



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been blown away recently by the range and quality of work being produced by the children across the school, so much so, that I thought I would take a camera round the school with me to capture what's going on. I have seen fantastic home learning displays around school and some lovely work on British Values. There are great examples of cross-curricular work which show the use of literacy and numeracy skills across a range of exciting subjects and some wonderful art work which include a fantastic display of Mexican masks. As you know, we are providing lots of opportunities to help children make improvements in reading and maths and the quality of displays in these subjects shows excellent impact, confirming the good progress children have made during the autumn term. We have parents evening drop-ins next Wednesday giving you the opportunity to see your child's work and collect their autumn term report. I hope you also get the chance to look around the school and see how much has been achieved already this school year!

I wrote to parents in Year 2 this week to inform them that Mrs Bailey is pregnant and is expecting her first child next April. We are very excited for her and would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to her and her husband. We will of course ensure that we maintain the very highest standards in Year 2 when she goes on maternity leave and more details will follow in the new year.

Many thanks for your continuing support!

Andy Mitchell– Head Teacher

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

Monday 10th December—  
Flu Vaccinations for Years Reception to Year 5  
Tuesday 11th December—  
9.00am Saplings Christmas Production (1 of 2)  
Year 5 Swimming  
Wednesday 12th December—  
2.30pm Saplings Christmas Production (2 of 2)  
4.00pm-7.00pm 'Drop In' to collect termly report & see books  
Friday 14th December—  
9.20am Reception Christmas Production  
2.40pm Achievement Assembly  
Class RE and Yrs 2, 4 & 6

Year 5 are enjoying their home and school reading and seeing the impact it is having on their learning in all areas of the curriculum.



## Governor Focus

This week the Chair of Governors met with other Chairs of Governors within the Warwick and Southam consortium of schools. This is an opportunity to share best practice and learn what other schools are doing. One of the themes we discussed was health and wellbeing which is often forgotten in the pursuit of improved performance and standards. It is important that governors consider the health and wellbeing of both staff and pupils when contributing to the development of policies and plans and when making decisions. Improving the health and wellbeing of pupils and staff is one of the priority themes of the schools Learning Improvement Plan - we all recognise that happy and healthy individuals are more productive

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class RE (Miss Evans) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.2% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 168 pupils = 43.5%

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

I love my handwriting lesson!

Annie  
Year 1



## eSafety

Our Online safety message this week is:

*Have you checked yours and your family members' privacy settings on social media and gaming sites recently? Make sure everything is set to 'private' – updates can sometimes alter your settings.*

Recommended app: Spelling Bee.

This app turns spelling practice into fun games and includes over 1000 practice tests to choose from.

## Pupil Voice



It's that time of year ..... !

Everyone has been working incredibly hard and pupils (and parents/carers) are no doubt looking forward to the forthcoming holidays.

In celebration of this, we are inviting pupils to wear their Christmas jumpers (or festive coloured clothes) on the last day of term—Friday 21st December. No uniform required on this day, but please ensure sensible weather related clothes, including sensible shoes, are worn.

## Focus on Excellence

Year 1 are thrilled with the progress the children have made this year and can't wait to chat to parents/carers at Report Evening next week. Assessment is a time to reflect and what a term we've had; Forest Schools is a favourite of the children's and we were thrilled to include it early in our curriculum. Harvest performance came and went with brilliant success, closely followed by a wonderful Autumn walk to the Guy's Cliff walled garden to observe seasonal changes (Science). Our Diwali Day was so creative and appealed to the children through dance, music art, story telling and food. Year 1 were also thrilled to contribute to the 100 Year celebration of Peace (The end of WW1) by making poppies for our school installation and well done to the children who managed to share facts during the assembly too. Swiftly moving on to our latest topic, 'To Infinity and Beyond' our space day was so much fun with maths, role play and reading featuring heavily.

All these wonderful experiences that enrich the children's learning would not be possible without your help and support. The Year 1 teaching staff would like to thank you for being 'on board' with the learning styles we like to adopt. Special thanks to our kind volunteers (no name checks but you know who you are!) who make such adventures possible. Thank you to all of you.

## Other News .....

### Flu Vaccinations

As advised in previous communication and, as per recent reminders, flu vaccinations will be taking place on Monday (10th December) in school for children for whom we have received a completed consent form from Reception through to Year 5. If you have not returned a completed consent form, your child will not be able to have the vaccination at school on Monday and you will need to your local medical practice to make alternative arrangements.

### School Health & Wellbeing Service

Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service and Warwickshire Young People Substance Misuse Service has launched a new way for parents/carers of school aged children to get confidential advice/support about child health related issues. Chathealth is an award winning school nurse messaging service (07520 619376) Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Answering a text message will be a nurse who can assist with any queries about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting etc. Meanwhile, the opportunity to discuss health issues relating to your child is always available and The School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245204.

### School Milk

School milk is accessible for your child (if you wish to register them). If your child does not currently receive school milk and you wish them to do so, please visit [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register) (free for children 4 and under, but you still have to register if you wish them to receive milk).

### Lost Property

Once again, we will be disposing of lost property at the end of this term. Please therefore check the lost property box before Friday 21st December. After this date, all good quality clothing in lost property will be donated to the Air Ambulance clothing bank, situated at the side of the school.