

# Newslett

Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

We are very pleased to welcome back our Reception class today at the end of a reassuringly calm week in school. The Reception children look very pleased to be back in school and we will be helping them to settle and catch up as quickly as possible.

Our isolating Year 2 class return next week. They have been pioneering the use of live lessons on TEAMs this week with Mrs May and we have seen a very positive response. It's hard to believe 12 months ago some of us had never heard of TEAMs and thought that Zoom was just a multi-coloured lolly. How times have changed!

I have been meeting weekly with the whole school on TEAMs which is always a highlight of my week. The classes are so bright and full of the children's work and everyone is always so happy to meet together as a whole school, even if this can only be achieved online. It has been national anti-bullying week and we discussed this together in our assembly. This gave us a good opportunity to remind ourselves what bullying is and is not and to reinforce our high expectations around behaviour and to promote kindness and respect.

I also did a 'learning walk' this week which involves completing quick visits to every class to check on pupil engagement and curriculum delivery. I was very impressed by what I saw: every class was well organised and children were purposefully engaged with their learning. It is still great to see how well everyone is working together making the best use of their time, resources and space around the school to provide the children with a great educational experience. Well done to everyone for maintaining such a positive focus on learning in spite of all the other distractions we are coping with.

Many thanks for all of the support you are giving the children and the school, it is very much appreciated.

Andy Mitchell - Head

Last week in KS1 we remembered those who gave their lives in service to this country.

We wrote letters to the Unknown Soldier and thanked him for giving us peace.







#### **Governor Focus**

As a result of the current lockdown, some of our traditional governance work has needed to be adapted and school visits are not currently an option. However, we are keen to continue to verify the good standards being reported by the school and have arranged to make contact with members of the senior management team in the next few weeks using the TEAMs platform to discuss their ongoing development plans. This will be then be discussed in further together in our Autumn term School Standards Committee meeting in December.

### Attendance News



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

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

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

I love Woodloes because everyone is so kind and thoughtful. Also I love that the teachers are so fun to be with. Abigail, 6K





### **Focus on Excellence**

The Year 5 team would like to say a huge congratulations to all of the Year 5 pupils for how well they have settled into their class bubbles this academic year. Not only are they working to the best of their ability, the children are also displaying many British Values, including showing respect towards the thoughts and feelings of others, as well as taking responsibility for their own learning and resources In addition to this, through their participation in mini plenaries, they are also adding value to the learning and subject knowledge of their peers.

After enjoying the delicious topic of 'Chocolate' during the first half term, the children are currently learning about highwaymen and highwaywomen in the topic 'Stand and Deliver'. Recently, the children also proudly performed their own class compositions on the djembe drums to accompany their singing of the song Sanibonani.

Well done Year 5, you should be rightfully proud of your achievements.

Mrs Barlow and Miss Winstanley

### Other News .....

# 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day Friday 11th December

### Save the Date .....

Even if we are in lockdown, this is a day children can safely enjoy at school!



(Further details will follow, with link to donating to Save the Children online).



### Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service

Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service have (between Monday to Friday), a text messaging service which is manned by experienced nurses. Parents/carers are free to text the nurse and to discuss any concerns they have regarding their child. The service is confidential. You can message for advice about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and wellbeing.

Text Number—07520 619376

### Parking around the school premises

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our school community by parking safely. We still have a few people choosing to park on street corners and on dropped kerbs which can cause access and safety issues, so we would appeal to everyone to consider this carefully during drop off and collection time.

### Warwick Central Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

The local 'Beat Managers' for the SNT are PC Donna Smith and PC Kerry Robinson, who are responsible for ensuring Policing Priorities are delivered and that the SNT is fully engaged with the community it polices. If you have any relevant concerns regarding the above, you can contact the team by—

Email—wrc.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk
Telephone—01926 684361
You can sign up for Community Messages at: www.warwickshire.police.uk

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