



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant first half term! The successful 'launch' that I wrote about in September has been achieved and I have seen lots of evidence this week to confirm that assessment.

I meet with groups of pupils every half term, with one of our governors (Mrs Farino) to have a 'chat' about life in school and the group we spoke to this week were wonderfully effusive about their experiences in school so far. They spoke about feeling safe, excellent standards of behaviour and exciting learning opportunities and they even remembered what I had talked about in assemblies!

Parents evenings went very well last week and I am very grateful to the staff for giving up so much of their own time to ensure these meetings go so well. The overall average attendance at parents evenings was 80% with a range from 57% to 97% and it would be great to see if we can increase this level of attendance when our next meetings are held.

The KS1 performance of Tattybogle was wonderful; it was lovely to see a hall full of parents appreciating the very high quality of the children's performances. We are all very proud of their achievements so far and can expect exciting developments during the rest of the year that build on the great start they have all made this term.

Thank you for your continuing support and have a lovely half term break.

Andy Mitchell
Head Teacher

What's Going On

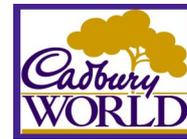
(Week beginning 30th October)

Thursday 2nd November—Friends Pumpkin Party



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

Friday 3rd November 9.15am —Reception Fire Engine visit



Last week Upper KS2 enjoyed a visit to Cadbury World. A good time was had by all!



Governor Focus

The local governing body (LGB) met on Tuesday evening this week. We welcomed two new parent governors and one new community governor to the LGB - these governors will introduce themselves via the newsletter over the next couple of months. We had a full agenda to work through including approval of policies; consideration of the school's Learning Improvement Plan (which identifies key priorities for the school for the year ahead and provides a plan of how these are going to be addressed); and consideration of the school's Self Evaluation Form (a document that summarises how our school is performing, our strengths and our areas to develop. We also considered an action plan that has been put together by governors after considering the results of the parent survey that many of you completed in July - more to follow on this. During the year governors will be liaising with subject leads and coming into school to see first hand and monitor the many aspects that contribute to children's learning.

Attendance News

Highest class attendance for last week—Class 5CL (Mr Clark) with 99% and also for the whole of this half term with 97.4%! Well done 5CL!



Whole school attendance to date - 95.7% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 226 pupils = 57%

What I love about Woodloes

I love the food at Woodloes School. Fish Friday is the best, with curly chips!
Sophia 1K



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 (This week—Sport)



Well done Team Woodloes! You have completed the second cross country race of the season with continuing determination and team spirit. Mrs Burnard, Mrs Barlow and parents were excited to cheer you all through the finish line with Charlotte in 13th place and Katie in 20th. A superb result from all runners; you should be very proud of yourselves.



Focus on Excellence

Year 1 children have settled fantastically and have been singing in tune and getting into character as they have been learning about Nursery Rhymes and Traditional Tales.

Linked to the story The Little Red Riding Hood the children were involved in making jam sandwiches for Little Red Riding Hood to take to her poorly grandma. They also had a go at writing instructions just in case Little Red Riding Hood wanted to make jam sandwiches at home!

Emily from Stage Coach visited the children and took them on a journey to an imaginary place and the children took on the role of a range of characters and then they had to defeat the nasty giant!

In Marvellous maths the children have been having fun counting forwards and backwards to 100 and adding and subtracting using pictorial representation.

The children learnt a humorous human body song and they played a game to see how many body parts they could remember in 1 minute!

On Thursday 19th October it is Diwali and the children have listened to a story about Rama and Sita and used puppets to act out the story.

This is a snapshot of what the children have been learning and they deserve a well earned rest next week. Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening- it was lovely to meet you all.

Other News

Reading Books —Over the past school year a large number of reading books seem to have been taken home and not returned and our supplies in school are somewhat diminished. Please check over half term and see if your child has any reading books at home that they have finished with and should have been returned to school. If so, please could we ask that your child bring these back into school when we return after half term. Thank you for your help with this.

Saplings—Please note change of date of Saplings 'Stay and Play' date from 3rd November to 22nd November 2017. The times remain the same—10am to 11am/1.30pm to 2.30pm

Year 6— URGENT reminder! If you have not yet applied for a secondary school place for your child, the deadline is 31st October. Please ensure that your application is submitted before this date.

The deposit for the Cornwall residential trip is due by 30th October in order to secure a place for your child.

Young Voices KS2 — Quick reminder payments/ticket and t-shirt orders due by 1st November.

Remembrance Day — As you are probably aware, 12th November is Remembrance Sunday. In support, our school will be selling poppies and other merchandise after half term. Children are invited to bring in money from Monday 6th November up to and including Friday 10th November. Poppies will be on sale for 50p along with wristbands, reflectors and pencils. Bracelets and slap rulers will be £1.00.

Photographs— As you are aware, photographs were taken earlier this term. The proofs have been distributed to all children this week and we would confirm that the deadline to place an order is Friday 3rd November. Please note orders received after this date will incur a postage charge.