showed us the objects including a bear, a pull a long duck and a wooden camel. She then told us a story using illustrations of the toys. It was a lovely end to our day!



Governor Focus

One of the key things for me that came out of our recent governor training session was confirmation that we are very effective in the way we undertake school monitoring and visits. However, we recognise that there is always room for improvement and the training will help us to do this. Particularly so in that we were also able to look at techniques adopted by other governing bodies which we can use to enable us to be even more effective.

Mick Potter
Vice Chair of Governors

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 5W (Miss Winstanley) with 99.7%

Whole school attendance to date - 96.7% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 100 pupils = 25%

What I love about Woodloes

Everything in school is fun. If your handwriting is neat, you can have a pen licence. Maths is fun but you can't use your pen licence. We are all kind friends in Woodloes Primary School. We never hurt anyone.
Year 3 pupil



Friends

Following the amazing success of the book café earlier this week, Friends are busy counting the coins (and notes)!

It is estimated that approximately £280.00 was raised following the sale of cakes/tea/coffee etc., which Friends are putting towards the various events that have taken place during book week ie., the author visit, the purchase of themed books for each class etc.

Friends would like to say their own particular 'thank you' to all the parent/carer helpers, plus other family members who helped make the book café a huge success.

Focus on Excellence

This week, Year Two have really thrown themselves into Book Week!

In particular, they have been looking at the book 'Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World' and, within this, they have been learning about Amelia Earhart and the fact that she was the first ever woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

Year Two, along with the rest of the school, have really enjoyed celebrating book week this week with the various activities and events that have taken place and we hope that they have been talking to you about these!

Other News

Dates

As mentioned at the beginning of the academic school year, the bank holiday date in May has been changed this year — from Monday 4th May to FRIDAY 8th MAY. Please note your calendar accordingly!



Marle Hall Year 5

As advised previously, the next instalment (if not already paid) is due today, 14th February. Please log onto your parent pay account and process the £50.00 payment. A letter is being sent out when the children return to school after half term with further details about this trip. Please look out for this, as it does contain important information. Thank you

Uniform

With next week being half term, the holiday period is always a good opportunity for parents/carers to check their child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name. There are always a number of items in lost property that have been labelled (in biro) and after a few washes, the name fades away and we are unable to identify the owner(s)! Please spend 5 minutes checking and labelling (re-labelling if necessary), so that we can try and reduce the amount of lost property. Thank you

School Holidays Activities

Warwick School are advertising their half term holiday club, which takes place from Monday 17th to Friday 21st February. They are taking bookings and courses are available for children from Reception upto Year 6. Please refer to their website <https://www.warwickschool.org/february-half-term-2020>