



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been SATs week this week and the nation's Year 2s and Year 6s have undertaken their part in this annual ritual. I won't get into the pros and cons of why we do this every year (there are plenty of debates about this online) but I would like to pay credit to the amazing children and staff who have performed so well this week!

As the Head, I have a statutory responsibility to ensure we implement these national tests according to very strict guidelines but I also check very closely to ensure that the children and staff's personal wellbeing is not compromised either in the build up to the tests or during the test week itself.

I am very happy to report that the children have conducted themselves superbly well and this has been down to the amazing skill and support of the staff and the great partnership we have with our parents.

Very well done to everyone— you are a great credit to the school and our community and we are very proud of your achievements without needing to see the test results!

**Andy Mitchell — Head Teacher**

## What's Going On .....

Tuesday 22nd May Year 3  
Swimming

Wednesday 23rd May 9.00am—  
Year 4 Assembly

Friday 25th May—  
Teacher Training Day

Monday 28th to Friday 1st June—  
Half Term Week  
(school closed)

Last week, 52 Year 5 pupils had an amazing time at Marle Hall. Along with the physical activities of canoeing, climbing & gorge scrambling, the pupils developed a range of social skills too.

They sat and ate dinner together, discussed the day's events in a calm and relaxed atmosphere. It was particularly pleasing to listen to the encouraging and positive feedback that the children gave to each other and how they engaged in conversation. They were a credit to the school & were able to demonstrate the Marle Hall values: Teamwork, Challenge, Respect & Responsibility during their stay.



## Governor Focus

Well done to all year 2 and 6 children who had SATS this week. SATS (Standardised Assessment Tests) at the end of key stage 1 and 2 are used to look at the progress children in each school makes during a key stage and to measure performance of the school. Whether SATs are the best method for assessing learning and teaching has been in question for some time, but for the moment the tests remain and we know that your children are well prepared for them. However, as one message that went viral on social media this week said ' These test only measure a little bit of you'. They are now over for another year so enjoy the weekend!

Sue Robinson, Chair of Governors

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 4SM (Mrs Skirvin) with 99.1%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.3% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 52 pupils = 13%

## What I love about Woodloes .....

I really enjoy art because I am crafty at school and at home!

Fleur  
Year 5



The Online Safety  
Committee members  
say:



Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are.

Learning game recommendation:  
Maths shopping game—  
<http://pbskids.org/peg/games/>

### Pupil Voice (This week—Sport)

Last Thursday, Years 3 & 4 sent a team of athletes to the local Quad Kids competition. They performed brilliantly in four different events – 50m sprint, standing long jump, 400m long run & howler throw. Their fantastic sportsmanship was commented upon as they supported/encouraged other schools as well as their Woodloes team mates.



Very well done, Years 3 and 4!

### Focus on Excellence

Year 1 's curriculum was much enhanced by a trip to Compton Verney last week as part of their Castles topic. The children enjoyed a variety of activities based on life in Tudor times. They explored boxes of Tudor artefacts which gave insight into the lives of the people of the times and developed their thinking skills.

Portraits of King Henry VIII and Elizabeth I were examined and the children were encouraged to look closely and consider what they could learn about these monarchs by the way they dressed and the image they presented. A highlight of this session was getting some of the adults to dress in costumes of the time and pose for observational drawings. In the afternoon experts from the learning centre demonstrated how to draw portraits and use watercolour paints.



It was a high quality learning experience linking many aspects of the curriculum and enjoyed by all!

### Other News .....

**Year 5 Residential Trip** As you are aware, last week Year 5 pupils went on their residential trip to North Wales and stayed at Marle Hall. A great time was had by all and no doubt some lasting memories were made! There are numerous photos on our website—under 'What's going on', 'Marle Hall Photos 2018', where you will be able to see all the amazing activities that were on offer.

**Whitsun Half Term Holiday** With only one week left until we break up for the half term holiday, we have received lots of information regarding activities on offer during this holiday period, detailed as follows:-

Onside Coaching are taking bookings for their holiday camp at Aylesford School, Warwick, which runs from Tuesday 29th May to Friday 1st June and a choice of multi-sports, football and dance will be on offer. Full wraparound care is available from 8.30am til 5.00pm. For details of how to book, please visit their website—[www.onsidecoaching.co.uk](http://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk)

Warwick District Council are advertising various activities on their website— [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/holidays](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/holidays) Sky Blues in the Community are delivering a 'pick and mix' of sports and activities for children aged 5—11 at Warwick Gates Community Centre and Whitnash Community Hall. Phone 02476 786349 or visit their website [www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/coventrycity](http://www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/coventrycity) for further information. They are also offering a football camp at Myton School. Go to [www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk](http://www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk), or phone the above number for further information.

Warwick Festival 2018 is taking place from 26th May and St Mary's Church are advertising events they are involved in. Go to their website—[www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk), or phone 01926 403940 for full details of what is on offer.