

# News et

Friday 24th November 2017

I was very sorry to miss the school music concert last night but have heard very positive reviews. It is very important that we give as many of our amazing children opportunities to showcase their talent and the concert gives our musicians a great platform. I'd also like to express my appreciation to the music teachers who nurture this talent and give our children the skills to shine in front of an audience. Special thanks go to Mrs Eldridge, Mrs Crompton and Miss Winstanley, for organising such a fantastic event!

Not for the first time, I was required to be in two places at the same time. I went to a governors conference in Lea Marston with our Chair of Governors, Sue Robinson and one of our new community governors, Mitch Reynolds. This was a conference led by the directors of the Community Academies Trust designed to give our governors new tools to enable them to challenge and support schools in a way that is robust, skilful and secures positive outcomes for all of the children in our schools. It is very reassuring to know that we are working with 'like-minded', talented and dedicated professionals who are committed to ensure we provide the very best opportunities for all of our pupils.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

**Andy Mitchell** Headteacher

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

Tuesday 28th November— York Waits Assembly

Thursday 30th November—-Height and Weight checks for Reception & Year 6

# Coming Up .....

Saplings & Reception/Years 3 & 4 Christmas **Productions** (Details to follow by separate letter to parents/ carers)

The pupils in Upper Phase have been involved in Anti-bullying week activities this week. After watching the clip 'How can you be a good friend?' their work has culminated in creating a Friendship Tree.





#### **Governor Focus**

This week we would like to introduce you to Louisa Farino, a member of the local governing body. Louisa has been a Community Governor since May 2016 and has a responsibility for safeguarding as well as being a link governor for the Early Years Foundation Stage and Music. Louisa says "Having worked for many years in the field of e-learning, producing online training for the education sector with the NSPCC, the National Association of School Business Managers and the Pre School Learning Alliance, as well as producing training courses for Ofsted inspectors themselves(!), I hoped that I may be able to contribute something to a governing body of a school such as Woodloes".

# Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2L (Miss List) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.8% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 169 pupils = 42%

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

I like getting challenged. It's fun too because we get to go on interesting trips, like to Cadbury World. Also I like playing with my friends. Kyle Year 6







Have you checked yours and your family members' privacy settings on social media and gaming sites recently? Make sure everything is set to 'private' – updates can sometimes alter your settings.

Recommended app: Spelling Bee. This app turns spelling practice into fun games and includes over 1000 practice tests to choose from.

#### **Pupil Voice**

(This week—Sports News)



Mr Clark and Miss Evans (PE Leaders) would like to say a big thank you to pupils at Woodloes for their continued commitment to School Sport!

Last year 44% of KS2 were involved in extra curricular activities (sports related) and this is a target that we plan to beat this year.

If you are interested in a club, view our timetable on the website and speak to us for further details.

#### Focus on Excellence

Last week Year 5 performed their class assembly to a very large audience of parents, pupils and staff. This Assembly was planned in full by the children and was a fantastic showcase of the exciting/challenging work that has been completed so far this year. The feedback from staff, parents and fellow pupils was fantastic.

"I thought it was outstanding because of the variety of subjects covered."

"It was inspiring because it made you want to improve your Parkour skills." Rebecca, Naomi and Emily (Year 6 pupils and audience members).

### Other News .....

**Children In Need** Thank you to everyone who helped to raise money for this amazing charity by dressing up and making a donation. A total of £402.00 was raised. A fantastic effort!

**Healthy Eating** As you know children in Reception and KS1 have access to fresh fruit/vegetables each day at breaktime (plus milk, if you have signed up for this from Coolmilk). Key Stage Two children are invited to bring in a healthy snack from home ie., it must be fruit or another healthy option (no crisps/chocolate).

**Phonics** A member of the local community is offering a free Phonics workshop on Monday 11th December 12.30pm to 2.30pm at the Woodloes Tavern. To obtain further information/book a place, phone Beth Robertson on 07590 850731.

**Parent/School Communication** We deal with a wide range of parents/carers queries on a daily basis. We understand that, on occasion, some parents/carers have a number of issues; be it school related, or home, personal etc., but please could we remind you to be courteous and respectful when talking to any member of staff. Please remember we are here to help wherever we can!

#### Extra Curricular ....

**Onside Coaching** are now taking bookings for the Christmas holidays (at Aylesford School) from Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th January where they will be offering a choice of multi sports or dance. Full wraparound care is available from 8.30am to 5.00pm. For details, go to www.onsidecoaching.co.uk

**Ice Hockey** The Skydome are offering families tickets at reduced rates for matches on 25th November & 3rd December. For more information/to book, email dalebuckland@coventryblaze.co.uk

## **Community Events**

**Victorian Evening** takes place on Thursday 30th November from 5pm onwards. There will be lots of stalls, events and shops open 'after hours'.

**Saturday 2nd December** Warwick Hall Museum are hosting a Christmas storytelling session at 11am & 12pm (by parent/author Mr Langley-Swain). There is also a 'Make and Create' activity from 10am to 12pm. These are both free activities. No need to book, just drop in (children must be accompanied by an adult).