



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's half term next week and judging by the tiredness levels I have seen across the school during the last couple of days it can't come soon enough. We have made a tremendous start to the new year exemplified superbly by Year 2 in their Harvest performance on Wednesday.

The children have gelled brilliantly as a new team and have grown in skill and confidence already this term, something I have seen evidence of in every year group across the school.

Well done to Year 2 and to all of the other classes who has worked so hard this term.

We have our PTA disco tonight which has been a source of great excitement and this will provide a great sign off for this first half term. Don't forget that we have a training day tomorrow so there will be an opportunity for the children to catch up on some rest.

Enjoy half term and many thanks for your continuing support.

**Andy Mitchell -  
Headteacher**

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

Monday 4th November—  
First day of (autumn)  
second half term

Tuesday 5th November -  
Year 4 Swim

Thursday 7th November -  
8.45am to 9.30am Stay & Play  
Class RH

This week Year 3 celebrated the end of their half term topic by being transported back to Stone Age times! Using green screen technology the children visited Stonehenge and came face to face with some of the Stone Age's famous sights. They used their design and technology skills to create tools, jewellery and huts in the forest. Finally, a chocolate Bourbon Stonehenge was built and consumed along with some fruit stew. The children had a great time and were able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the era exceptionally.



## Governor Focus

This week at our Governors' meeting we discussed, amongst other things, the results of the Parents' survey that we conducted at the end of the Summer term. In total we received 102 responses—about 21% of parents and carers. One of the outcomes of the survey is that we are currently reviewing and discussing internally the arrangements around the end of term report collecting and drop-in sessions, as well as the other opportunities you have to review your child's work and discuss their progress with staff.

Louisa Farino, Chair of Governors

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 6K & 6BU (Mrs Khaira & Mrs Burnard) with 98.4%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.4% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 203 pupils = 51%

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

I like Woodloes because I get to improve with all of my learning.  
Sandi  
Year 3



### Friends of Woodloes



As we 'go to print', Friends are busy making last minute preparations for tonight's disco.

A lot of hard work has gone into putting this event on; from both Friends members, staff and other volunteers and we do hope that your child is able to attend. We have a 'special' DJ tonight, who is probably more excited than the children!

A reminder of the timings .....

Saplings/Reception/KS1 4.30pm to 5.30pm (children to be accompanied by a responsible adult)

KS2 5.45pm to 6.45pm (to be dropped off/collected by a responsible adult)

### Focus on Excellence



In Saplings we have really enjoyed and embraced our new maths meeting. The children have quickly learnt the new routine and the new songs, which has really had an impact on their maths learning. The children made up their own song to end the maths meeting to the tune of baby shark.

### Other News .....

#### RSE in primary schools

On Thursday 12th December, there will be a parent information session to explain the new statutory requirements for teaching Relationship & Sex Education (RSE) in primary schools. Details of the programme that our school will be using will be discussed, with time to answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be held in the school hall at 3:30pm and we will send out a letter in due course to ascertain if you are able to attend.

#### Health & Safety Concern

Once again, we have heard from a number of parents/carers, that some people are parking illegally/dangerously outside the school and this does pose a potential safety issue for the children/parents/carers/local members of the community. PLEASE ensure that you park legally and give due consideration to others. Some people have been parking on the zig zag lines outside the school and also on the corners of surrounding roads/streets and blocking residents drives. This is not acceptable. If need be, park a little further away and walk the remainder of the way if you are not able to find a legitimate space nearby. Alternatively, allow a little more time and walk to/from school if you are able to and leave the car at home. Thank you for your support.

#### Roadworks

In a recent newsletter we highlighted the current Stanks Island roadworks in Warwick and the disruption that comes with it. With effect from 14th November until 1st April next year, the council are implementing a 'one way' system around this area to manage traffic at the next stage of the roadworks. This is going to have an impact on traffic coming into Warwick during this period and we would suggest you go to [www.warwicktowncouncil.gov.uk/stanks-island-update-2/](http://www.warwicktowncouncil.gov.uk/stanks-island-update-2/) to see how the temporary one way system may affect your journey to/from school during the above period.

#### Local Community Events

There is an 'alternative to halloween' Light Party taking place at the Church Hall, Gerrard Street, Warwick, on Thursday 31st October from 4.00pm -6.00pm for primary aged children (who must be accompanied by a responsible adult). There will be crafts, music, games and food and children are invited to wear bright clothes. To book email name(s), age(s), dietary requirements/allergies to [events@warwickbaptists.org.uk](mailto:events@warwickbaptists.org.uk) by 24th October.

'Everyone Active' are promoting their new pool at Hatton Country World. It is a private swimming pool predominantly open for swimming lessons for children aged 4 months up to Stage 5. Visit [www.everyoneactive.com/centre/hatton-swimming-pool/](http://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/hatton-swimming-pool/) for further details.