

News et

Friday 16th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to see so many of you in school this week! We have had a maths information evening, Year 1 assembly and two parents evenings and we have enjoyed excellent levels of attendance. It is so important that we work closely together to support the children's learning and this week has exemplified this partnership superbly well!

We have done wonderful things with maths during the last few days and the children have taken part in maths enterprise activities. This has involved a range of 'making and doing' and has been a great catalyst for some wonderful collaboration between different year groups. This has been led brilliantly by Sarah Barlow but she has also had fantastic support from all of the staff and so many parents who have been involved in some capacity. Thanks to Friends of Woodloes who donated the initial investment to set up the project.

If I could make one small request, can I remind you to not bring hot drinks onto school premises as these obviously introduce potential risks to the school environment.

Many thanks for your continuing support

Andy Mitchell — Head Teacher

What's Going On

Tuesday 20th March

11.00am—11.45am Maths lesson drop in session (for those parents/carers who have returned slips confirming their attendance)

Tuesday 20th March 6pm Yr 5 Marle Hall meeting

Wednesday 21st March 3.30pm Yr 6 Netball Game—away to Newburgh

Thursday 22nd March Saplings 'Stay & Play' 10-11am & 1.30pm-2.30pm





Year 2 enjoyed teaming up with

Year 6 for Maths Enterprise Day! In pairs we completed an 'Arithmetic Treasure Hunt' and created 'Book Hedgehogs' to sell and raise money for maths resources.

Governor Focus

At our last local governing body meeting (LGB) we focused on pupils with a special educational need or disability (SEND). Mrs Andrews the SEND co-ordinator at Woodloes attended the meeting to tell us how this group of pupils are progressing year in reading, writing and maths. We were also told about interventions that are put in place to support learning such as Project X and how these have impacted on progress. In addition to the focus at the LGB meeting our SEND governor Charlotte Rheams spends time in school monitoring progress of this group of pupils and seeing interventions in practice.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 3W (Miss Winstanley) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.2% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 74 pupils = 18%

What I love about Woodloes

I like eating. I love hot dinners. Harvey-Shay Class 1K



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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

As advised in the newsletter last week, the school council are organising a **double fundraiser** on Friday 23rd March for Sports Relief and Birmingham Children's hospital.

Let's raise lots of money for these two great charities with children wearing sports gear to school and also a bandage and make a donation (suggested amount £1.00). Children are also invited to bring £1.00 into school to buy a wristband with 'Sports Relief 2018' on it.

Look out for the posters advertising this event!

Focus on Excellence

The focus for Reception this half term is the introduction of challenge books. The children each have an individual book with two new challenges added each week. These challenges are made to support our provision around the classroom and encourage independence and ownership of their work. The children are really enjoying finding and completing their challenges and are consistently producing work to be proud of.

Other News

Maths Following the Maths meeting earlier this week, please visit our website (under the 'What's Going On' section) where you will find a powerpoint outlining the '6 Part Maths lesson'.

Winter Cycling With the cold, wet and murky mornings/afternoons still with us, Warwickshire Police would like to remind parents/carers of children who cycle to/from school of a few basics as follows:

Ensure that your child is visible to other road users/pedestrians, make sure your child's bike is in good working order and well maintained, check the tread on the tyres regularly as well as the brakes and ensure that the bike has a bell fitted, or some means of alerting pedestrians to their presence. Make sure other road users can see your child, ensure a helmet is worn and always secure the bike. These basics obviously also apply—regardless of whether your child cycles to/from school, or just purely for leisure!

Easter Activities:-

Warwick Easter Action Warwick School are now taking bookings for the Easter Action Camp for primary aged children. Please go to www.warwickschool.org/easter-action for full details of the activities on offer and the relevant dates.

Warwick District Council To find out what activities are on offer across Warwick districts for children and families, visit www.warwickdc.gov.uk/holidays

Easter EGGstravaganza at Whitnash Sports and Social Club is taking place on Saturday 24th March from 12pm to 4pm, which will include an easter egg hunt, bouncy castle, easter gifts, stalls and lots more!

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) are looking forward to engaging with partners and stakeholders during consultation period March 5th to April 2nd in relation to 'Warwickshire Education Strategy 2018 - 2023' and want to hear from a wide range of respondents. Further information about the consultation, how to take part and the full draft strategy can be found at https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/communities-group/education-strategy/. WCC also want to hear from children and young people and welcome drawings which they could use to illustrate the final version. Please email copies of drawings to educationstrategy@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Any queries, please contact WCC on 01926 742588 or email educationstrategy@warwickshire.gov.uk

Warwickshire Music are holding a "World of Music" event on Saturday 24th March, 4pm-6pm at Warwick School. It's a free event and there will be opportunities to "have a go" with various instruments after listening to performances.