



Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week at Woodloes and things are starting to get a bit Christmassy! We have plans in place to bring our work to a happy conclusion at the end of term with the majority of Christmas activities happening in the last week of term with some starting next Friday.

So, next Friday is national Christmas jumper day and we are all going to wear our Christmas jumpers if we like. Not a problem if you don't have one, but this is a chance to wear something festive. We have also had a Christmas pantomime filmed for our school which we will watch and we will be doing a Santa Dash which all sounds like a great start to our Christmas fun!

During the last week, in no particular order, we are going to have Christmas parties and we are also going to be making cards with kind messages for some of our elderly neighbours who are in care homes which is a lovely, kind thought. We have asked each class to practise and perform a song or dance which we are going to share in a whole school Christmas assembly on TEAMS and we will probably do a whole school dance-thing outside. I think Santa might also put in an appearance on TEAMS this year...

We are determined that the children should have a lovely end to the term and I hope you agree that our Christmas schedule is the best way for us to have safe, festive fun.

We have come a long way since September and I have everything crossed that we can get to the end of term without any further confirmed cases in school which could result in self-isolation over the Christmas holidays. Bearing this in mind, we will be doing everything we can to maintain high levels of vigilance and care over the next two weeks and I hope we can rely on your support to do the same. We are nearly there...

Many thanks for your continuing support - stay safe and best wishes!

**Andy Mitchell - Head**

"The reception children have been writing simple Christmas words. They have used sound mats to help them form their letters correctly".



## Governor Focus

In my role as parent Governor responsible for maths I often meet with the school maths lead Mrs Khaira to plan how the school can support our students in this key area. During our online meeting last week we talked about various interesting developments including further recent teacher training for the Maths Mastery programme which has proven to be very successful for our school. In addition, we also discussed something very important during these times, the provision of software that can be used both for home and school learning. Times Tables, Rockstars, and NUMBOTS will be made available for the whole school to access in school and at home, something which will allow children to become fluent and have rapid recall of their times tables and be able to see their progress over time.

Michael Loizou

## Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 1V (Ms Valentine) with 100%!

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

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

I love coming to Woodloes  
because I love English  
lessons, They are very fun!  
3C pupil



## Focus on Excellence

In Year 1 this week we have enjoyed taking part in 'Active Maths' lessons. We have explored addition and subtraction to encourage instant recall and to secure our number knowledge. This has involved team challenges, independent thinking and partner work. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this active way of learning and we will continue these fun lessons in the new year.

## Other News .....

### Open Day for new Reception parents

Unfortunately, once again (following the recent government announcements), we are having to cancel our proposed Open Day(s) which were scheduled for today, 4th December and also next Friday, 11th December. Instead, we are putting further information on our website for prospective parents and this will be available from the end of next week.

We are disappointed that we are not able to showcase our fantastic facilities directly to prospective parents, but obviously understand the reasoning behind this. A reminder that, if you have a child due to start in Reception next September, the deadline to apply is 15th January 2021.

### Use of anti bacterial gel in school

As you are aware, all children are now expected (as part of their daily routine in school), to use anti bacterial gel regularly throughout the course of the school day. We do appreciate that some of the children are finding that their hands can be a little sore/sensitive and can sometimes be reluctant to use this. Obviously, we are having to follow strict guidance and therefore need to continue encouraging good hygiene routines. If you are finding that your child's hands are a little sensitive, can we suggest that they perhaps use E45 at home to help with any soreness etc.

Please talk to your children about the importance of good hygiene in school. We, like yourselves, want to do what we can to ensure that everyone is kept safe.

Thank you for your co-operation.



### School Crossing Patrol

Please note that the school patrol based on Millers Road returned to duty on Wednesday 2nd December.

### Holiday Action

This popular holiday club has released some new and exciting one day bonus holiday clubs for the Christmas holidays, to include wall climbing, interior design and arts and crafts. Spaces are also available on some of their main courses. For more information, or to book a place, please visit their website at <https://www.warickschool.org/christmas-activities-2020-21>

PLEASE NOTE: When making a booking, details of the bonus courses can be found under the 'Bonus 1-Day Courses' tab.

As before, all places are limited and available on a 'first come, first served' basis. Once courses are fully booked they will show as '**Waiting List**' on the course page. If you would like to be added to the waiting list for a particular course, then you can do so by following the steps on the system or alternatively you can email Adrian Bevan at [A.Bevan@warickschools.co.uk](mailto:A.Bevan@warickschools.co.uk) and they will add you on