



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now completed the first 8 weeks of the new school year and it doesn't seem like 2 minutes since we welcomed you back from the summer holidays. Across the school, the children have had an incredibly productive first half term and have made the very best possible start to the year.

Our ongoing monitoring and evaluation has shown us the children have been working very hard in all year groups and have already produced some excellent work that I hope you enjoyed seeing last night at our first parent drop in session.

Another excellent measure of progress is the level of confidence and enjoyment the children show in their learning and this was very apparent in the Key Stage 1 Harvest production that so many of you watched this week. This was a fantastic demonstration of good progress and growing confidence which provides a fantastic foundation upon which to build during the rest of the school year. Well done to everyone involved and many thanks to parents for their help with costumes and wonderful support!

Have a great half term!

Andy Mitchell– Head Teacher

What's Going On

Monday 5th November—
Start of 2nd half of autumn term

Tuesday 6th November—
Year 5 swimming

Saturday 10th November -
Cross Country at Priorsfield

In Reception we enjoyed going on a pumpkin number hunt. We all went to the forest and had to search for numbers to 20. We worked together to find all of the numbers and had a biscuit and milk to celebrate!



Governor Focus

This week the local Governing Body met for our first main meeting of the school year. The main items discussed were the school's Self Evaluation Form and the Learning Improvement Plan - we will explain more about these in future newsletters.

One of our parent governors, Michael Loizou, also shared his experience of a recent school production "This week I had the pleasure to attend a play, "The Little Red Hen", put together by the students and staff of years 1 and 2. It was a wonderful production and I felt so proud of what was achieved so early in the school's term. It was evident that the children had worked hard to learn the songs, poems and dances for the play while also enjoying it enormously! Very much looking forward to the next one!"

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class RE & 2M (Miss Evans & Mrs May/Madan with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.1% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 204 pupils = 52%

What I love about Woodloes

I like Woodloes Primary School because it's helpful, kind and a happy place for everyone!
Jacob, Year 3



eSafety

Woodloes' Online Safety Committee's reminder this week is:

"Change your passwords regularly. This prevents people from hacking into your online activity and personal information."

Practice your Maths skills while having fun adventures with Maxx, the mighty monster mathematician. Download the app: Monster Maths Cool Kids Games

Pupil Voice

Saturday was Year 5's first experience of cross country: long wet grass, mud & early morning mist certainly set the scene! All runners in both Year 5 and 6 ran really well, showing team spirit and determination to complete the mile. Congratulations to all Woodloes' runners!



Focus on Excellence

In Year 6, we are so proud of all we've achieved this half term. We have studied the origin of money, creating timeline to show how money and currencies have developed over time; written a diary entry as though we lived in a developing country; written a money-based Haiku poem and designed and created our own currencies. In the final week of half term, our 'Dough' topic has culminated in bread tasting, data collections, bread designing and, of course, producing bread products!

The adults in the Year 6 team are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes all pupils are demonstrating toward the curriculum and it's great to witness the pride the children take in their work.



Other News

Secondary School Applications

The deadline is approaching for Secondary Applications for 2019 (31st October). If your child is in Year 6 and you have not yet applied, you will need to do so before 5pm next Wednesday. You can apply online at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool> or phone 01926 414143.

Whole School Request

During the first week back, after half term, the whole school will be involved in an Art project for Remembrance Day. Please send in the 'bottom/base' of any plastic containers that you may have at home. Thank you!

Photographs

The deadline for returning photo orders is Monday 5th November. Any orders received after this date will incur an additional charge for postage.

Medication

Upon completion of the necessary medication form, we will administer medication whenever we can. However, there may be occasions (due to circumstances beyond our control/other events) when medication cannot be dispensed. We always do our best to meet any requests, however, it is not 100% guaranteed that we can always fulfil these. Please also note, to keep disruption in the classroom down to an absolute minimum, we would advise that medication requests are made for either the beginning of lunchtime (12.00pm) or end of lunch (1.10pm). Thank you

Parking

May we please remind all parents/carers to park considerately when dropping off/picking up their children from school and ensure that local residents drive ways etc., are not blocked and that vehicles are parked legally i.e., not on the zig zag lines or near to junctions. Thank you

Warwickshire County Council (WCC)

WCC are currently looking for foster parents. Text CHILD to 62266 and WCC will call you back to discuss.