



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a big week for important announcements. From a staffing perspective, I wrote to you yesterday to inform you that Mrs Stevens will be leaving us at the end of the spring term. It is never easy to say goodbye and it has been a tricky week communicating this news to everyone and processing our feelings about this. We have also heard the news that industrial action has been confirmed by the country's biggest teaching union, the NEU. These dates are 1st February, 1st March, 15th March and 16th March. As a school team we will be meeting to plan our response to this and I will write to you early next week to confirm the likely impact of this at Woodloes, to give you as much notice as possible.

In other news this week, I was absolutely delighted to see Year 2's curriculum assembly which was shared with so many of our parents. The children spoke confidently and were able to demonstrate the quality and range of their learning and what came across, loud and clear was how much they enjoy being at school. Well done to everyone for their hard work and for getting our programme of curriculum assemblies off to such a positive start!

And finally some further info about our school: did you know that we run a teacher training partnership at Woodloes? Along with everything else that we do, we also lead a teacher training partnership with 6 other schools and Warwick University. Graduates who want to join the teaching profession can learn to teach and gain qualified teacher status if they complete their training with us, so if this is something you might consider (or you know someone who might be interested) then please get in touch.

Many thanks for you continuing support and best wishes.

Andy Mitchell - Head Teacher

Hydration Assembly

On Monday this week our whole school assembly was hosted by Severn Trent. The pupils enjoyed learning about the importance of staying hydrated and drinking water. We also learnt how to reduce plastic pollution with refillable water bottles. As a school we have pledged to stay healthy by drinking tap water from refillable bottles throughout the day and were awarded a commitment certificate. Many pupils are already doing a fantastic job, bringing their water bottle and drinking plenty of water throughout the day, please can we ask you to support us in keeping this going.



Year 2 Class Assembly

Well done to Year 2 who performed their first ever class assembly this week. The children were amazing at sharing their learning from last term, covering different areas across the curriculum. Year 2 were confident and proud of their performance.

Miss Lyons and Miss Hancox

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class **RV (Ms Valentine)** with **98.1%**.

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

Pupils with 100% to date = **91** pupils = 22.03%

What I love about Woodloes

"Everything about class 5B is amazing. We have great behaviour strategies and lots of exciting work."

Ridhima 5B



Focus on Excellence, Saplings

Our topic this half term in Saplings is pets. The children were very curious when they arrived to find an unknown object inside our curiosity cube. It led to some very interesting conversations about what it could be, some thinking it was a net and diamonds. The children then discovered that it was indeed Mrs Smith's pet snake, Spaghetti's shedded skin. The conversation then carried on about what pets we have at home, learning about representing numbers in the form of a tally chart to see which pet is most popular and making spiral snakes in the creative area.

Saplings Team



Magistrates Court Visit

On Wednesday, Year 6 were taken to court! We were visited by several magistrates from our local community who worked with us throughout the morning to explain crime, the law, and the consequences to criminal actions. We were extremely intrigued to learn that we could be prosecuted from the age of 10 for any wrongdoings and what the punishments would be if we did break the law. It was then our turn to run a mock trial to see whether the defendant, Sam Little, was guilty or not guilty of harassment. Everyone had different roles to play, including a court artist. Hania, from 6T, drew these incredible depictions of the courtroom scene and truly impressed our visitors with her talent.

We've definitely learned several lessons but we hope the team from Magistrates in the Community will visit again next year!



Other News

Year 3 St Johns Museum Trip

Year 3's Roman Workshop visits to St Johns Museum, are scheduled for this month, 3ML will be visiting the museum on Monday 23rd January and 3G on Tuesday 24th January. Please ensure your child is in full uniform and has suitable coats etc for the walk along with a backpack to carry their snack, water bottle and lunch with them.



Year 5 Assembly

The Year 5 Group Assembly will be taking place on Wednesday 25th January from 9am. Please can any year 5 parents who are coming to watch enter the hall via the gate to the right of the main school entrance.

Staff Vacancy

We currently have the following vacancy at Woodloes.

- A part time cleaner vacancy available at Woodloes. The position is a permanent position, 2.5hrs per day outside of school hours, Monday to Friday. 12.5 hours per week. Closing date for applications is 9am Monday 23rd January 2023.

Application packs are available on our website www.woodloes.com. Should you require any other details please contact the **School Office via HRadmin5207@welearn365.com or telephoning 01926 497491.**



Messy Church

Messy Church is back at Woodloes School this Saturday, 21st January from 10.30am-12.30pm. Join for fun, food activities and singing. Children with families, parents, grandparents and carers welcome. Admission is free.



Funded Online Course

Available for all parents and carers, Solihull approach have a range of 10 online courses, designed to make life a little easier We *all* need a bit of head space and thinking time occasionally. Go to www.inourplace.co.uk and enter BEAR to gain free access.

