



Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following my welcome back letter last week, it is great to be able to present our first newsletter of the new academic year, which you can see is already brimming full of brilliant things that we have been doing right across the school this week.

It has been fantastic to welcome all of our Reception children this week and they have coped brilliantly! There are a few tired faces at the end of today but everyone will quickly build up their stamina and soon be firing on all cylinders. Well done to all of the staff and our Reception parents for ensuring the children have made such a positive start!

As our children get older, they have the option to walk home from school with the consent of their parents, which gives them a bit more independence and is an all-round healthy thing to do. This sometimes requires for the children to cross the roads safely and without incident which is why we regularly remind everyone to drive carefully around school and to only park in the agreed safe areas. We have had a near miss this week on the road outside school so I would again ask everyone to be vigilant and be extra cautious to ensure we do not have any accidents.

As I am sure you are all aware, after a very busy, momentous week the Queen's funeral is being held next Monday, which will be a national bank holiday. Schools, shops and many other organisations will be closed for the day to allow everyone the opportunity to reflect on an extraordinary lifetime of service and to show their respects. We will see you all back in school next Tuesday and would like to extend our best wishes to you all over the weekend.

Many thanks for your continuing support!

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

## Welcome to our Reception children

Reception have had a wonderful start this week. The children have settled in confidently and fun has been had!

Thank you for welcoming us into your homes last week when staff visited you and for all the positive messages you have given your children about school life. It has definitely paved the way to our smooth start. We can't wait to see them again next week.

The Reception Team



## Friends of Woodloes

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Woodloes is hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning! We look forward to welcoming you. If you would like to bake or donate any sweet treats to raise money for this amazing cause, please send them in with your child/ren by the 27<sup>th</sup> September. Individual timings for the classes will soon follow.

As a PTA we welcome any additional volunteers to help with our events! If you would like to support the PTA, then please contact the school office or find Miss Lyons, Ms Valentine, Mrs Shardlow, Miss Hancox or Miss Tresadern at school. We are excited to start planning the annual Halloween Disco and a fun, family Christmas event. Keep your eyes peeled.

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 3G (Miss Gabel) with 99.6%!

Whole school attendance to date - 95.9% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 315 pupils = 86.5%

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

“ I love writing in school.”

Harriet 2H



### Focus on Excellence

Year 5 are enjoying a 'delicious' start to their learning as this half term their topic is chocolate. Linked to this, they have already created and performed their own amazing chocolate raps, and produced some excellent cross-curricular maths linked to data handling.

The Year 5 pupils have also shown that they are following the school rules of being 'Ready, Respectful and Safe', as they are starting and completing tasks enthusiastically, following their class and school routines and showing respect towards the thoughts and feelings of others.

As well as working well at school, the children have also produced some excellent pieces of homework. The homework for this week involved creating something linked to the theme of school, for which Lola made this amazing model of a computer.

In addition to seeing the brilliant work they are producing, it is great to hear that the children are enjoying Year 5. Some of the things they have already told us include:

"I enjoyed designing our own chocolates as it let my imagination run wild."

"I like how we set ourselves personal goals to achieve."

"I like how I feel safe to make a mistake."

"I am enjoying Year 5 which is fun yet challenging."

Well done Year 5, you should be feeling rightfully proud of your achievements and we look forward to sharing more of these in future newsletters and on our 'Year 5's 'Tree'mendous Times' display. Thank you also to all of the parents/carers of the children for your continued support.



The Year 5 Team

### Dates For The Diary.

- Monday 19th September; Whole School Closure for the additional public holiday.
- Tuesday 20th September; Boxercise session for Years 1, 2 and 3. Please ensure PE kits are in school.
- Tuesday 20th September; Curriculum Meetings for Year 3 (3.40pm-4.10pm) and Year 4 (4.15pm-4.45pm)
- Wednesday 21st September; Curriculum Meetings for Year 5 (3.40pm-4.10pm) and Year 6 (4.15pm-4.45pm)
- Thursday 22nd September; Year 1 (3.40pm-4.10pm) and Year 2 (4.15pm-4.45pm)
- Monday 26th September; Boxercise session for Years 4, 5 and 6. Please ensure PE kits are in school.
- Tuesday 27th September; Final payments due for Year 6 Hill End Residential Trip.
- Thursday 29th September; Macmillan Coffee Morning, timings and further information to follow.
- Friday 30th September; Braiswicks Photography to take individual school photographs.

### Other News .....



#### Extra Curricular Activities

Our extra curricular groups are now active for this term, should your child be interested in joining Street dance, Judo or one of the OnSide after-school sports groups, including the new Gymnastics club, then please contact the school office for further information and contact details.

#### Volunteers

We are looking to recruit some more parents to our wonderful bank of school volunteers. If you can spare a few hours a week on a regular basis to hear children read or support in school please contact the school office. All volunteers will be subject to DBS checks.



#### Household Support Fund

The government has made available £421 million to the Household Support Fund (HSF) to be shared amongst local authorities in England to provide targeted financial support for those most in need of help with significantly rising living costs. For more information regarding the support available and how to apply please go to the website [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme) and [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship)



#### Messy Church

Messy Church will return to Woodloes this Saturday. A free informal family friendly gathering that will take place every third Saturday of the month in or school hall from 10.30am-12.30pm. Please see our notice boards for further information.