



Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Noddy Holder says year after year; 'Its Christmas!' - well nearly...

We have had parties, Christmas jumpers, Christmas dinner, a Santa Dash and the big man himself (Santa) also popped in to see everyone, which was lovely! The energy levels have been high all week but it is fair to say, on the evidence of my observations today, that everyone is feeling tired but content, as they head home for the holidays.

Further to my previous communication, today is the last day at Woodloes for some very special people. Jan Jones, Julie Wickes and Matt Clark have said a very emotional farewell and we will miss them enormously. They go with our heartfelt thanks and best wishes for the next chapter in their lives leaving, big shoes to fill.

We are happy to confirm that Helen Williams and Sandy Wan will be joining Mrs Jeffery to form a new team in the Office after Christmas and I know you will give them a warm Woodloes welcome in January. Miss Sophie Gabel will also be joining our teaching team too, in Year 3, and we look forward to working with her very soon.

Finally, we have been putting contingency plans in place should they be needed in January. On the basis of the advice we have at the time of writing this, we will continue to implement our current operational plan and look forward to seeing everyone return happy and well in January. However, the picture for January is unclear at the moment and if anything changes I will contact you again.

In the meantime, you have my sincere gratitude for all the support you have given to the school this year – it makes me very proud to see what we can achieve when we come together as a community, which has been demonstrated so well this year. Have a lovely, restful, healthy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2022.

**With very best wishes to you all from Andy Mitchell and the amazing Woodloes Team**

Year 6 had great fun on our Art Day for our Topic, Mexico. We made "Day of the Dead" Masks, a collaborative art piece on Mexican Independence, Clay Models, Frida Kahlo portraits and also made some decorations for the wards at Warwick hospital!



## Governor Focus

Governors met this week and welcomed Niki Onilari, as the newest member of the School Standards Committee. Strategic plans and evidence were scrutinised which confirm the school has made progress towards this year's strategic priorities, and is on track. Mrs Khaira also attended to provide an update on maths which was very informative.

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 2ML! with \*96.9%!

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

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

I like playing with all of my friends!  
David  
Class 1W



### Focus on Excellence

Year 2 have had a wonderful half term learning all about the great fire of London which happened in 1666. They explored the reasons why the fire spread so quickly, such as the houses being made of wood and there being no fire brigade. In their DT lessons, they designed and constructed 3D models of the houses on Pudding Lane where the fire began. We had a very exciting morning last week, when Fire-fighter Gallimore and his crew came to school and set fire to the houses to recreate the fire. It was a brilliant way to bring history to life for the children and we would like to say a very big thank to Leamington Fire Service for supporting our topic.



### Other News .....

#### School Term Dates

You may be aware that an additional bank holiday has been agreed for Friday 3rd June 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Warwickshire schools will already be on their summer half-term holiday on this day. The additional one day holiday will therefore be taken on Friday 22nd July 2022, meaning that the Summer Term 2022 will now end on Thursday 21st July 2022 (as per the attached revised School Term and Holiday Dates).

#### Christmas Holiday Activities

Warwick Library have free Christmas craft sessions for children aged 4-11 on Mon 20th Dec from 10am-11.30am, Thursday 23rd and 30th Dec from 2-3.30pm. Limited spaces available. For more information and to book go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrensactivities](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrensactivities) and select 'Warwick Library'.

#### Onside Christmas Fun

Onside Coaching still have places left on their Christmas Multi-Active club which runs from Mon 20th Dec to Thursday 23rd Dec from 09.30hrs to 14.30hrs. The club consists of forest school, multi sports, dance, football and various other challenges. Lunch is included within the admission price. For more information, please visit <https://has.onsidelive.co.uk>

#### Warwickshire Sings!

Warwickshire Music are currently promoting 'Warwickshire Sings' to all Key Stage Two pupils, who are invited to join one of their First Voice Choirs. The choirs rehearse each week, free of charge. For more information, copy and past the following link into your browser:- <https://www.warwickshiremusicclub.org/join-a-group>

#### Warwickshire County Council (WCC)

WCC are currently promoting various courses for parents/carers as follows:-

**Family Budgeting**—to learn and share ideas for making family budgets stretch further. To book a place on this FREE course. Contact Tanya—[tanyaspier@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:tanyaspier@warwickshire.gov.uk)

**Food for my Family**—Learn and share family recipes, create meals for your family (ingredients provided), learn about food opportunities to enhance your child's learning/development. Contact Jan—[JanLennon@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:JanLennon@warwickshire.gov.uk) for further information. To book, go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl) (and click on 'Find a Course')

**Wellbeing for Families Course**—This course gives parents/carers the knowledge, skills and techniques to help support your child with feelings of stress and anxiety. For more information, contact [katri-namcdade@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:katri-namcdade@warwickshire.gov.uk)

**Understanding Your Child**—Supporting behaviour, development. Join for a FREE Family Learning course, based on the evidence based approach for parenting (The Solihull Approach). To book, email [TanyaSpeirs@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:TanyaSpeirs@warwickshire.gov.uk)