



Dear Parents and carers,

Undeniably, the biggest news of the week is the announcement that Warwickshire has been put into Tier 3 when we come out of lockdown next week. This has come as something of a surprise to many and this debate will no doubt continue over the weekend.

I have spoken to the children in assembly this week about some of the issues that they will be aware are evolving around them. Our role is not to steer children in a particular direction but it does give us an opportunity as trusted adults to present them with an age-appropriate representation of the facts and to provide them with any reassurance they might require.

Saplings and reception have started to get Christmassy this week. Saplings have decorated the outdoor tree next to their entrance to show their support for the Woodloes Winter Wonderland Charity which looks amazing! Reception have made Santa's sleigh (I hope he appreciated it!) and have been singing lots of lovely Christmas songs. We have some lovely Christmas plans in development for the rest of the school and we will share these with you next week.

Many thanks for your continuing support. Stay safe .

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

Year 4 are climbing to the top of Mount Everest! As part of our mountains topic, we are running 500 metres in the playground several afternoons a week to reach the 8848m summit of Everest.



## Governor Focus

We have held meetings with the subject leaders for English and Maths this week. Mr Potter met with Mrs May to discuss the current plans for English and Mr Loizou met with Mrs Khaira to discuss the current position for maths and the progress being made against this terms learning improvement plan. Following these visits reports are then written and discussed in detail by our School Standards Committee before being shared with the Directors of the trust to ensure everyone is kept fully informed. More details will be shared with our parent community in due course.

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class RC (Mrs Connelly) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 95.5% (school target 96.5%)

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

We enjoy Woodloes because we like reading, maths, English and playing with our friends.

James and Amelia  
Class 4Y



## Literacy News ....

### MyON at home - Supporting your child's reading Y2 - Y6

I am delighted to inform you that Woodloes Primary has recently invested in the purchase of myON at home. This is a wonderful digital library of 1000 books, that cater for individual levels, interests and reading abilities. All 1000 digital titles have an Accelerated Reader quiz allocated to them which can be accessed through this website and all quiz results will be recorded on your child's AR school data record. We hope that children will use myON to keep reading and learning, even if school bubbles close, so that they can continue to make good progress with reading whilst at home.

Your child will shortly be given their myON log in details from their class teacher and will then have immediate access through myon.co.uk This will be available for all children in Y2-Y6; children in EYFS and KS1 should continue to log into Phonics Bug to support their home reading.

I hope that your children enjoy this new resource and that they continue to develop a love of reading both in and out of school.

Mrs Helen May English Subject Leader

## Focus on Excellence

This term in Year 6, our topic is Mexico. Within this topic theme, we have been learning about Frida Kahlo: an extraordinary Mexican artist who suffered many tragedies in her lifetime. Last Friday, Year 6 took part in an Art Day, which was extremely enjoyable. We had four topic areas to cover, including: designing Mexican tiles, creating Mexican designed lizards, producing wooden spoon figurines and painting Frida Kahlo portraits. We used a variety of equipment and media, such as water colours, tissue paper and clay. Following on from this, we are currently working on writing Haiku poems depicting Frida's troubled life.

Reported by Harry and Izzy H

## Other News .....

### Flu Vaccination

A reminder, if not already done so, that you need to register your child for the flu vaccination (which is taking place in school on 9th December). Full details were emailed to parents/carers last week, which included a link for you to register electronically. The deadline to register is 2nd December.

### School Dinners

Earlier this week, you will have received an email from ourselves regarding Christmas dinner. As advised in this, our school meals provider, Educaterers, will be adapting the menu on Friday 18th December, to offer a Christmas themed dinner. Please follow the link to indicate whether or not your child wishes to order this. (Deadline to order Wednesday 9th December).

Whilst writing about school dinners, Educaterers have sent re-assurance that, despite any possible disruptions in the food supply chain due to the current situation and brexit, they have plans in place to ensure that there are no disruptions to their being able to supply meals for children in school.

A quick request for those that pay for school dinners:-

Please ensure that your child's parent pay account is kept in credit at all times, to ensure that they are able to continue to receive a school meal.

### Request from Reception

If you have any school uniform that you no longer need for boys aged 3-6 (particularly pants and trousers), they would be gratefully received for Reception classes! Thank you