



Friday 24th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a great end to this half term! Our school has just won a Year 6 maths competition organised by Explore Learning and we are delighted that the team has done so well. Congratulations to Alistair, Samuel, Chloe and Manhoor and many thanks to Mrs Freeman who has given all of our children in Year 6 great support during the year. Very proud of your achievement— well deserved!

We have also had a visit today from our local MP— Matt Western. The children have been making banners and posters about conservation, recycling and saving the planet and Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to discuss this important issue with him today. He was massively impressed with the range and depth of knowledge shown by the children and said he agreed with Ofsted's description of our children as 'remarkable'. We certainly think so too!

We even had a peaceful protest about climate change at lunchtime today which has really raised the children's awareness about some very important issues. Brilliant work everybody— have a great half term!



Andy Mitchell
Head Teacher

What's Going On

Friday 24th May—
Last day of half term

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June—
Year 5 Bikeability

Tuesday 4th June—Year 3 Swimming

Thursday 6th June—Yr 5 Marle Hall assembly

* Apologies for typing error in last week's newsletter regarding timings of this week's 'Drop In'. The next one, 10th July, will be 4.00-7.00pm

We are enjoying learning about our new topic of dinosaurs and this week took on the role of a palaeontologist! We had to excavate chocolate chips out of a cookie using a cocktail stick, without breaking the 'fossil'. The children carefully removed the chocolate chips and recorded the number by using a tally system.



Well done Reception!

Governor Focus

It has been a short half term and our next meeting is scheduled for the start of June. We will be looking closely at the school's budget for the coming year to ensure we can continue to deploy our resources to achieve the very best provision for the children. There are some exciting projects in the pipeline and we will be reporting on these next term.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Classes 1V, 6BU & 6L (Ms Valentine, Mrs Burnard & Miss List) all with 100%!

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

Pupils with 100% to date = 36 pupils = 9%

What I love about Woodloes

We love Forest School --
Making popcorn and making
dens. Working together!
Class 3LA



Friends Request

As advised in the newsletter last week, Friends are busy making plans for the summer fayre, which is being held after school on Friday 28th June.



They have asked that, over half term, parents/carers look through their childrens' old toys and uniform and start putting a collection together to bring into school from Monday 3rd June onwards. Donations will be gratefully received! We just ask that they are 'good quality and clean' please! If you are donating any uniform, please cut out/cover up your child's name on any labels.

Further details/requests will be made over the coming weeks, so please look out for these. Meanwhile, please note that any unsold items from the fayre will be donated to charity. Thank you

Sport

On Tuesday afternoon, our Woodloes Football Team played a league match against Sydenham Primary School. They were able to show off their improved skills and sportsmanship.



It's fabulous to see so many Year 4 pupils participating this year. Thank you to Lewis for your excellent coaching and thank you parents/ carers for your support and offers of transportation.

Focus on Excellence

Year 6 have shone during the month of May - their hard-work and dedication to revise and perform to the best of their abilities in the SATs tests, has impressed everyone.

We are now enjoying a more normal routine of learning again. Street child - a novel written by Berlie Doherty - has particularly caught our interest and we are shocked to find out some of the differences between the Victorian lifestyle and the life we live now. As well as writing at length within a narrative retelling, diary extract and setting description, we have also enjoyed researching and presenting information in different forms.



Other News

Picnic

Care about SEND (special educational needs)? A family friendly picnic in the park is being held on Thursday 30th May 12.30pm to 3.30pm in the Pump Room Gardens, Leamington Spa to highlight the current SEND funding crisis. Help campaign for better funding and support for children with SEND and disabilities. There will be stalls, face painting, animal encounter, bouncy castle and lots more. @SENDCrisisWarks

Also, **Sky Blues in the Community** will be holding open trials for the Player Development Centre scheme for 2019/20 season. The Player Development Centre initiative offers advanced football coaching with technical/ tactical focus for children of all footballing abilities and experiences. They have a player pathway in place where players can move up or down so they can make sure they are in a group which is both challenging but also gives them a chance to have success.

Open Trial information & dates: The open trials are run over a 5 week period. On the first week they put the new players together for an initial assessment from which they are then allocated a group to train with existing players for the following 4 weeks.

All trials start week commencing 3rd June and will last for five weeks.

For more information on dates or to book please go to this link - <https://bit.ly/2Lj54AF> or find it on the CCFC website under the community tab.

Lost Property

Once again, we have gathered a selection of items in our 'Lost Property' box. Last chance to check will be Monday 3rd June. After this date, all items will be donated to the Air Ambulance clothing bank.