



Dear Parents and Carers,

A sunny day to end a super week at Woodloes! The Year 2 curriculum assembly was a highlight this week for many reasons. Not only did it give the children an opportunity to showcase how much they have learned in school but it was great to see such a fantastic attendance from our parents.

We had a great turnout of parents also at last Friday's Achievement assembly and there has been a lot of discussion about the quality of support the children have received at home: the importance of this cannot be underestimated. We always receive fantastic support and this is an incredibly strong feature of our Woodloes community.

Home support with reading and phonics in KS1 is vital and a continuation of this through KS2 to build progressively on these skills is essential. Sometimes home learning can drop off a little in KS2, particularly as children can be more motivated to play games online. However, we would advocate a good balance of home learning and 'play time' to ensure the children continue to make good progress with their overall development and if you would like some further advice with this then please contact your child's class teacher: they will have lots of helpful suggestions.

Many thanks for your continuing support!

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

What's Going On

Monday 10th to Friday 14th February -
Book Week
(see separate letter for further information)

Tuesday 11th February -
Reception Vision Screening
Year 5 Swimming

Friday 14th February -
Achievement Assembly
Class RH, Years 1, 3 & 5

Week beginning 17th February -
Half Term

Year 4 have been really enjoying using the fabulous new school chrome books in computing. This term we are learning to code and are now able to programme our chrome books to launch rockets, make super heroes fly, create sounds and make characters disappear!



Governor Focus

I had the pleasure of attending Year 2 assembly on Wednesday morning. It was great to see how the many things I have discussed with Mrs May came together to showcase some of the work undertaken by Year 2 so far this term. It also highlighted how things link together across the curriculum. This was followed up by Mrs May and myself looking at year 2 workbooks to see evidence of sequencing. Sequencing is one of many skills that contribute to children's ability to comprehend what they read (fiction, non fiction or prose). They then build skills through identifying the components of the story (beginning, middle and end) and by retelling the events through an independent piece of writing.

Mick Potter, Vice Chair of Governors

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class RE & 3G (Miss Evans & Miss Goodrick) with 99.3%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.6% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 88 pupils = 22%

What I love about Woodloes

I like that we get to read every day. I also like how we receive rewards for our reading if we read a million words!
Lily, Year 4



Chicken update

You may recall, earlier this term, we put out a plea on behalf of our feathery friends (see details in our newsletter dated 10th January, which is on our website).

If you are able to contribute in any way

Offering your time to help paint and 'preen' the courtyard where the chickens live

Provide/make two benches for the children to sit and spend time with our feathery friends

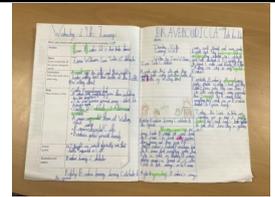
Donate toys i.e., feeding balls, swings (yes, swings), day shelters, covered dust bath, bags of hay/sawdust/shavings/tins of sweetcorn/dried corn/chicken pellets.

If you can help support our chicken adventure, it would be much appreciated. Please get in touch with Mrs Valentine (Year One teacher) via our school office.

Any help whatsoever would be much appreciated. Thank you

Focus on Excellence

Year 3 have been enjoying learning all about the Romans this half term and are excited for their Roman Day next week. We have learnt all about the life of Boudicca through drama and as a result wrote some fantastic newspaper reports about her life and how she was defeated at Watling Street. In addition to this, we made some animations on Purple Mash.



Other News

Long Service Congratulations

Two of our lovely staff members are celebrating 25 years working at Woodloes School.

Firstly, Denise who has seen a lot of changes; having started as caretaker at Woodloes Junior School back in 1985 and then transitioning to caretaking at Woodloes Primary School, when the old junior and infant schools amalgamated in 2009. Denise has never had a day off sick in all that time. Thank you Denise for your commitment, hard work and dedication. You are amazing!

Secondly, our lovely cook, Debbie, who has also seen a lot of changes; having started at Woodloes Infant School back in 1985 and transitioning to Woodloes Primary School (like Denise). Debbie is also much valued, dedicated and committed to her role.

Thank you ladies for your hard work and we hope you continue at our school for many more years to come!

Book Week

As mentioned in a separate letter to parents/carers, it is 'Book Week' next week (10th to 14th February).

On Tuesday, we welcome Heather Butler, the author of The Milkshake Detectives and other children's stories. Also on the Tuesday, we will be holding a poster competition. On the Wednesday we will be running a book sharing café with the Friends of Woodloes. You are invited to come and share a book with your child (time slots as per letter, which is on the website). We would appreciate donations of cakes (to be brought in on the Tuesday) in readiness for the Wednesday morning. Any monies raised will go to Friends for future resources and activities for all of the children. On Friday children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character where we will celebrate the week's achievements during a special book week assembly.

From Monday to Thursday, the book fair will be taking place in the small hall from 3.15pm until 4.00pm. If you are able to help with this, please let us know. During the book fair, there will be an opportunity to acquire 'used school uniform' items for a small donation. Pop along and pick up a bargain!

Marle Hall

An instalment of £50.00 is due 14th February (if not already paid). Please log onto parent pay and process this payment. The total cost of the trip is now confirmed at £255.00. Letter to follow shortly with further details, including details of the next meeting, which will take place on Wednesday 18th March at 6.00pm.

Messy Church

Messy Church are here tomorrow, 8th February, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. It is FREE. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. There will be games, stories, songs etc. No need to book, just pop along.