

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a 'little' busy as we welcomed a registered Ofsted Inspector into school for two days to help us review what we are doing well and identify what we need to focus on.

She was very impressed by the commitment of our staff, the learning behaviours of our children and the whole school focus on learning. One of the main next steps for us to focus on is raising attainment in writing, an area of the curriculum that many children find tricky, and to keep the status of reading high as our number one priority. Don't forget World Book Day is during the first week back and we shall be dressing up as a favourite book character. I'm thinking....

I do have sad news to share, both Mrs Jones and Mrs Ward are leaving for new adventures. Mrs Jones has been at Woodlands for 24 years! Wow! She has made such a difference for so many children and so many families. Both Mrs Jones and Mrs Ward are valued members of the Woodlands family and will be greatly missed. Mrs Ward's last day will be on Friday 14th February and Mrs Jones's last day will be on Friday 28th February, a day that she will be in school.

The end of the half the half term is nearly here as we break up next Friday. Don't forget green HEDGEHOGS have a non uniform day for earning the most house points during the Autumn Term. Mrs Newton

Next week we shall be joining schools across the globe as we encourage children to participate in the theme of:

Safer Internet Day: Together for a better internet.

We will be exploring whether young people feel free to be themselves online. We are focussing on how young people manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and

others. Miss Harvey will be leading us all in reflecting on this theme during assembly and then Walsall Advisor, Nicola Rudge, will be leading child workshops later in the week. The workshops have been informed by the work undertaken by our Woodland Warriors, who have been busy over the past two terms in leading and analysing pupil questionnaires in order to find out what technology our children are using and what e-safety concerns they have.

As a parent, it is hard to keep up with my children's knowledge of technology and range of Apps they are using. There are resources available that you can purchase to monitor your children's activities, but choosing which one is difficult. Nicola's parent workshops will help advise on how you can help keep your child safe, these will be after half term, at the beginning of March.

Also, on the Safer Internet Site there is a specific parent section that provides resources, ideas and activities that you can undertake with your child.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>



Community Surgery at Woodlands

If you have any council related issues you need help with, long-standing governor Cllr Dan Barker will be holding a new surgery from 4pm to 5pm on the last Tuesday of each month at Woodlands Nursery.

Families and members of the community are welcome to drop in to meet Councillor Barker in order to discuss local issues.

Access will be through the Nursery door.

Icy mornings might mean slippery playgrounds.

Our site team will do their best to ensure that pathways are gritted. So please keep to the paths as you enter school on these slippery days



- 10.2.20 Identified children in Y5 to QMHS
- 10.2.20 Parent Workshop for Nursery 1000 stories NAM 11:00 and NPM 2:45
- 11.2.20 Safer Internet Day
- 12.2.20 RB Class assembly 10:20
- 12.2.20 Y5 to Bloxwich Academy to watch 'Slick'
- 13.2.20 Y6 Prom Meeting at 2:15
- 13-14.3.20 E-Safety Workshops in school for children
- 14.2.20 2:30, Y4 Kingswood Parent Meeting
- 14.2.20 Non-Uniform Day for green Hedgehogs
- 14.2.20 Children break up for half term



Every Monday we celebrate the achievements of our children through the reward of certificates in our 'Celebration of Learning Assembly'. These are the children that earned: **Star Of The Week.**

Class	Name	Reason
RB	Harrison L	For his brilliant imagination and communication in the role-play area! Harrison took on the role of restaurant owner in the Chinese takeaway to celebrate Chinese New Year! Well done – keep up the good work!
RP	Roman B	For writing his name independently. Well done Roman!
1P	Jorje M	For trying really hard with her 'independent write'. She used the prefix 'un' to describe what the badger did to the fox. Next step is to have neater handwriting.
1S	Krish S	For a brilliant piece of writing. Krish was able to use colourful semantics to help him structure his sentences and 'FRED' all of his words by himself! Well done Krish!
2B	Oliver R	For a fantastic first week at Woodlands. Oliver has settled really well already and is starting to make new friends. What a lovely new addition to 2B!
2H	Scarlett P	For creating a lovely skyline of London to represent the flames in the Great Fire of London. Scarlett could identify the two primary colours needed to create the skyline and could then add water to change the consistency of the paint. It was a lovely painting. Well done.
3CP	Mini B	For consistently giving 100% to her learning. She accepts any challenge and gives it everything.
3R	Poppy OB	For a super diary entry from the perspective of Robin Hood. Poppy wrote in the first person and past tense and included thoughts and feelings. Well done.
4N G	Logan H	For a fantastic letter to the axeman. Logan wrote in character and explained why the axeman should not cut down the Great Kapok Tree. Super persuasion Logan.
4G	Tiegan C	For a detailed newspaper report about the axemen chopping down the Great Kapok Tree. You used inverted commas correctly and used the '5 Finger Rule'. Super Star!
5M	Roman NB	For increased confidence and participation during all English and maths lessons. Your understanding of key concepts and methods is beginning to shine through. Well done Roman. Keep up the hard work!
5P	Ellie RM	For never giving up even when she finds tasks challenging. Ellie goes about her work quietly and now sees seeking help as a strength. 'Back o' the net!'
6E	Isabelle B	For super effort across all subjects. Isabelle is working hard to make frequent valuable contributions to our class discussions. Well done Isabelle. Keep up the hard work!
6C	Kai D	For showing a fantastic understanding of the pie charts. Kai applied his knowledge of angles and fractions to help him solve a range of pie chart problems.