

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 27th January 2017



It has been wonderful to welcome so many of our families into school over the past week for lots of different reasons, including: Sharing SATs information, working in partnership to support your child's progress, to celebrate our children's achievements in learning and to share lunch!



Reception Maths IMPACT programme began on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January, coordinated by Mrs Everist. Thank you to all the parents that attended, in order to learn alongside your child, about strategies that will help your child develop their mathematic skills. Your feedback was extremely positive and your thoughts about next steps were very helpful too. We are busy planning a phonics workshop for next half term...



Y2 SATs meeting led by Mrs Garcha was also really well attended on Thursday. The significant changes that took place in the Government assessment systems last year, continue into this year. We hope parents found the information very useful in understanding what the tests are and what it means for their child.

Remember that the tests are an indicator of pupil attainment and will contribute to the overall Teacher Assessment judgements, but are not the sole source of evidence. If you couldn't make the meeting yesterday, there is also an evening meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30.

Y4 took us, and their parents, to the rainforest on Wednesday, in our first class assembly of the year. They shared many amazing facts about this special place.



Although I don't think I'll be visiting soon, considering they have spiders 'as big as dinner plates'. Well done to 4R – it was a very informative assembly.

Chinese New Year will be celebrated this weekend, as the Year of the Rooster begins. Y3 have already started their Learning Unit called Oriental Express, which focusses on the Country of China, Chinese values and traditions. Consequently, Y3 and their families celebrated this special festival on Wednesday, as parents joined their child for a Chinese lunch. Mrs Mason, our cook, certainly knows how to whisk up Chinese!

Y6 had a special visitor yesterday, who will be joining them every Friday afternoon. The children will be focussing on team work, motivation and aspiration through singing, rapping and drama. We were all treated to a special preview in assembly this morning. The branch of our tree – enjoyment, was certainly in evidence.

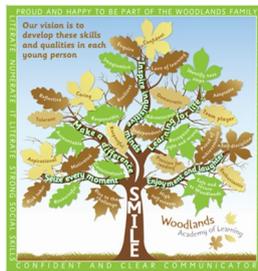
Have a great weekend, Mrs Newton



## Dogs and cars are an issue at the beginning of, and the end of the school day.

**Cars:** No cars should be coming onto the school car park, unless the parent has written permission from myself for very special reasons. These are extremely busy times of the day, with all our children on the move. Our children take priority and there is not the space for additional cars.

**Dogs:** However small, or however cute, please remember that no dogs are allowed onto school property. Your dog may be gorgeous and very friendly with your family but we never know how a dog will respond in a given situation.



We are learning to learn...

Value to reflect upon: **Team Player**

Question to share at home:

**What would the emergency services be like if they didn't work as a team?**



Every Monday we celebrate the achievements of our children in our 'Celebration of Learning Assembly'. There is always a lot to celebrate and we can't share all the certificate winners, but these children earned: **Star Of The Week**.

Class	Name	Reason
RE	Jack Stevens Logan Sinclair	For super problem solving in Maths. For super touch counting and addition with objects.
RJ	Ruby Sharples Poppy Orton-Brown	For working hard to solve problems using addition. For amazing independent sentences about Stick Man, Well done!
1P	Maddox Bateman Heidi-Leigh McAlonen	For putting 100% into his independent writing. Your spelling has improved significantly Maddox - Keep it up! For persevering with her handwriting. Well done Heidi - your hard work is paying off.
1H	Tajveer Saran Alissia Griffiths	For always trying his hardest. His confidence is increasing and this is shown in his work. Well done Tajveer, Keep up the hard work. For always working her hardest. She is a lovely girl and a great role model for the rest of the class by always following instructions and doing everything with a smile. Well Done!
2G	Phebe Lowe George Wright	For building in confidence and self-belief. Phebe knows that when things get tricky she is in the learning zone! For a fantastic approach to his learning, he has worked his socks off all week. Well done George!
Y2	All of Year 2	For your fantastic home learning on nocturnal animals. It was lovely to see and share your posters, information books, fact sheets and power points.
3P	Harrison Chapman Charlie Appleby-Jones	For creating a magnificent mythical creature using super vocabulary. For your fantastic fraction adding and subtracting.
3CP	Jack Benton Summer Tarbuck Jabee Walker-Morris	For super understanding in Science linked to the light sources and reflection. For using CPA approach to show improper and mixed fractions. For your brilliant 'to do' attitude and beautiful sentence work all by himself. Well done!
4N	Joe Carter Emily Lacey	For independently using the inverse to check his answers in Maths For your detailed character description of our new character 'Crysta'.
4R	David Etherington Henry Woodfield	For a super character description with 2A, PAD and FL. For a super character description with 2A, PAD, FL, PV, and fabulous improvement in handwriting.
5A	Malika Eite Emily Carter	For using a range of figurative language in her poem - it was amazing. For her enthusiastic attitude towards her French learning and undertaking extra learning at home.
5T	Ethan Stainke Ryan Austin	For his poem - it was a great example of poems not needing to rhyme but keeping good rhythm. For his emotive use of language in his poem - it was amazing.
6E	Max Vaughan Alex Shepherd	For working extremely hard at home to improve his comprehension skills. You use bug club regularly and also unpick any texts sent home, creating and answering your own test questions. Investing a great deal of time at home into planning, developing and writing his entry for The Wicked Young Writers award.
6P	Callum Lakin-Worgan Sam McKenzie 'All Class'	For super contributions during class discussions in our spelling lessons. You used the grapheme chart well to correctly spell words with the same phoneme, but different grapheme. For excellent use of scientific vocabulary during discussions about the skeleton and muscles. You thought carefully about your answers, both verbally and in your science. For your outstanding questioning skills in our Science lessons about the human body. You drew upon your own knowledge to ask lots of well thought questions - great use of scientific vocabulary too!