

# Newsletter

### Friday 18th October 2019

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the many things I love about being a Head Teacher is the incredible variety of my role. On any given day, I can be supporting families, attending meetings, planning exciting school projects or helping children to get the tricky foil lid off their yoghurt at lunchtime: in short, it is never dull!

It is during my mid-day supervisor sessions that I get the opportunity to see what the children are eating and the contents of the children's lunchboxes are varied in their nutritional value. I know that preparing a lunchbox can be another job that adds to an already long list as a parent and sometimes we just want to throw some stuff in there that they might eat. I also accept that on some days it is easier to put together a healthier lunchbox than on others and that this might 'even things out' a bit over time. However, I have noticed that an increasing number of children are bringing in packed lunches that contain sweets, chocolate, chocolate spread sandwiches and other items that are high in sugar content. I have also noticed children fetching chocolate or sweets out of their packed lunch for a playtime snack which also adds to the litter that we have on site.

This weekend, could I invite you to discuss this with your children and possibly include a few more healthy options in your packed lunches next week- it would be great if we can make some positive changes to some of our children's eating habits.

Many thanks for your continuing support!

Andy Mitchell - Headteacher

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

Tuesday 22nd October -Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday 23rd October— Year Two Production 9.15am

Thursday 24th October— Last day of this half term (Friday 25th October—Teacher Training Day)

Monday 4th November—School re-opens following half term break





This term, in year 2, we have been looking at habitats around the world in science. As part of a homework challenge some children have created fantastic habitats in a shoebox. They have all focused on including the correct plants and animals that survive in those habitats. Have a look at our amazing habitats!

### **Governor Focus**

The role of the Governing Body at Woodloes is fundamentally to act as 'Guardians of Standards' at Woodloes, where all our actions are focussed on ensuring the highest standards of educational provision in the school. We also have responsibility for implementing and reviewing the strategic plan for the school, particularly focussing on the standards of outcomes, behaviours and personal development, as well as teaching and leadership. Our role is to support and challenge the school's leadership as a 'critical friend'.

Louisa Farino Chair of Governors

### **Attendance News**



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 4Y (Miss Younghusband) with 99%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.2% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 207 pupils = 52%

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Y	In school there are many things I enjoy but, personally, my favourite
ol	thing about Woodloes is the teacher. Teachers in Woodloes are kind, caring and all have different abilities to help us in all areas of our learning.
	Parri, Year 6



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# Friends of Woodloes School

We are very busy making last minute preparations for the school disco next Thursday (24th October) and looking forward to seeing lots of children at this event. It is always extremely popular and well attended!

As advised last week, the timings are:-

Saplings/Reception/KS1 4.30pm to 5.30pm KS2 5.45pm to 6.45pm

As well as the disco, there will be various activities, including temporary tattoos, nail painting, sweet stall, drinks stall, colouring table and Halloween games.

Meanwhile .....

# Can you help?!! PLEASE speak to either of the Year One teachers with any offer of help! Thank you

## Focus on Excellence

The children have been working hard to perfect their pencil grips and are persevering in forming the letters in their name. They are doing an excellent job and are all showing fantastic learning behaviours!

# Other News .....

### Term/Holiday Dates

A quick reminder that the school is closed on Friday 25th October to pupils, as this is a teacher training day. The following week will be half term and the school will therefore re-open on Monday 4th November.

### **Marle Hall**

As advised last week if your child is in Year 5 and wishes to go to Markel Hall, the deposit of £50.00 was due on 14th October. If you have not paid this and your child does want to go, please speak urgently to the school office.

### **Woodloes Community Centre**

Did you know that 'Toddler Time' takes place every Thursday between 9.00am and 11.00am for parents/carers who have very young children. Just pop along and join in the fun!

The community centre will shortly be hosting a Speech & Language Drop In. Dates to be confirmed, so look out for more information at the community centre.

### Sea Cadets

Sea cadets are looking for new recruits. If your child is aged 10 or 11, then they may be interested in Junior Sea Cadets (part of Sea Cadets UK, a national youth charity bringing nautical adventure and fun to young people). The club meets at Learnington & Warwick Sea Cadets, Riverside, off Adelaide Road, Learnington Spa and meet on Tuesdays (band meets Wednesdays). Phone 07843 205931 for further details.

