



Dear Parents and Carers

One of our key areas for development this year has been in maths. Consequently, we have made a number of changes to our maths curriculum, including the introduction of a '6 part' maths lesson. The children have been making excellent progress and have spoken very positively about how they are learning mathematical concepts and applying these skills in 'real-life' situations which is the best way to assess whether they really understand. The focus on maths has given us a great opportunity to work with other partners to share great ideas and practise.

This week we gave parents the opportunity to visit some of our maths lessons and it was great to see parents in lessons learning alongside their children. The feedback we received was fantastic: one parent said; *"Great opportunity to see teaching in action. Brilliant engaging teaching"* and another; *"Fantastic way to see how you teach maths and learn. We can now better support them and got a glimpse of classroom life. Thank you for the opportunity"*

One parent rightly identified that this does create extra pressure for the teachers but we consider this to be a very worthwhile exercise as it helps us to work together more effectively.

Many thanks to all of the staff and to all of you for your continuing partnership and support.

Andy Mitchell, Headteacher

What's Going On

Monday 26th March —

Reception Eye Tests (subject to parents/carers completing required permission form)

Wednesday 28th March—
9.00am Year 3 Assembly

Thursday 29th March—
Last day of Spring Term



Year 3 passionately presented their letters to a panel of loggers to stop them causing deforestation in Borneo and Sumatra to save the orangutans. Well done, Year 3!

Governor Focus

Our vice-chair and IT link governor, Mick Potter, had the opportunity recently of attending the school's Online Safety Committee. He was able to discuss the work of the group with the class representatives and pose a number of questions to them. He was very impressed with the knowledge and enthusiasm displayed by everyone involved and also with their ideas for future initiatives.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 3W (Miss Winstanley) with 98.3%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.1% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 68 pupils = 17%

What I love about Woodloes

Woodloes is good because the teachers are lovely and sweet and the dinner ladies are kind to us. Also, what is good about school is that the assemblies are awesome!
Olivia Year 3



CEOP (parentinfo.org) provides advice for parents and carers on how to keep children safe on the internet, with a focus on under 13 year olds and social media. It also includes account age restrictions for a variety of sites and games and explains how to delete an account with step-by-step instructions.

Recommended app: Forestry - Free version available (£1.99 in-app purchase) Children play funny and educational mini-games to help forest dwellers live their lives. It is a fascinating and useful game and can also serve as great memory and attention trainer.

Pupil Voice

Thank you for all your support today!



It was great to see everyone in their Sports gear, with the odd bandage thrown in! What a great and fun way to support Sports Relief and Birmingham Children's Hospital. We are currently counting the pennies and will advise in our next newsletter how much money was raised.



Focus on Excellence

The ongoing focus for Saplings is phase 1 letters and sounds. This includes listening and attention skills, such as identifying indoor and outdoor sounds, listening to and recalling events and characters in stories and recognising the sounds that musical instruments make, as well playing with them. The children all show a great interest in these activities and demonstrate what amazing learners they are.



Other News

Forest School Look out for the flyer going home with your child today, asking for help with developing our Forest School area. Email us/phone us (details below) if you can help. 'Many hands make light work'!

Easter Activities

A free Holiday Bible Club is being held from Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th April at Emmanuel Church, Heath Terrace, L/Spa from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Tel 01926 424584 for further details. A holiday club programme 'TeamBuilders' is taking place at Saltisford Church on the same dates, 9.30am to 12.15pm. To register, go to saltisfordchurch.org.uk/teambuilders, or call 07730 680204.

Lost Property As we are approaching the end of the current term, a quick reminder to check whether your child is missing any school uniform items and, if so, please pop in and have a final look in Lost Property before the items are donated at the end of next week to the Air Ambulance.

School Milk Does your child currently have milk in school at breaktime? (If your child is not yet 5, they are entitled to free school milk, as long as you have registered them with Coolmilk). If they are 5 or over, you can pay for them to receive milk. If they don't currently have milk and you wish them to do so, visit www.coolmilk.com to register your child, then follow the on-screen instructions to register and pay.

HostUk (UK charity) would like to offer an opportunity for families to enjoy a special experience with the wider world—an opportunity that will offer your family a sense of connectedness with young people from around the globe. Volunteer host families offer a day or weekend short stay visit to international students. For further information, visit www.hostuk.org To meet demand, the charity is always looking to enrol new hosts.



Community Events

French Market. Saturday & Sunday 6/7th April in Market Square, 9am to 4pm