



Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you all enjoyed your half term break. It has been a very full week this week and I have seen work across the school that covers Diwali and Bonfire Night right through to floods and alien landings! All part of a 'normal' week in an exciting primary school.

Additionally this week we have also undertaken staff and governor training in safeguarding. As you know this is of paramount importance to all of us and we revisit our legislative responsibilities and our procedures regularly to ensure we do everything we can to keep all of our children safe and well. Following the safety theme, we have had a couple of 'near misses' in the last couple of weeks involving parents driving into the school car park and leaving without due care and attention. We also need to be extra vigilant when parking and driving around the school at the beginning and end of the day now that the clocks have gone back and it is getting dark early. We all have a part to play to ensure we maintain a safe environment for everyone. Finally, the pumpkin party last night was excellent. The children's costumes were brilliant and they all behaved superbly well whilst having a great time. Well done and huge thanks to our amazing PTA and all the staff and parents who worked so hard to create such a great event!

Have a safe and enjoyable Bonfire Night :-)

Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)

## What's Going On ..... (or gone on)!



Yesterday was our 'Pumpkin Party'. What a fantastic turnout. The feedback from parents/carers was very positive and we now look forward to the next Friends event!

Coming up .....

Monday 13th November 8.45 to 9.30am -  
Class RL Stay & Play

Friday 17th November 8.45 to 9.30am—  
Class RS Stay & Play



Key Stage One are proudly wearing their 'star performer' rosettes after putting on an outstanding per-

## Governor Focus

An important part of being a governor is understanding the school community. Before half term one of our governors came in to school to conduct some lunchtime pupil interviews with Mr Mitchell. This involved chatting to a small group of children with representatives from every year group about their thoughts on many aspects of school, including their views and experiences of learning, their progress, their teachers and Woodloes in general. It was a real pleasure to hear the children speak so enthusiastically and articulately about their school.

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week of term—Class 5CL (Mr Clark) with 99.6%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 205 pupils = 52%

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

Woodloes is great because we learn maths. It is also great because we have everyone to play with!  
Adam, Class 3ML



## eSafety

Check your child's Roblox account and inbox. In the news, there have been reported incidences of inappropriate messages sent to children.

Recommended KS1 app: Crazy Maths Adventure, ages 6+. Do you want to be a maths hero? Battle monsters and capture the spells that have been turning the population into animals, vehicles and even hot air balloons! Defeat the 'Bad Dude' who is up in the castle with your Year 1 and 2 maths skills.

### Pupil Voice (This week—School Council)

#### Don't Bin It, Bag It Update ....

Following the launch of the above campaign earlier this month, we would like to thank everyone who has helped with this recycling competition so far.

Our school is doing quite well on the leaderboard, but we do need to be in the top 3, to win money for the school, so could you help with a 'final push' on this?

Please bag up old, unwanted items for your next fortnightly collection, putting the appropriate stickers on the bag(s) and put them out with your recycling box before 10th November. Thank you.

### Focus on Excellence

In Reception we are working hard learning our sounds and tricky words in phonics, which is helping us to begin to read and write. Can you believe some children are writing sentences already?

We are enjoying visiting Ten Town in our maths lessons, learning number names, number formation and catchy songs. We even get to play fun maths games too!

We have had a very exciting visit this week from Winnie the Witch, who came to say hello to Reception on Halloween. We made delicious ghost biscuits and diva lamps for Diwali too.



### Other News .....

**Health & Safety** We have noticed a number of pupils arriving on the school premises before 8.35am in the mornings and who are also unattended. We would advise that pupils must not arrive before 8.35am. Our staff are not on duty until this time and it is a health and safety matter. Thank you for your co-operation.

**School Dinners** A new menu is effective from next week (Monday 6th November). Your child has been given a copy of the latest menu—please check their book bags! A copy is also on the home page of the website.

**Remembrance Day** As advised in our last newsletter, we will sell poppies and other merchandise from Monday to Friday next week. Items will range from 50p to £1.00. As the money is donated via a 'collection tin', change cannot be given. Please therefore ensure your child brings either 50p's or £1.00 coins.

**Friends** The deadline for the Christmas card orders is today. However, this has been extended to 9.00am Monday morning (6th November). If you wish to proceed with an order, please ensure it reaches the school office by this time. (Late orders cannot be processed. Please therefore check your child's book bag carefully to ensure no orders are left there)!

**Are You a Kinship Carer?** Do you have a child who is related to you, living with you full time because their birth parents are not in a position to care for them? A free informal session for Kinship Carers to chat and share advice is being held on Wednesday 22nd November 10.30am to 12pm at Coten End Primary School. Refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please call Niki Tolley on 07554 334210.

**Supported Lodgings (Barnado's)** Can you (or do you know anyone who can) provide a spare room for a young person to live in and provide opportunities for them to learn skills and offer support and guidance and be included in family life? An allowance is provided. If you are interested in becoming a Supported Lodgings Provider, please contact the service on 02476 372596, email [BSLmidlands@barnados.org.uk](mailto:BSLmidlands@barnados.org.uk)