

# Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted inspected our school this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. They called at 12.15 on Monday to inform us of our 2 day inspection, giving us a half day to run the hoover round and put the cups in the dishwasher! The good thing about virtually no notice inspections is that the team get to see the school as it really is rather than a stage-managed presentation that could possibly skew the outcomes. Plus, there is less time to worry about it! The overall judgement is confidential until the report goes through quality assurance processes but it is likely to be published in the next few weeks and we will obviously share the outcomes when the report becomes available. However, in the meantime, I can say that our children and staff did a great job as a team and I am very proud of everyone. More to follow in due course...

On a different subject, as a dog-owner myself, it pains me to have to remind you that dogs are not allowed on the premises. Some children and adults don't like dogs or have allergies and there are obvious health and safety issues to consider so please do not bring your dogs to school.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Mitchell- Head Teacher

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

Tuesday 26th March Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 27th March Year 6 Netball Tournament at Telford School Disco (4.30pm-5.30pm—Saplings/Reception/Key Stage 1) (5.45pm-6.45pm—Key Stage 2)

Friday 29th March Achievement Assembly Class RE, Years 2, 4 & 6

# Sport....

After school yesterday, our newly formed football team played a league match against Park Hill Junior School, Kenilworth. We played well with plenty of team spirit and encouragement from the side line, which kept us motivated throughout the game. In this match, we were given the opportunity to play in different positions which proved challenging in some instances but was an interesting experience in others. We are now looking forward to more training before our next match in April. Reported by Lucas and Daisy, Year 6.

## **Governor Focus**

When I was writing governor news last week I certainly didn't anticipate that this weeks piece would be about an Ofsted visit. As many of you will know Ofsted normally contact the school to announce an inspection during the afternoon of the working day before the inspection. In our case this was Monday afternoon. On Tuesday and Wednesday the Ofsted inspection team then spent as much time as possible observing what happens in school and talking to staff, governors, children, parents and carers. As governors Ofsted want to know that we understand the school and provide appropriate support and challenge. It is a very intense 2 days for the school - carrying on as normal yet being scrutinised. Thank you to all the children who behaved impeccably and to the senior leadership team and staff for their amazing work - I am sure this weekend is more welcome than ever.

Sue Robinson, Chair

## **Attendance News**



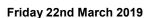
Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2B (Mrs Bailey) with 100%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 57 pupils = 14%

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

I like Woodloes because we get awards if we are here every day! Freya, Year 3





We like to keep our children safe by knowing what they're doing online,

but we can also have conversations with them about knowing potential dangers and how to stay safe on the internet. The NSPCC (nspcc.org.uk) offers advice on how to begin conversations with your child and what to do if you're worried about online safety.

Recommended app: YouTube kids - We know our children love to watch videos on YouTube, yet not everything on this social media site is appropriate for children. Google has made a child-friendly app which filters before viewing, and tries its best to make sure they only see what is appropriate.

# **Pupil Voice**



Thank you to everyone who supported Comic Relief last Friday. It was great to see the crazy hairstyles and items of red clothing worn by the children. We have now counted all the donations

and are thrilled to report a grand total of £546.00 was raised for this very worthy charity!



## Focus on Excellence

Year 5 have proved that they are 'Scientific Superstars'. During last week's science week, they investigated scale and distance using a range of scientific equipment.

The activities linked to this included:

Looking at objects through a telescope
Using a microscope to examine small plants
Identifying distant words, letters and objects by looking at them through binoculars
Using lenses to study small creatures in detail
Exploring different sized objects in the universe (from the galaxy to a nucleus)

To summarise all that they had learnt, the children then created Power Point presentations.

As well as learning many new facts, all of the Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their practical science morning. "We learnt so much and had great fun at the same time," Isabelle told us.

#### Other News .....

# **Friends Disco**

We are looking forward to seeing lots of children at the disco next week—Wednesday 27th March

4.30pm to 5.30pm Saplings, Reception and KS1 5.45pm to 6.45pm KS2



Look out for the flyers that your child/children have been given this week. With the flyer will be a 'tear off' slip, which you will need to complete and hand in ON THE NIGHT at the door with the £1.00 admission charge. (Please do not try and hand the slip into school before the event, as it will be returned)!

As advised, there will be refreshments and activities for the children to participate in. We do hope that your child is able to attend

## Traffic Calming Measures

We have been advised of a 'near miss' outside the school last Friday between a parent and child (who were pedestrians) and a vehicle belonging to another parent. The details of the vehicle were taken. Can we please remind all parents/carers to drive 'within the law' and drive/park respectfully outside the school with due consideration to others. We do NOT WANT anyone to be injured in an avoidable accident.