



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can see, this is a bumper edition of our newsletter with lots of great information for you to read and digest!

One of the highlights from this week has been welcoming so many parents into school who have joined us to see how we teach our children to read at various stages along their learning journey. A quick headcount suggests that over 150 parents and carers have joined us this week which is absolutely fantastic! We are very keen to develop our partnership with you to support all our children with their learning and overall development and we hope the visits this week have given you an insight into the reading process and some useful ideas about how you might support reading at home. Thank you to you for coming and many thanks to our incredible staff who have worked so hard to organise and host this week. Top job!

We have also enjoyed seeing prospective new parents in school this week, guest speakers from Spaghetti Maths and a special assembly about dealing with feelings with a bit of healthy nutrition thrown in for good measure. It really has been a week of wonderful variety and interest!

Have a lovely Remembrance weekend and many thanks for your support.

**Andy Mitchell - Head**

## Poppies in Saplings

This week in Saplings we have been learning all about remembrance day and looking at poppies.

We watched a short video on Cbeebies and then made our own poppies using loose parts on the light box. We have also made poppy biscuits and our very own poppy suncatchers which we have placed on our entrance window for all to see.

Don't they look beautiful!

Mrs Uppal



## Odd Socks Day

Monday 14th to Friday 18th November is Anti-bullying week, we will be marking this by inviting children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 14th November.



## Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind parents that any breaktime snacks sent into school should be as healthy as possible e.g fruit. Please avoid sending your children into school with sweets as we are keen to promote healthier lifestyles and reduce litter along the way. Also please ensure that your child is only bringing water in their bottle each day, no squash or juice.



## Reception 2023 Open Day

It was lovely to welcome so many prospective parents to our first open day this week. If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2023 and were unable to attend this week please join us on our next open day and take the opportunity to see our fantastic facilities for yourself. No bookings necessary, just join us on the day.

**Monday 21st November 1.30pm - 2.30pm**

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Classes 2H (Miss Lyons) and 5G (Miss Goodrick) both with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 95.4% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 170 pupils = 43%

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

"I recommend this school because if you struggle they will help you and there's loads of people to be your friend. It also gives you a good education."

Jack 6K



### Focus on Excellence

#### Guided Reading Drop In Sessions,

We have been absolutely delighted with the attendance we have had from parents and carers during our whole class guided reading drop ins this week. It was a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate our lesson structures, materials and questioning strategies with those who attended and the children were really pleased to be able to show everyone how hard they are working and how much they enjoy their guided reading in school. Thank you to those of you who attended and who also took the time to complete a feedback bubble – we really do appreciate the comments written and how much our community enjoyed being part of this event.

Mrs May

### Olympian Event

We're very excited to be welcoming Olympic swimmer, Amy Smith, to Woodloes on **Thursday 17th November 2022**.

Amy will be leading a fitness circuit with all pupils from Years 1 to 6 and will follow-up with an assembly that includes a talk and a question-and-answer session. The aim of the event is to inspire the pupils to be more physically active, but just as importantly, to encourage them to discover and then pursue their passion in life.

All children will need to have their PE kit in school for this event, please.

Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event.



Woodloes will be supporting Children in Need on **Friday 18th November** by inviting the children to attend school wearing '**Crazy Clothes**' mismatched items, clashing patterns, the crazier the better.

Please use whatever you have at home, no need hit the shops!

To support both Children in Need and our Olympian visit next week we are asking for voluntary donations to be brought into school and handed to class teachers on Friday 18th November. Thank you for your support.

### Extra Curricular Clubs

Our lunchtime and after schools are all back in full swing this half term, spaces are still available if your child wishes to join any of our clubs, leaflets for all clubs can be found at the main school entrance.

- Monday lunchtime, Fit2Dance with Liz England. Years 1-6.
- Tuesday 3.20pm-4.30pm, Multi-Sports with OnSide Coaching. Years 1-6.
- Wednesday lunchtime, Judo with Team Redstar. Years 2-6.
- Wednesday 3.20pm-4.30pm, Gymnastics with OnSide Coaching. Years 1-6.
- Thursday lunchtime, Choir. Years 5-6 only.
- Thursday 3.20pm-4.30pm, Football with OnSide Coaching. Years 3-6.



### Other News .....

#### Vacancy

We have a vacancy in our team for an OSCAR Playworker. 10 hours a week, 3pm-5pm Monday to Friday. This is a permanent position, term time only. Closing date for applications is 9am Monday 21st November. Further information can be found on our website or pop into the office for an application form.

#### PE Kits Required

We will be hosting an athletics roadshow for Year's 5 and 6 on Monday 14th November. Please ensure PE kits are in school for these dates in addition to your child's normally scheduled PE day.

#### Woodloes Winterfest

Save the date and look out for the upcoming information on our 'Woodloes Winterfest'. Join us on Thursday 8th December from 5pm till 7pm for festive fun, stalls and a special performance from some of our students.

#### WEA Adult Craft Courses

The WEA has launched a collection of online health and well being courses, aimed at adults. The courses are craft based and can be offered with fees waived if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Further information can be found at [wea.org.uk](http://wea.org.uk) and bookings can be made on 0300 303 3464.

