



Dear Parents and Carers

Mr Mitchell has asked me to write to you this week on his behalf.

The children are continuing to work hard in lessons – only today I commented to the Year 6 classes that their quality of work was exceptional! There are also lots of exciting events happening – Year 2 created the Great Fire of London using 3D models that they had constructed and then set fire to them! They were of course properly supervised and had the Fire Brigade and an engine close by to put out the fire. First-hand experience is so important in learning.

In Reception, Saplings and Years 3 and 4, the production rehearsals are well underway; with Reception already showing how well they can speak in front of others and sit sensibly in front of others too. This is an exciting time of the year and I'm sure Early Years/Lower KS2 parents/carers are looking forward to seeing the children in the productions. Parents/carers who attended the 'Drop In' this week enjoyed seeing the children's work in their books. Thank you for all your kind comments.

We came to school today in a flurry of snow...yet another sign that Christmas in school is well and truly on its way!

Best wishes
Jane Moore (Deputy Head)

What's Going On

Saplings & Reception Christmas Production -
'Away In a Manger'
Friday 15th December 9.30am & 2.15pm

Coming Up

Years 3 & 4 Christmas Production—
'Lights, Camel, Action'
Monday 18th December 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Ticket request letters were sent out last week.
Check you have received yours (deadline to order
Friday 8th December). Tickets will be distributed
Wednesday 13th December.

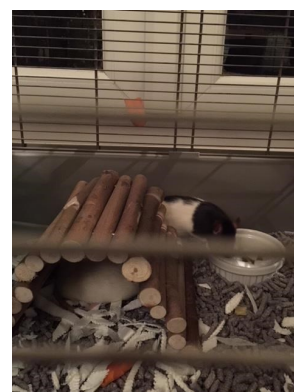
Year 4

Photograph of our rats!!!

Finally, our much
anticipated fur babies are
here!!

Introducing Dora and
Poppy (named after our
World War One topic by
the children).

Something tells us you will
be kept up to date on their
progress.....



Governor Focus

As the governor with responsibility for the subject of music within Woodloes, I was delighted to attend the recent Music Concert on 23rd November. There were splendid performances from the School Choir (approximately 50 pupils), the Steel Pans, the Orchestra and the Year 3 Djembe Drums class groups. In addition, there was a wide selection of instrumental soloists which showcased the great range of musical talent right across the school.

Louisa Farino, Community Governor

Attendance News

Highest class attendance for last
week—Class 5CL (Mr Clark) with
99.3%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 152 pupils = 38%



What I love about Woodloes

What is cool about school
Is ICT, because I get to use
my computer skills!
Daniel, Year 5



Take control! Follow the link to set parent controls on a variety of devices in your home: <http://parentalcontrols-on.org/>

Recommended KS1 app: Endless Reader. This new app tests younger children on their sight reading of high frequency words. It includes interactive puzzles, sentence puzzles and colourful monsters demonstrate the meaning of the words.

Pupil Voice (This week—Sport)

Perseverance, determination, dedication, respect and pride. These are just a few of the British Values which the Year 6 cross country runners displayed on Saturday in their final race of the season, at Priory Park and during the previous three races.



Mrs Barlow and Mrs Burnard would like to say a big thank you and well done to those who have participated this season. Also thank you to the supporters who have been there through rain, mud and brief moments of sunshine; without this support, the children would not have been able to share the experiences this sporting event has provided.

Focus on Excellence

Year 3 have made an excellent start to their 'Up Beat' music lessons which focus upon learning how to play the djembe drums. The children have enjoyed working with Mrs Honey from the County Music Service every Friday and have made great progress. This programme enables the children to play and perform in ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression. Despite having only a few lessons, many of the children participated in a fantastic performance during the school's music concert at the end of November. You can look forward to a final performance by the Year 3 drummers during the summer term to find out how their skills have progressed.

Other News

Christmas Jumper Day The school council invite everyone to wear their Christmas Jumpers/festive colours on the last day of term, Friday 22nd December. Look out for posters around school advertising this!

Reception September 2018 If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, you will need to apply (if not already done so) for a school Reception place for next year. The deadline is 15th January 2018. Go to Warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions, or phone 01926 414143.

A Makaton Beginners' Workshop is taking place on Monday 5th February & Monday 12th February 9.30am to 3.00pm and is an introduction to signing and the use of Makaton symbols. £30.00 cost. To book a place contact Chloe Randle at the Speech and Language Therapy Department, Cape Road Clinic, Warwick, tel 01926 400001, or email chloe.randle@swft.nhs.uk

The Friendship Project for Children Volunteers wanted to be an 'Older Friend' to a child for weekly outings of 2-3 hours (you must be 18+ and preferably with transport). "Make a difference to a child's life". For more details and an application form, please contact 0845 838 2098, email info@friendshipproject.co.uk, twitter: @friendshipproj, or visit www.friendshipproject.co.uk (registered charity no., 517684).

Carol Concert Save the date! On Friday 15th December, from 5.30pm to 6.15 pm there will be an Open Air Carol Concert in the garden of the Woodloes Tavern. There will be Community Carol Singing and a Performance by SingWell Community Choir. Wrap up warm and feel free to bring a torch or lantern. There will be mulled wine and mince pies available to purchase from the Tavern and the chip shop will be open as usual. All families welcome. Please note in the event of rain, the event will be held in our school hall.

Phonics workshop previously advertised in our newsletter two weeks ago (for Monday 11th December at the Woodloes Tavern) has been postponed.