



Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, I'd like to start by thanking you for your continued patience and support this week whilst we continue to work closely with Public Health. We welcomed two representatives from WCC's Public Health Department into school this week who reported seeing high standards of Covid-19 security across the school. The procedures and efforts we have implemented are proving effective in monitoring the numbers of COVID cases, allowing us to implement an out-break plan which works well for our school. Anecdotally, the team said the actions we had taken were 'first class' and our plans were 'the best we've seen', which, I hope, provides further reassurance that we are doing everything we can to maintain a safe school environment.

In other non-Covid news, Saplings went on their first trip this week, heading over to Hatton on a coach. They had a wonderful time and I would like to thank everyone who made this such a successful event.

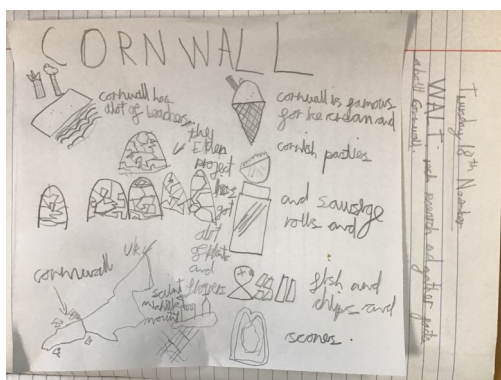
As part of our ongoing monitoring of standards we were part of a consortium moderation activity this week, comparing our work to standards achieved so far by pupils in other schools locally. We have received some very positive feedback and it is very helpful to see how well our children have progressed during the autumn term.

Many thanks for your continuing patience and support. Have a lovely, safe weekend.

**Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher**

## Photo & Caption

In music, Year 3 have been using Boomwhackers to play a simple tune. We've also continued our Mousehole Cat learning by researching and creating posters about Cornwall.



## Governor Focus

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new parent governor to the governing body of the school this week. Her name is Niki Onilari – with 2 children at the school, and we are really looking forward to her input and contribution.

In other news, governors were really pleased to read such a positive, thorough and reassuring report arising from the Public Health England visit yesterday to review the school's strategy and actions around managing the cases of Covid 19 we are currently experiencing. We are so grateful to all of our staff and school community for supporting us in our efforts to keep everyone safe.

**Louisa Farino - Chair of Governors**

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 1W with 98.8%!

Whole school attendance to date - 96.4% (school target 96.5%)

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

5B is educational  
and fun!

Thomas  
Class 5B



## Friends

### **\*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT\***

Unfortunately, following advice from Public Health, we have had to cancel Winter Woodfest. This was going to be a celebration for our community, however we do not want to put our families at risk so close to Christmas.

Thank you for your understanding and to everyone who has supported our plans for the event.

Friends of Woodloes

## Focus on Excellence

Have you heard of Bendigo Mitchell who terrorised travellers on the Fosse Way and was tried in Warwick?

This half term, during their topic of 'Stand and Deliver!', Year 5 pupils are having the opportunity to learn about the life and times of this local highway robber. To do so, they are exploring a variety of historical sources, including contemporary paintings and folk tales, with Mr Keir Mitchell (no relation of Bendigo!). In the next few weeks, the children will also be learning about the court system at the time and comparing it to the one used today.

Linked to the topic, in English sessions the children are currently enjoying exploring the structure and content of 'The Highwayman' narrative poem written by Alfred Noyes. They have already produced some excellent alternative verses and a reward poster to catch this notorious highwayman. They also enjoyed creating cross-curricular art work linked to the poem too.

The Year 5 pupils are continuing to be enthusiastic learners in the other areas of the curriculum. Their maths work is displaying their increased understanding of the concepts covered, as well as a variety of subject specific key vocabulary and sentence starters to explain their reasoning and problem solving. They also enjoyed creating anti-bullying super heroes during anti-bullying week last week, and are continuing to quiz regularly on Accelerated Reader; showing a good understanding of the variety of texts read.

Well done Year 5, you should be rightfully proud of your continued social and academic achievements and enthusiasm towards your learning, as well as the work you are producing.

Mrs Barlow and Miss Goodrick

## Other News .....

As the season of goodwill is fast approaching, we are making plans in school to work again with the charity 'Kissing it better' to do our bit to end feelings of isolation and loneliness of elderly people in our community. We will be writing letters and making Christmas cards and decorations in school for patients in the dementia wards at Warwick Hospital and also supporting the staff during another difficult time of year. We will also be sending cards and letters to Age UK members in our local area as we did last year. We would be very grateful for your support too and have been asked if we could provide the following donations for the charity:

Mince pies  
Christmas crackers  
Small tubes of hand cream for NHS staff 'thank you' gift bags

If you are able to help by donating any of the above items, then please send them into school by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. There will be donation areas in each year group which I will then collect up and coordinate distribution of, following our Covid safety procedures.

Thank you in advance for your support and kindness. It is a lovely opportunity for our pupils and families to make a difference in other people's lives at this special time of year.

Mrs Helen May  
Year Two Teacher / Literacy Co-Ordinator