



Woodhouse Community Primary School

'the pathway to success'

Respect, Kindness, Confidence, Resilience, Communication, Determination, Ambition

NEWSLETTER Spring term 2022 Week beginning 28th March

Stars of the Week Every Friday afternoon we hold a whole school celebration assembly, where we award children for their hard work and positive behaviour through a variety of certificates. Every week, each class teacher chooses a 'Star of the Week'. Last week's winners were:

Year 1: Willow for fantastic work on George Stephenson

Year 2: Fraser for outstanding attitude to learning and working hard across all lessons

Year 3: Mason for improved attitude to learning and brilliant phonics work

Year 4: Jacob for producing super work this week

Year 5: Vito for fantastic attitude to learning

Year 6: Aaliyah for always working hard and being a pleasure to have in class.

THE WEEK IN SCHOOL

Rainton Meadows: Last week Year 2 got chance to go out on a last minute trip to Rainton Meadows. They enjoyed exploring habitats and minibeasts as part of their Science topic and behaviour was excellent!

Assessment week: This week in school, children have been completing a variety of tests and tasks as part of end of term teacher assessment. As always, children have approached these with positivity and determination to do their very best. Well done to all!

Mothers' Day event: Early years welcomed their special grown ups into school last Friday as part of a Mothers' day celebration. They sang and performed beautifully and enjoyed a lunch with their grown up. Many thanks for all adults for coming along and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

ATTENDANCE

Class of the Week: Well done to Year 4 this week who had highest attendance of 98% . They get 2 gold coins!

Class 3 were the only other class to have over 95% so they also get a gold coin (96%)

The class to get the most gold coins over the term gets a treat, chosen by them. This could be a trip out, a bouncy castle or a visitor in school, a movie afternoon ... the possibilities are endless!

Class attendances for week ending 25th March

Year 1 : 88% Year 2 : 84% Year 3 : 96% Year 4: 98% Year 5: 94% Year 6: 94%

I know there are numerous sickness and other bugs going around plus Covid is again on the rise. Let us hope for a better week for attendance next week (particularly in Key Stage 1!)

Persistent Absence: A child is considered to be persistently absent from school if their attendance falls below 90%. In a school year, this means missing 19 days or more. If a child is persistently absent over their school career, this could add up to 140 days of absence or more... which when you consider a school year is 190 days means that your child may lose nearly a whole year of schooling if they are persistently absent every year. A stark statistic— as time missed often means gaps in learning form. We do appreciate that Covid has played a part in some absences this year, which is why as a school we do take this into account when looking at persistent absence. However, I am sure you will agree , that due to the impact of Covid and lockdowns, good attendance at school is more important than ever to help close gaps in learning.

Please ensure you always contact the school office by phone if ever your child is absent from school. We may need to do a home visit if we cannot make contact with you and your child is absent from school.

A message from Mrs Smith...

Birthdays: Due to the rise in allergies and intolerances in school and with Natasha's law coming into force, please can you ensure that instead of providing birthday cake for classes to celebrate birthdays, mini sealed packets of sweets are brought in instead. This means children can take these home sealed and is much easier for staff to manage at the end of a busy teaching day. Thank you for your understanding.

Staffing update: Next week, we welcome back Miss Fisher, our Nursery teacher, from maternity leave. Sadly, Miss Eldson who has been covering in nursery will be leaving us as a teacher. On behalf of the school, I wish to thank her for all her dedication and support she has given during her time with us and wish her well for the future!

School Defibrillator: I have been so impressed with how determined our school council and children(and parents) in our school have been to reach our target of £900 raised to purchase a defibrillator for school. Well done to Harley in Year 5 who has raised £140 through a raffle for the fund and Noah in Year 3 will be doing a sponsored read over the Easter holidays to also raise money for the fund.

Easter Egg raffle tickets are now on sale in school (£1 a strip) and will be available to buy at Easter Egg craft sessions, with all proceeds going towards the fund. I am hopeful we may meet our target very soon and I will keep you informed on our progress....

Tag Rugby team: Our Tag Rugby team represented our local cluster at the County finals last week. They won 1 game, drew 1 and lost 3 (only by 1 point each time!) I am so proud of their teamwork, and resilience and although we did not win, they should be rightly proud of their efforts and of how far they got!

Easter Egg Craft sessions: I am looking forward to catching up and seeing many of you next week at our parent meetings and craft sessions. I cannot wait to see the fabulous ideas and designs for eggs– its been a while since our last one so I am sure there will be some creative and original ideas(perhaps even some lockdown/ covid related ones!)

Polite Request: We have noticed at hometimes that there are a number of younger siblings/children using the hills and grassy areas on school grounds as play areas. Please can I ask that you ensure your children DO NOT do this in the interests of health and safety. Please ensure that any younger children you have with you are kept with you. Thank you.

Eggs Factor update: There has been a rise in Covid cases over this last week. Therefore, I have made the decision to postpone our school talent show until next half term. This gives Acts more chance to rehearse and hopefully will allow for cases to decrease again. Thank you. A new date will go out next week and tickets will be on sale for those parents/carers who have Acts in the show.

Update on Covid/ Illness: New guidance has been issued from the Health and Security agency following the 'Living with Covid' guidance which came into force today. Lateral flow tests and PCR tests are no longer free and the government have issued the following guidance for adults and children:

People with respiratory infection:

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

People who test positive for Covid-19:

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days.

Children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Easter Egg Craft consultations in school

Mon 4th April AM: Y3

Tues 5th April AM: Y2 PM: Y4

Wed 6th April AM: EYFS, Y5 and Y1

Thurs 7th April AM: Y6

Year 6 SAT test week: Monday 9th May to Friday 13th May 2022

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SHINE CLUB: Some of our year 6 children will be invited to a SHINE club, starting on Tuesday 3rd May. This will be for 10 sessions and will be based around emotional resilience, handling emotions and anxiety and managing chance. We feel that many of our year 6 children will benefit from this, particularly as Year 6 SATS are looming and transition to secondary school will be a focus. If you have a child in Year 6 and you feel this is something your child will benefit from, drop me a dojo. I will be sending letters out about the club next week.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR NEXT TERM'S CLUB INFORMATION....