

Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all our mothers were spoilt rotten last weekend, or at least had a lovely family Sunday!

We have managed a full week in school of normal routine, that is quite an achievement! Our children, and staff, are settling back into the normal school timetable which is welcomed by everyone. School is calmer and there is a focus on learning.

Children are undertaking assessments in a relaxed way as we endeavour to discover where children are in their learning journey. We have been so impressed by some children who have accelerated in a number of areas of their learning which is down to the perseverance of our parents who were committed to home schooling. We are finding that some children have maintained their learning position from December which is wonderful. However, there are other children who have regressed in their learning, particularly those children who did very little or no home schooling, we are concerned about these children because there is so much to catch up when we also have to teach the next part of the curriculum.

Due to the lockdown, our usual annual reporting calendar needs to be altered. Y1, Y3 and Y4 Maths and English reports would normally have come out to parents in March and then we would normally have had a parent consultation around about now. However, we need to spend time assessing and understanding the position of your child before we can report accurately to you.

Revised Reporting Calendar

Y1, Y3 and Y4 Maths and English Reports	Late May
Every class summary of attainment and achievement in the core subjects	Late May
Parent consultation	Late May
Foundation subject and personal progress report for the whole school	Mid July

Tuesday 23rd March: Day of Reflection

On Tuesday 23rd March there will be a National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the UK's first Covid lockdown. It has been an incredibly difficult year for everyone, including our young people. The country will be remembering those that have died during the pandemic, but in school we shall reflect on the past year and ask children to think about what they have found difficult and what has been positive during this strange year.

Raffle Tickets in School

Don't forget that raffle tickets are on sale in school for the Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets cost £1.00 a strip or 20p per ticket. Children can bring their money into school and give to their teacher. All monies raised will go towards the Year 6 Prom fund.



News to share

The time has come for the wonderful Mrs Pitt to retire, on Thursday 1st April, although she says that she is only 38... To be fair, she has been trying to retire for the past nine months - but we won't let her leave (she also secretly doesn't want to leave...). Mrs Pitt is such an important person at Woodlands and has made a tremendous difference in so many different ways, we shall miss her terribly. We know that new and exciting adventures await Mrs Pitt and wish her much happiness for the future and only ask that she comes back to visit us every now and again.

The good news is that Mrs L Newton will be continuing in Mrs Pitt's role in Y4. Mrs Newton is already working with our Y4 children in lots of ways and cannot wait to be back in the learning room with our children.

Miss Chapman has also become a mum and gave birth to a gorgeous little boy in the middle of lockdown. Congratulations to Miss Chapman and her new family.

Enjoy the weekend, Mrs Newton

A Controversial Question

Our controversial question this week is all about the news. The news helps us understand the world we live in, but sometimes, there are things we don't hear about as much as others. We shall be thinking about what makes a 'good' news story.

Do we hear about enough world news?



Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NA M	Nevaeh C	For remembering, understanding and pronouncing the word 'precipitation'. Well done Nevaeh.
NPM	Layla H	For knowing and understanding the different uses of water in the home. Well done Layla.
RB	Pippa A	For giving 100% effort in all of her work. Pippa has returned to school ready to work with enthusiasm and sets an example for others. Keep up the brilliant work Pippa!
RPL	Lincoln D	For being an excellent role model. Lincoln puts 100% into all aspects of his learning and is a kind friend to others during labs. Well done!
1P	Imogen H	For trying really hard with her handwriting and also beginning to create fantastic sentences about The Enormous Turnip. Well done Imogen!
1S	Jake W	For a super house in DT. Jake created a house with opening and closing windows and doors that had hinges! Well done Jake!
2B	Annie F	For making the best of every situation. Annie excelled during lockdown completing her home learning daily and lots of cooking. She is working just as hard now she is back in school.
2CP	Mia P	For working hard in all areas of her learning and improving with her mental maths skills. Mia always perseveres, well done!
3E	Jacob H	For being an absolute superstar! Jacob always works hard, listens superbly and helps in any way he can. Well done Jacob. You're AMAZING!
3R	Maia-Rose W	For working hard to improve her reading fluency. Maia uses her phonic knowledge to decode unknown words and gives super answers to comprehension questions. Well done Maia.
4NG	Sienna S	For fabulous contributions during all lessons. Keep it up Sienna, you are working extremely hard.
4H	Deaisha RW	For being able to confidently recall her science knowledge on teeth from Year 3. She could also explain the role of each of the teeth. Well done Deaisha.
5M	Kiera R	For outstanding learning behaviours and commitment towards all areas of your learning. Well done Keira – you are a fantastic role model for your peers.
5G	Bree W	For confidently reading aloud her Brothers Grimm story. Bree had brought the book in as it linked to our World Book Day activities. Bree read with great expression and confidence. Well done.
6E	Levi W	For excellent behaviour. Levi is always eager to help and please and is very respectful towards both adults and peers. You are a star Levi and a pleasure to have as part of the 6E team.
6M	Roman NB	For the confidence he has shown in his geography work this week comparing the physical and human characteristics of Northern and Southern Italy.

THE PLAYSCHEME

Willenhall E-act
Academy

Furzebank Way, Willenhall,
WV12 4BD

May half term 2021

1st - 4th June

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are delighted to have the Playscheme back after a year of uncertainty! The need for children to get back to some normality and enjoy their holidays is our main aim for children; enjoying and having fun with friends.

Here at the playscheme we offer a range of activities that are suitable for all children. We pride ourselves on providing an excellent service to support parents with childcare and an opportunity to be active and off screen.

We are offering 4 days in the May half term at reasonable prices.

Whilst Covid -19 is unfortunately still a part of our lives, we are ensuring we follow the most up to date guidance to protect children and their families. In May we are offering 10am-3pm provision with an opportunity to bring your child between 9am-10am and pick up 3pm-4pm to support with social distancing.

We are offering Multi sports, Arts & Crafts & Swimming as well as other activities throughout the day for children to choose.

Prices

2 days £25 3 days £35 4 days £45

If you would like to book your child's place, please follow the steps below:

Email: theplayscheme@outlook.com

Phone: 07704757631

Facebook: www.facebook.com/theplayscheme19

Once booked you will receive an email with guidance on what to bring and a booking form.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Playscheme

NOTE: All staff are fully qualified, DBS checked & First aid trained!

Walsall College is offering urgent support sessions for every individual who is struggling to complete their census.

Support will be available at our Hawbush Campus in Leamore with staff members available at various times of the day (morning or afternoon) to help you complete the form and avoid a £1000 fine.

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