



Dear Parents and carers,

At the end of a freezing cold week, there have been some great highlights to report. We welcomed our Year 3 parents to school to watch the Year 3 assembly and we were all very impressed by the breadth and quality of their learning. There are some key elements I look for when our children present their assemblies. I am looking to see the full range of learning across the curriculum and I am also looking to judge the quality of the children's work. The key ingredient for me though it to see how confident they are to share their many achievements in front of an audience. It gives them the opportunity to focus their thoughts and share the depth of their understanding which helps to make the learning more memorable. Every assembly I have seen so far has provided excellent evidence about the quality of education and has given the children the opportunity to share with the wider school community how much they have enjoyed their work.

Well played Year 3!

I have also been incredibly impressed by the Year 6 team this week. We recognise that the level and complexity of the children's curriculum increases steeply as they progress through KS2 and our Year 6 teachers held an information evening for parents last night to help them to provide the right kind of support as they prepare for transition to secondary school. Many thanks to everyone who attended to make this such a worthwhile event.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Mitchell– Head Teacher

What's Going On

Tuesday 5th February—
Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 6th February—
Year 2 Assembly 9am

Friday 8th February—
Achievement Assembly
Class RE and Years 2, 4 & 6

Congratulations to the year 4 children who attended the Personal Best Challenge at Champion Secondary School last week. They participated in many activities and demonstrated their excellent fitness and agility skills.

Thank you to Mrs Link and Mrs Dyson who volunteered to support this event.



Governor Focus

Ofsted's consultation on the new Education Inspection Framework was launched on 16 January by Her Majesty's chief inspector, Amanda Spielman. The proposals will affect how Ofsted inspects schools and early years settings. The revised framework has a stronger focus on whether pupils are being taught a broad curriculum, rather than concentrating so heavily on performance data, and also includes for the first time a separate judgement for behaviour. Although Ofsted are currently seeking views on the proposals before the final inspection framework is published in summer 2019, staff and governors at Woodloes are already considering what the changes could mean and are reviewing the current curriculum. As with most things it is important to plan for the future rather than being taken by surprise!

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 1V (Mrs Valentine) with 99.7%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 93 pupils = 24%

What I love about Woodloes

Reading is fun in
Woodloes!

Grace Year 1



eSafety

Be careful not to give away personal information in photographs, such as the logo on school jumpers or a door number; you don't know who will end up seeing these photographs.

Recommended app: Exploring this interactive Dr. Seuss storybook, children can learn new vocabulary, encourage their literacy skills, and even personalise the story with their own narration. The new improved version has a 'record and share' feature that lets you record and save the narration of multiple readers. This early reading app is available for £2.49 in the Apple Store.

Focus on Excellence

Year 3 have had an exciting start to the spring term and travelled back in time to Roman Britain. From mosaics to Mount Vesuvius, we have been discovering all about the rise of the Roman Empire as the children engage with our exciting 'Togas and Tesserae' topic.

Last week, Year 3 visited Priory House in Warwick. We learnt how archaeologists find out about the past and what equipment they use. In the afternoon we were able to apply our knowledge of healthy eating and nutrition, as we discovered what a Roman menu might have looked like.



Other News

Book Week

It's that time of year again when we start looking forward to Book Week (11th to 15th February). Mrs Lambert has been extremely busy making preparations for this and a separate letter has sent out with full details of what is happening during the above week in school. Meanwhile, if you can offer any help at all with the book fair after school during book week, please let the school office know. Thank you

Data Collection/GDPR

Last week we sent out data collection sheets/new GDPR compliant permission forms. Thank you to those parents/carers that have already completed and returned these. A quick reminder that we do require these back on/before Friday 8th February. Thank you

Class Photos

Today the children had their class photos taken. Proofs will be sent out to parents/carers as soon as we receive these from the photographers.

Cold weather

Please ensure your child has appropriate warm clothing i.e. coat, hats and gloves to wear to school and during break times. There are a number of children arriving without these items.

Extra Curricular

Central Ajax Football Club are currently looking for players, under 8's (year 3). Training takes place every Monday evening. League matches are played on Saturday mornings. If interested, email james8082@hotmail.co.uk

Messy Church

Messy Church takes place on the 2nd Saturday of the month (9th February, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May) from 10.30am to 12.30pm at our school — completely independently of us. It's a free club and is an informal, relaxed, child friendly gathering for families. Games, bible stories, crafts and songs are followed by lunch. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to register or book, you can just turn up. For more information, contact Claire Reid on 07950 942093 or go on their facebook page @MessyChurchWoodloes