



Thursday 22nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the last day of this first half term today and I am sure you will be looking forward to spending some time together next week. This term has been incredibly positive overall and I am very proud of the children and their achievements so far. They have shown great enthusiasm for being back at school and have re-engaged with their learning brilliantly well. The children have adapted to the situation and they have formed excellent, productive relationships with their teachers: everything we could have hoped for during this first, potentially tricky, half term. We asked the children to 'work hard and be nice' and they have risen to the challenge. Well done to everyone for making such a positive start to the new school year!

October half term has traditionally been the end of the holiday season and many people go away for the last few days before the winter months set in. Inevitably, lots of things will have changed this year and more of us are likely to be staying closer to home. If you do still have plans to go away next week then please take extra care and check local arrangements. The advice we have received is for anyone travelling to check local details online to ensure people can travel as safely as possible reducing the potential spread of infection from one region to another. In short, please take care, stay well and help us to avoid any new infections after half term: Public health are concerned about the risks presented by a half term break and have appealed for everyone to continue to be vigilant.

Thank you for your continuing support, stay well and enjoy the break.

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

On Monday to celebrate all of our fabulous learning on the Stone Age, Year Three had a Stone Age day. Children impressed us with their costumes and enjoyed many activities such as: making jewellery and weapons, making cave paintings, building shelter in the forest, constructing Stonehenge and stepping back in time using green screen technology. All of this helped them write a recount about our visit back in time to the Stone Age. It was a fantastic way to finish the half term!



Governor Focus

We attended our first governors meeting this week (held online) and were presented with a detailed report about the performance of our pupils during the first half term. We are very pleased to hear that the school has helped the children to settle quickly into good routines and that they are already making good progress. We will be working with school leaders after half term to look in more detail at the children's work, to ensure the curriculum is planned to enable the children to address any gaps in their learning and 'catch up' as quickly as possible, where required.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 4Y (Miss Younghusband) with 98.6%!

Whole school attendance to date - 95% (school target 96.5%)

What I love about Woodloes

I love the topic Stone Age. I am also enjoying English. I love writing stories and I'm looking forward to writing my own version of Stone Age Boy.
Max, 3C



Friends

We are proud to announce Woodloes Halloween Pumpkin competition! All you need to do...

Have fun carving/painting a pumpkin .

Upload a photo of your creation to our facebook page. Just tell us your first name, first LETTER of your surname and your year group please.

Wait patiently until the first assembly, when Mr Mitchell will announce the winners. One winner per year group. Teachers, don't feel left out you can play too. If you celebrate Halloween then show us your pumpkin too!

HUGE thank you to our local store brand CO OP for awarding £1,670 to 'Friends of Woodloes' to put towards our school's needs (we personally think Joyce North has finally worn them down after all these years of requesting raffle prizes!)

Check this out—you can now support your school whilst shopping on Amazon...

Search Amazon smile

Select Friends of Woodloes Charity

And your work is done!

We are a happy bunch always looking for new friends! Please join us.

Search Friends of Woodloes on Face book

Email us on friends of Woodloes@gmail.com

Contact teachers Year1wls@welearn365.com

Give "Woodloes Community Events" facebook page a "like" to keep up to date with local events

Focus on Excellence



Lucas, in Reception, discovered that he could create a range of colours, using a mixture of primary and secondary colours. " If you mix red and blue it makes purple. If I add yellow to the purple I have made, I can make brown".

Lucas also discovered that adding a little dark blue paint to the light green paint can change the shade. Well done Lucas for using exploration skills to be so creative!

Other News

Reception Open Day September 2021

We are looking forward to our next Reception Open Day. Any prospective parents of children due to start school next year are welcome to visit us on Friday 6th November 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Please pass this information onto relevant family/friends. We are obviously following all relevant current guidelines and would advise that social distancing measures will be in place. Following on from this, we are only able to invite ONE family member (and no children are able to attend). You are welcome to wear a face mask, although it is not compulsory at the time of writing.



Good News

Well done to George in Year 4 who has received a Blue Peter badge for his hard work on the topic of bees, which he studied last year. It is great to have hard work recognised!

Warwick District Foodbank

In these difficult times, the local foodbank has been busier than ever. You are invited to visit their website warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/ where you will find a list of products that they are most in need of at the moment. Food donation points are located at: Tesco's, Warwick, Sainsburys, Leamington, Asda, Leamington, Waitrose, Kenilworth and Sainsburys, Kenilworth.

If you are able to buy a few extra items when shopping at the above supermarkets and donate to these points, it would be very welcomed by the foodbank. Thank you

Parenting Project

The Parenting Project is looking for volunteers wishing to be trained as Parent Mentors.

Parent Mentors are volunteers who meet with families to provide friendly, informal support, encouragement and guidance. This is most useful for parents who are overcoming difficult or challenging times. Full training will be provided. Potential PMs must be able to drive and have a satisfactory DBS certificate.

For further information please contact caroline.jacobs@parentingproject.org.uk, telephone 07958 487544