

#### Thursday 20th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Woodloes

Primary School

There have been several big highlights for me in school recently. The first was the Year 6 visit to the Eden Project in Cornwall last week which was a great success. We were one of three schools that staved at the YHA and our group's behaviour was exemplary at all times. We had some amazing feedback from the staff at Eden and also at the Cornwall Outdoor Pursuits Centre and it is great to think that we are developing such a positive reputation elsewhere. Huge thanks to Mrs Burnard, Miss List and Miss Lyons who came on the trip but also to Mrs Hood who did some amazing work with the children who didn't attend, to ensure they also had a superb week.

Secondly, we have had an artist in school this week working with the children and the results they have produced are astounding. Arts week continues next week and there will be an opportunity to see the outcomes of all of this creative energy at the summer fair which is next Friday after school. Following the creative arts theme, I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic Choir who performed so beautifully at St Mary's Church on Tuesday evening. I have received amazing feedback about the quality of their performance and we are all very proud that their hard work and talent has been recognised. Many thanks to the adults that attended with the children and a special mention to Mrs Eldridge who has worked with the choir all year in her own time.

A further update is to confirm that Mrs Lambert has been appointed to be our SENDCo in September. Mrs Roberts has done a fantastic job on an interim basis since Mrs Andrews left in December and she will be handing this over to Mrs Lambert who will lead our SEN provision in the new school year.

#### Andy Mitchell—Head

# What's Going On .....

Friday 21st June— **Teacher Training Day** 

Tuesday 25th June— Year 3 Swimming

Wednesday 26th June-9.00am Reception Assembly

Thursday 27th June -3.30-4.15pm Reception 2019/2020 Play Session

Friday 28th June—3.30pm Summer Fayre

Governor Focus

The Year 4 children were very fortunate to be able to work with an artist this week. The artist spoke to the children about plastic waste and what we can do to reduce this. As part of a whole school project, the children design bottle tops using a range of recycled goods. The finished piece of art will be displayed in

the hall to remind us to do our bit for the planet.





A couple of weeks ago (1st-7th June) it was national volunteers week when the work of volunteers was celebrated and promoted. Did you know that all governors who make up the local governing body at Woodloes Primary School are volunteers? The work of governors is quite hidden but most weeks there will be at least one governor visiting school. This could be, for example, to meet with a teacher to look at examples of work, to do a learning walk, to review a policy, to help with recruitment or to interview pupils. So better late than never, I would like to thank my fellow governors at Woodloes for their support, commitment to the school and the hours they put in ensuring that, in the words of Ofsted,"governance is very effective".

Sue Robinson, Chair of Governors

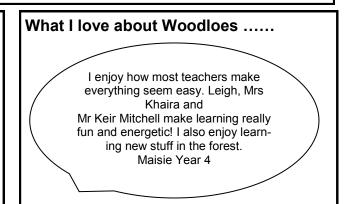
Attendance News

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Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2M & 5SB (Mrs May/Madan & Mrs Barlow) with 97.4%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 30 pupils = 8%





We are now getting close to our summer fayre, which takes place next Friday, 28th June at 3.30pm.

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There is still lots to do and Friends and staff are busy making last minute preparations for what promises to be a fun filled afternoon for families!



Meanwhile, we are still looking for volunteers to help on the day? Can you

spare an hour or so before the end of the school day to help set up stalls etc. Also, we are looking for donations of any good quality items ie., bottles (alcohol, smellies etc), toys, games, gifts and anything else that you think we could use on our tombola stall. Have a good look at home and if you can find one item to donate, it would be much appreciated.

We will be asking for cake donations too-from next Wednesday (26th June) onwards please.

Due to the summer fayre taking place next week, please note that if your child attends OSCAR, the facility will be moving to Reception for that particular afternoon. Therefore, the children can be collected from the Reception OUTDOOR AREA gate on the playground. Any queries before the, please speak to the OSCAR staff.

# **Focus on Excellence**

In Year 3, the children are becoming plant experts through their topic 'Where my wellies take me'. This week the children have been researching bees and the important role they play by pollinating plants. The children are now presenting their findings by creating fantastic information books all about bees, using their superb Year 3 writing skills. Today, the children enjoyed a visit to Canalside Farm to extend and consolidate their learning about the parts of a plant and the life cycle of flowering plants. Alongside this, the children are becoming science investigators by planning and carrying out an investigation about the conditions for growth. Super Science learning, Year 3!

## Other News .....

#### **Arts Week**

A huge thank you to artist Gill Lampe, who has brought the 'Science through sparkle' to all the children at Woodloes this week, hitting our Science and Geography targets through hands on experience and art. Thank you especially to Ms Valentine, Miss Winstanley and the PTA for making this happen and for inspiring the children in time for arts week. We look forward to much more recycled art. Thank you for your support through donations. We now have enough bottles, CDs and clothes. We are still looking for picture frames and old clean paint brushes.

Also additional thanks to Mrs Eldridge for co-ordinating and leading the choir in the concert at St Mary's church this week, we have received amazing feedback on the talent and behaviour of our children! Thanks also to Miss Winstanley, Ms Valentine and Mrs North for their support and help on the night!

**Sky Blues In the Community** will be running multi-sports & activity camps for children aged 5-11 years during the summer holidays. Children attending 3+ days will receive a Sky Blues medal and ticket voucher for 1 adult and 1 child to attend a Coventry City FC league fixture. Go to officialsoccerschools.co.uk/coventrycity for further details of venues, costings and booking arrangements etc.

## Lost Property

Once again, we are unfortunately building up our supply of lost property items. This is an ongoing issue and it is amazing how items of uniform are not labelled. If items are clearly labelled, they are returned quite quickly to their rightful owners. Please ensure that you check all uniform items and label them accordingly. This can be quickly done with a 'sharpie' pen. We want to return 'lost' items to their rightful owners. Please help us!