



Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022 - I hope you have all made a fantastic start to the new year! We started our week with a whole school assembly on TEAMS. We are continuing to meet in this way to reduce the risk of transmission by keeping all of our classes separate. We have held meetings like this for a while now and have become adept at discussing whole school issues and staying connected, even though the children remain in their own classrooms.

This week we chatted about how we can improve our school environment and the children spoke about the amount of litter we produce which sometimes blows out of the bins and around the playground. We have litter picking teams, who do a great job, but we also agreed to try to reduce the number of packets and wrappers we bring to school to see whether this would also help. If you could possibly consider this when you are providing snacks for the children, that would be great and hopefully with your help we can make a big improvement.

This afternoon has also seen the first achievement assemblies of the year. We do these in year group bubbles at the moment which allows us to celebrate the children's achievements together in safe working groups. It was lovely spending some time with Year 1, 2 and 3 and I thoroughly enjoyed chatting with the children about all the great things they have been doing.

Finally, we have received further guidance today from the DfE about further changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19. In summary, they confirmed that from Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

It is inevitable that the guidance will evolve in response to changing circumstances and we will continue to update you with the information we receive and the implications this will have for our school.

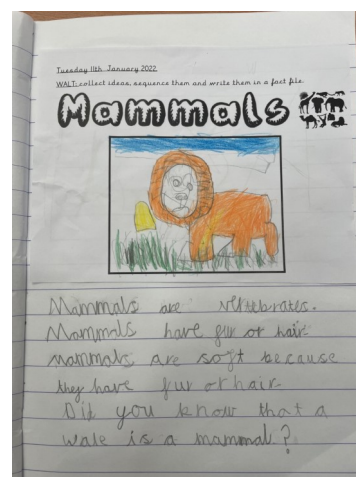
Have a wonderful weekend, stay safe and many thanks for your continuing patience and support.

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

Year One have had an amazing start to this term with our new topic 'We are family'.

The children began by exploring the different animal groups and we are currently in the process of writing our very own fact-files. We have enjoyed learning about different animals that live around the world, and the children can even name the seven continents of planet earth!

We can't wait to take this topic further, learning about the diets and habitats of a variety of animals and exploring this through the wider curriculum. Year One have made a great start to the new year and we are looking forward to watching them grow!



Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 1L & 6Y (Miss Lyons and Miss Younghusband with 100%!

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

What I love about Woodloes

I love everything in Year 1...my favourite is lunch time!

Isla
Year 1L



In Year 3 we have been thinking about setting personal goals for the weeks ahead. In English we have enjoyed reading *Escape from Pompeii* and completed writing tasks based on this. In maths, our 4 times tables are challenging us but we continue to work hard



Other News

Book Fair

We are pleased to be able to hold our Scholastic Book Fair this year beginning on **Monday 7th February**. Although pupils will be given time to visit the fair during the week, unfortunately we are unable to invite parents and carers into school to attend the fair due to Covid restrictions. There will be an opportunity for families to view the books together and make purchases safely online. More information will be issued nearer to the date, along with details of our book character themed dress up day on **Friday 11th February**

School Term Dates

Please see attached a copy of the academic term dates. Please note the two school training days on 28th February and 24th June. The school also breaks up for Summer on Thursday 21st July 2022.

School Dinners

Please ensure that you check your child's parent pay account regularly for information about school trips and swimming. Please also ensure that the account is kept in credit at all times to enable your child to continue to receive school dinners. Thank you.

Extra Curricular

There are a number of places available in many of the clubs. If you are interested in any clubs for your child please speak to the school office for further details.

In particular.....

CoolsportzTennis— Resumes from Monday 10th January every Monday afternoon after school until 4.10pm for 11 weeks. Children from Years 1-6 welcome. Total price for this is £44. To book, contact Lianne Candappa at lianne@coolsportz.co.uk or phone her on 07919 104093

Fit2Dance—Street Pop Dance learning moves to all the latest chart music. Every Monday lunchtime from January 10th to 14th February. Total price is £30 for 6 sessions.

Onside—Active Sports—Years 1-6 every Tuesday from 11th Jan and Football every Thursday from 13th Jan for 6 weeks. £30 for each course . Book online directly at www.onsidecoaching.co.uk

February Half Term

Warwick School are currently promoting their holiday club for February half term. Please follow the link below to see what exciting activities and fun short courses are available for all children from Reception to Year 6.

<https://www.warwickschool.org/february-holiday-action-2022>