



Dear Parents and Carers

The stage has gone up and rehearsals have commenced which means our preparations for Christmas have started to get serious! However, it isn't all tinsel and mince pies just yet and I have been completing lesson observations this week in some year groups to look at the excellent work that is taking place alongside all of the other seasonal stuff.

I have seen some excellent teaching and learning and the children continue to produce work of the very highest standard. The main highlights from these observations are the quality of working relationships and the collaboration between the staff and the children. These relationships are so important to ensure the work planned meets the needs of every child and they are challenged and supported to achieve their best. I have also been very impressed by the children in Year 5 and 6 who have fantastic attitudes to learning and operate very sophisticated, independent learning strategies. This quality is evident because these skills build over time and it is wonderful to see the massive improvements they have all made since the start of term. Brilliant work— great to see it all in action— well done everyone!

Best wishes – Andy Mitchell (Head)

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

Wednesday 6th December  
3.30pm to 4.00pm 'Drop In' to view books  
All year groups

Coming Up .....

Friday 15th December 9.30am & 2.15pm  
Saplings & Reception Christmas Production

Monday 18th December \*2.00pm & 6.00pm  
Years 3 & 4 Christmas Production

**\*Please note the time of the afternoon production for years 3&4 has been brought forward to 2.00pm (instead of 2.30pm)**

Spike the African pygmy hedgehog came to visit 1K on Thursday. The children asked lots of questions and then had a go at holding the unusual pet!



## Governor Focus

This term we have written to parents about a number of governor vacancies. We are pleased to report that we have filled all the vacancies and the local governing body has a full complement of governors for the year ahead. We welcome two new parent governors - Michael Loizou and Samuel Langley-Swain - and a new community governor (who is also a parent of a child at Woodloes Primary School) - Mitch Reynolds. All new governors will have an induction but have already been actively involved in their new role. Michael, Samuel and Mitch will introduce themselves via the newsletter over the next few months.

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 6Bu  
Mrs Burnard's with 99.2%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.7% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 162 pupils = 41%

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

I feel happy at  
School.  
Riley Year One



Have you checked yours and your family members' privacy settings on social media and gaming sites recently? Make sure everything is set to 'private' – updates can sometimes alter your settings.

Recommended app: Spelling Bee. This app turns spelling practice into fun games and includes over 1000 practice tests to choose from.

### Pupil Voice (This week — Sport)



The school football team played their first match of the new season against St Paul's Primary School on Tuesday 28th November. The game was played at a very high tempo and on a very small pitch. Despite our best efforts we were unable to secure victory and suffered an 8-1 defeat. The team did, however, show fantastic sportsmanship and continued to try until the very last minute to salvage something from the game.

As ever the children were a credit to the school and will bounce back even stronger from this result. Our next fixture is a friendly game against Newburgh Primary School on Monday 4th December.

### Focus on Excellence

Things are going 'swimmingly' in Year 4 quite literally. The adults in the year group are bursting with pride at the progress all children are making in the pool. A particular well done to the children who swam a width for the first time without stopping to put a foot down and a huge thank you to our adult helpers (both in and out the pool), whom we couldn't do without.

The confidence in the pool is splashing into all areas of our learning and it is wonderful to see the same enthusiasm as we start rehearsing our Christmas performance. Not to give too much away, it is looking 'glittertastic' already... (Don't forget to order your tickets)!

### Other News .....

**'Drop In'** As mentioned on page one of this newsletter, you are invited to 'Drop In' and view your child's books on Wednesday 6th December between 3.30pm and 4.00pm, to see the good work they have done this term and the progress they have made.

**Marle Hall** A quick reminder that the next instalment of £50.00 is due on/before Friday 15th December.

**Year 3/4 Christmas Production** Letters have been sent out giving full details of this. **Please note slight time change from previously advertised ie., from 2.30pm to 2.00pm. Thank you**

**Autumn/winter weather** is now well and truly here. With the recent drop in temperature please ensure that your child is properly equipped ie., appropriate coat, waterproof shoes etc., during the colder months.

**Hopefully we will not be affected by bad weather, but in the event that we are, we would like to remind you of our procedures :-**

In the event of a school closure, we notify the local authority immediately and confirmation of this should be posted on their website within 20 minutes of notification:- [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)

Also on the website you will see a list of local radio stations who, at regular intervals, announce local schools that are closed.

Warwickshire County Council offer a school closure FREE text message service. To register, visit the above website. It will automatically issue a text message if the school has to close. This service runs from September to July, so you would need to sign up again at the start of September.

In addition to the above communications, we would endeavour to text you (if we are able to).

