



Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well - it is so nice to be writing to you on the front of a newsletter again!

This is the end of the second week back and the children are settling into good routines and re-building their stamina for learning. For some of our children this is easier said than done but we have good support in place and everyone will get there soon, with our patience and support.

The children have been completing diagnostic work this week which will allow staff to work out exactly where they are with their learning, so they can re-position the curriculum and ensure good progress can be made. Amanda Spielman, the head of Ofsted has commented that it is important for any 'catch up' work to be completed carefully and to avoid rushing through the process. She said;

"Building and consolidating learning takes practice and repetition. So, this is about schools making intelligent choices, not simply cramming everything in."

I think this approach is eminently sensible, and we are planning the work we do carefully to enable the children to see an acceleration in their learning without compromising on the quality of their experience or their enjoyment of school.

Many thanks for all your support and helping us by sticking to our routines - it continues to make a massive difference to everyone's safety and we are all very grateful.

Andy Mitchell - Headteacher

What's Going On

Monday 29th March -
Class Photos

Thursday 1st April—
Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 19th April -
First Day of Summer Term

*As per previous advises, Friday 30th April is **NO LONGER** a teacher training day. Children will be in school as usual on this day.

The children in Reception have all worked hard to create their own paintings of spring daffodils. Here are a few examples from

Luca C,
Bass,
Thomas and
Jackson.



Governor Focus

The work we undertake to keep our children and families safe at Woodloes continues to be of paramount importance. We have met regularly throughout the lockdown period to monitor and review our safeguarding arrangements and we had a meeting recently with Louisa Farino - our safeguarding governor - to review our policies and procedures. A detailed report will be discussed at our next governing meeting on 30th April when we will also be looking forward to receiving detailed feedback about the school's provision during this most extra-ordinary term.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class RC, 1V & 5SB (Mrs Connelly, Ms Valentine & Mrs Barlow) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 95.2% (school target 96.5%)

What I love about Woodloes

In Year 6, if we don't understand something in maths, we start off with it the next day and then it usually makes sense!

Logan, 6BU



Focus on Excellence

This week in Saplings we have been discussing the changes that happen in Spring. The children have been discussing the different flowers they have noticed and have produced some beautiful daffodil paintings.

We have also enjoyed learning about the weather, especially the wind playing with the kite & making our own wind dancing ribbons. The children have shown this in these pictures!



Other News

Friends of Woodloes would like to invite children to 'Decorate an Egg' this weekend.

1. Design an egg (teachers have set the theme)
2. Bring into school on Monday 22nd March
3. Competition to be judged on Wednesday 24th March



Year 6 to Year 7 Transition If your child is currently in Year 6 you will have received an offer of a secondary school place for them for September (offers made 1st March). The deadline to accept a place was 12th March. Therefore, if not already done so, please go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions to accept the offer, as a matter of urgency.

School Lunch Menu Please note there is a slight amendment to the school lunch menu for Tuesday 30th March. The option will be 'British Sliced Turkey Wrap' only, (unless your child is noted as a vegetarian; in which case they will be offered a vegetarian hot dog).

Class Photos Due to COVID 19, class photos (which were originally scheduled for January) will now take place on Monday 29th March and proofs will be sent out shortly thereafter for you to place any orders required.

Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) Everyone looked great today with their 'crazy hair' to support this amazing charity. Thank you to everyone who has donated. It is not too late to donate now. Go to the Red Nose website and click on the 'Donate' Button. Alternatively, visit <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3523>

Community Request The 529 bus service to Aylesford is due to be cancelled at the end of this school year, which many of the Woodloes children use to travel to Aylesford. A petition has been set up to try and save it. Visit the following link to offer your support and try to save this service:-

[https://democracy.warwickshire.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=18&TPID=1034040&\\$LO\\$=1](https://democracy.warwickshire.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=18&TPID=1034040&LO=1)

School Crossing Patrol

Please note that there is currently NO school crossing patrol on duty on Millers Road, until further notice.

Easter Activities

Warwick School are taking bookings for their 'Easter Action' activities. Visit www.warwickschool.org/easter-action-2021 for details of activities on offer and availability etc.

Woodloes Community Events are holding an Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle Saturday 3rd April. Entry is by ticket only (available upto 1st April) from KP Newsagent and Select and Save. £2 per child to enter the Easter Egg Hunt and £2 per ticket for the Family Easter Raffle. The Hunt will start at 39 Hathaway Drive (where you will meet Bunty's Bunnies) and finishes at Woodloes Community Centre. Start at any time from 12pm to 4.30pm. Bring a pen and pencil! All proceeds to **Adoption UK**.

