



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term and welcome back to school: it has been lovely to see all of the children returning happily to positive routines this week. Before I go any further, I would like to acknowledge the terrible circumstances in Ukraine and to say that our thoughts are with everyone who is being impacted by this dreadful situation. Our staff have been supporting the children with any anxieties or concerns they may have had and we have talked about how we can help ourselves and each other if we are feeling worried about anything. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and offer any support we can during these uncertain times.

There have been some changes made nationally to Covid guidelines that I am sure you are all aware of. Until 1 April, the government still advises people who test positive to stay at home. Adults and children who test positive are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative LFD test results on consecutive days. Control measures for schools continue to be based around good hygiene and ventilation with the latter being easier to manage as the weather continues to improve. We will be updating our risk assessment and will look at some of our operational arrangements to ensure our school continues to operate as safely and efficiently as possible.

It's been lovely to see the children having fun at the pancake races and at our Friday lunchtime disco and we will continue to take every opportunity to enjoy our learning together.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Andy Mitchell - (Head Teacher)

Warwick Pancake Races - 1st March 2022



Year 6 had a great first afternoon back to school after half term walking down to Warwick Market Square for the Annual Rotary Club Pancake Races. There were teams from several local schools, Woodloes had four teams in the year 6



heats. Each team member had to run up the square holding a frying pan, run around a cone and back to their next teammate in the relay....making sure they flipped their pancake twice! Our team members ran brilliantly and the rest of the year group cheered wonderfully. Thanks to our helpers who came along and a special mention for Samuel who kept running despite his shoe falling off!

In **Year 4**, we have been getting in touch with our creative sides. Our topic is **Flotsam and Coast**. In our art lessons we have been concentrating on using tone and colour to draw bits of flotsam from close observation. We enjoyed spending time on getting the right colours and shadow to bring our drawings to life.



In science we are learning about sound, so we decided to make some noise of our own! Using our previous knowledge of crotches and quavers, we followed a piece of music using the boom whackers. We managed to keep in rhythm with each other and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!



Attendance News



Highest class attendance for the week before half term was **Class 5G—Miss Goodrick** with a fantastic 99%!

Whole school attendance year to date - **94.9%**
(school target 96.5%)

What I love about Woodloes

School is really fun! We learn amazing things. It's one of the best schools EVER! Ellie Rose
5G



Focus on Excellence

Year 2 have begun working on their basketball skills with our sports coaching team, Onside. The children have been learning how to dribble the ball and have attempted a few tricks. We are hoping to have a basketball game at the end of term so the children can showcase their new skills!

Other NewsNew School Lunch Menu

Please note there is a new school menu, as of 7th March. Full menus have been emailed out to all parents and carers. Please pop in to reception if you would like any hard copies for you to keep at home.

Easter Activities

Warwick School are taking bookings for their "Easter Action activities. Visit www.warwickschool.org/easter-action-2022 for details of activities on offer and availability etc.



Watch this space for exciting and crazy plans from "Friends of Woodloes" for Comic Relief Day on **Friday 18th March**.

Free School Meals

Does your child currently receive 'benefits based' free school meals in school? If not, do you think they could be entitled? If so, please follow the link below, check whether your family meet the criteria, and if so, apply. <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Year 6 to 7 Transition

If your child is currently in Year 6 you will have received an offer of a secondary school place for them for September (offers made 1st March) The deadline to accept a place is 15th March. Therefore if not already done so, please go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions to accept the offer, as a matter of urgency.

WCG Lambing Weekend and Discounted Hatton tickets

Lambing event is back on 19th and 20th March. Please see our external and internal noticeboards for details of the attractions on offer including visiting the Farmers Market, Adventure Trail, 'Sit on a Tractor' and of course witness baby lambs being born on Nethermorton Farm. '£3 off' tickets for Hatton Country World have also been given to all Reception children today.

Warwickshire County Council's Road Safety Education Team and Woodloes Primary School have launched a campaign to improve the air quality around our school at the start and end of the day. We are now encouraging everybody who travels by car to prevent idling by switching off your engine. Idling means leaving a car engine running whilst it is stationary. When stationary for more than 10 seconds please consider switching off your engine. According to Living Streets and the British Lung Foundation, there are several benefits to our children and families when we prevent idling:

By preventing the breathing in of harmful fumes from idling vehicles, we can reduce the risk of health problems such as lung and heart disease, strokes, and respiratory illnesses. The average emissions of a passenger vehicle are 4.6 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year – by switching off your engine you can help to reduce this figure. Drivers can save money by not wasting fuel when a car is switched on unnecessarily.

For more information about idling cars, Living Streets have produced an anti-idling toolkit which can be found at: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/tackle-air-pollution>

