



Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all of you!

The children have returned to school rested and refreshed and have settled very well back into their school routines. I have spoken to quite a few children this week who have told me they enjoyed Christmas but were pleased to be able to see their friends again in school.

During our Training Day on Monday, we looked closely at strategies for developing the children's vocabulary and specifically Tier 2 and Tier 3 vocabulary which helps children with their reading comprehension. We also looked at how we are delivering DR ICE strategies in the classroom to accelerate the children's progress and it is great to see how this has developed across the school since September.

We will be putting more information about vocabulary development and DR ICE in circulation during the coming weeks but if you are interested to know more then I am sure your child's class teacher would be happy to talk to you about what this looks like in the classroom.

Best wishes for a fantastic term!

What's Going On

Monday 14th January
8.45am-9.30am Class RE 'Stay & Play'

Tuesday 15th January
Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 16th January
Saplings 'Stay & Play'
9.00am-10.00am & 12.30-1.30pm

Friday 18th January
8.45am-9.30am Class RL 'Stay & Play'
Achievement Assembly Yrs RL, 1, 3 and 5

This week in Reception we have read a story called 'Scrawny Cat'. We made cat pancakes using strawberries, raisins, grapes and strawberry laces. We enjoyed eating our pancakes and even washed up our own plates!



Governor Focus

During governor meetings, we have had the opportunity to discuss the exciting DR ICE training which is continuing to take place within staff meetings and training days at Woodloes Primary. One of the initial discussions involved the meaning of the acronym: **D** (Deepening thinking) **R** (Role modelling) **I** (Impact on learning) **C** (Challenging expectations) **E** (Engaging learning). It was also valuable to hear about the positive impact this new school strategy is having on our pupils' learning. The pupils' enthusiasm is infectious and we are sure that you as parents/carers have been told more details about this by your child.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week of term—Class 2B (Mrs Bailey) with 97.2%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.8% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 126 pupils = 32.3%

What I love about Woodloes

I like Woodloes because I do choir on Wednesdays, dance on Mondays and play the keyboard on



Remember to visit the school website where you'll find a drop-down bar leading you to many 'Stay Safe Online' links. Recommended website: <http://www.funenglishgames.com/readinggames/directions.html> Read the instructions carefully and then give directions in the correct order. Plot the shortest possible map routes between locations such as a park, school, café, swimming pool and skate park.

Focus on Excellence

Year 6 children (and adults) have returned to school full of enthusiasm, energy and motivation, excited to learn this half term's topic: Marvellous Monarchy. The children are currently writing a biography about Queen Elizabeth II and are discovering some really interesting facts. Did you know, although she is the longest reigning British monarch, she is actually the 6th longest in the world? We are buzzing with the discovery of more fascinating facts about the Queen and I'm sure you've been hearing a few at home too. Best wishes for 2019 from all the Year 6 team

Other News

Reception Intake 2019

A quick reminder, if you have a child due to start in Reception this year (or know anyone else who has a child due to start), the deadline to apply for a place is Tuesday 15th January. Go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions. Alternatively, phone the Admissions office on 01926 414143. Place for 2019 will be offered on 16th April 2019.

Music Payments

Payments for music tuition are now available on ParentPay. Payment is required no later than 18th January 2019. Please contact the School Office if you have any queries regarding this.

Extra Curricular

An updated Extra Curricular Timetable was issued and sent out at the end of the Autumn Term, showing a few updates to the schedule. Take a look at this and, if your child is interested in any of the clubs, please speak to the school office for further details.

Data Collection/GDPR

Every year, as part of our school procedures, we send out 'data collection' forms to parents/carers. This is to check that the details we hold for your child/children are correct and up to date.

Following the new GDPR laws that came into force last year, we are also updating other information and therefore, with the data collection form, you will also find a revised consent form for the recording and use of images and also a consent form for data sharing with third parties.

We will be sending out the above documentation shortly. Please look out for this, as it is very important that you read, check, complete and return the required forms at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you