



Friday 19th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Head of Woodloes, I have the great pleasure in being able to go into classes and see children participating in amazing lessons. The staff put a lot of thought into planning exciting activities to ensure the children enjoy their learning and make good progress. This has been exemplified beautifully today with our Year 3 Stone Age day where the children and staff have all dressed up to add to the fun and excitement! We really are very fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated team who work so well with children and their families to give them the very best possible experiences during their time in school.

It is a serious concern therefore, when I hear reports of staff being on the receiving end of abusive or aggressive behaviour from parents or carers. Considering the size of our school, it doesn't happen very often but even one incident is one too many. It has also been reported to me that parents have been heard swearing in front of children on the playground which is also completely unacceptable.

You might not be aware that the school has the power to withdraw permission to be on school premises if a parent is using abusive or insulting language that presents a risk to staff or pupils and it is enough for staff to feel threatened by this behaviour.

These incidents are fortunately very rare and we receive fantastic support from the overwhelming majority of our school community who work with us as role models for the benefit of all our children.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Mitchell – Head Teacher

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

Tuesday 23rd October—Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 24th October—  
KS1 Production 9.15am & 2.15pm  
3.30pm to 4.30pm—Parent Drop In to see books

Thursday 25th October—Last day of this half term for pupils

Friday 26th October—Teacher Training Day

(School re-opens Monday 5th November)

The Year 4 children had an amazing time when 2 professional chefs came to visit them for the morning!

The first lesson involved the children having first-hand experience of understanding how to taste and identify different types of food (using all their senses) whilst dressed as professional chefs themselves! The chefs (from The Royal Academy of Culinary Arts) will visit the Year 4's again and will teach the children the skill of how to prepare food before cooking it. We are all looking forward to the next visit!



## Governor Focus

As Governors, we have access to a wide range of training courses laid on by the local authority, but this year, we have the additional opportunity to attend governor-specific training courses provided by the CAT. This term, I am looking forward to attending more in-depth and specifically tailored training to assist and inform me in undertaking my important role as safeguarding governor.

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 1V (Mrs Valentine) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.1% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 225 pupils = 58%

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

I love Year 6 because we get to sit on the benches in assembly and we get to have responsibilities like Reception helpers! Also we have two of the best teachers ever!  
Ella Year 6



Woodloes' Online Safety Committee's message this week is:

*"Never share your passwords; someone you think you can trust might change your scores or make bad choices and everyone else will think it's you."*

Do you want to practice your word ordering in sentences? We recommend this online game (tablet friendly):

<https://www.spellingcity.com/unscramble-the-sentence-vocabulary-game.html?listId=15887144>

## Pupil Voice



On Thursday morning, four Year 6 boys entered the Indoor Rowing competition at Campion School. "The first thing we did was learn how to use the rowing machines and then we were told when we would race. It was great fun but so challenging – especially trying to stay seated! There were 19 individual races, but to finish, we had a really tough relay which we used our fantastic team-work to compete. "

Our individual race results were great: Oscar 2<sup>nd</sup>, Isaac 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harman 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jack 3<sup>rd</sup>

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Link for transporting the children to and from the event and also for supporting the boys throughout their races. Of course, a huge well done goes to our competitors who demonstrated commendable team spirit.

Written by Jack, Oscar & Mrs Burnard

## Focus on Excellence

This week in Saplings we have been learning about Autumn. The children have really enjoyed being outdoors and have loved learning about the world we live in and have been thriving from going to forest school and collecting natural resources and making lovely pieces of art work which we have proudly displayed on our Autumn wall. We have been learning new songs and reading new books.

We are so proud of all the Saplings children. They have settled in so well.



## Other News .....

**KS1 Production** This takes place next Wednesday. If you have not yet completed the necessary slip, please ensure it is received in the school office first thing on Monday morning, so that sufficient seats can be allocated for each performance. If you have already completed/returned the slip and requested a DVD but not included any payment, you will not receive a DVD (requests can only be actioned if payment included).

**Harvest Donations** It is that time of year again when people stop and think about those less fortunate than themselves and make a donation of items for those in need. If you are able to donate any of the following items, it would be appreciated:- Rice pudding, tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit, long life fruit juice, long life milk, powdered milk, shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, shaving foam, washing up liquid, washing powder/tablets. Please start forwarding any such items up until Tuesday 23rd October.

**Request from Saplings** Please do not use their outdoor learning area after school. Parents/carers are letting their children play at the end of the school day and they are getting out the equipment, going on the slide (for which the safety mat is removed by end of school day). **THE EQUIPMENT IS ONLY FOR USE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, FOR SAPLINGS CHILDREN, SUPERVISED BY SAPLINGS STAFF.** Thank you

## Local Community

A Community Forum takes place next Thursday, 25th October at (arrive 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start) at Warwickspace, 71 Coten End, Warwick, CV34 4NU. A number of environment improvements in the town will be discussed such as:

WDC's new approach to fly-tipping, an update on the Council's Ranger Service, local projects aimed at improving the local environment etc.

For more information email [Bernadette.allen@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:Bernadette.allen@warwickdc.gov.uk)

The Skydome have a 'school offer' - offering tickets for an ice hockey match on 21st & 28th October at £7.00 per ticket (maximum of 2 adults and 3 child tickets per booking). To book tickets please email [dalebuckland@coventryblaze.co.uk](mailto:dalebuckland@coventryblaze.co.uk) the Friday before the game.