



Woodhouse Community Primary School

'the pathway to success'

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

NEWSLETTER Summer Term 1 Week 3 Week beginning 3rd May 2022

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: Isaac for fab phonics work

Year 2: Billy for much improved attendance and attitude.

Year 3: Jaykob for fantastic attitude and always working hard

Year 4: Lacey for producing some fabulous work in all areas.

Year 5: Kiel— super attitude towards learning always

Year 6: Charlie for outstanding scores in his mock SATS

SUMMER 1 WEEK 2 and 3 IN SCHOOL

SATS week: This week the Year 6 pupils have taken their SATS in school. They have worked extremely hard and approached every test with a positive attitude, trying their absolute best. I am proud of each and every one of them.

Y2 SATS: The Y2 children will be doing their SATS tests over the next couple of weeks. These will be done in small groups, with their class teacher and as 'jobs' to ensure there is no pressure and to support the pupils emotionally.

Y2 visit to library: Year 2 were fortunate to visit the local library last week. They enjoyed learning about how the library works and enjoyed sharing books and stories. We hope that some of the children continue to visit the library with their parents and carers and make use of the fantastic reading resources on offer!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance: As you may know attendance at school is incredibly important. As a school, we have a higher rate of persistent absence and school are working hard to reduce this by regularly liaising with families where we have concerns about attendance so that we can work together to tackle any issues causing repeated absence.

We focus upon positive attendance awards in school assemblies: The class with the highest attendance of the week wins a gold coin plus bonus gold coins are given out to any classes which achieve 95% attendance or higher.

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!

Average attendance for this week : 90.26% (government target is 95%) Lower than usual as there are a number of sickness bugs circulating.

Class of the week goes to Year 6 with 96.3% attendance. Unfortunately no classes were above 95% attendance. Let's aim for this next week!

Reception: 89.26% Year 1: 89.2% Year 2 : 88.97% Year 3: 88.57% Year 4: 87% Year 5: 92.5% Year 6: 96.3%

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.

A message from Mrs Smith...

Holidays in term time: We are getting numerous requests for authorisation of holidays during term time. School policy is that all holidays during term time will be unauthorised. We have a lower than national attendance rate and a high persistent absence rate in school so we cannot authorise holidays during term time. Please ensure, where at all possible, holidays are booked during holiday times. Thank you

Queen's Jubilee:

To commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, each class will be researching a decade of the Queen's reign, and producing some artwork. Some classes will be learning a song from the decade and we will share our learning as a school on the afternoon of Friday 27th May. This will also be the date of the Jubilee picnic lunch. All children will enjoy their lunch outside on this day, weather permitting. We will also be having a 'Design a Crown for the Queen' competition, with prizes to be won. Each class will share their learning with you through posts on Class dojo and the school facebook page.

Basketball Final: Today in school we had the final of the lunchtime basketball league. Congratulations to Zac's Zebras, who were overall winners after a nailbiting penalty shootout!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 2 SATS will take place over the week beginning Monday 16th May and possibly into the following week.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN SCHOOL DURING THE SATS/ testing PERIODS

Friday 27th May (PM): Queen's Jubilee school event . Queen's Jubilee picnic lunch

Children can wear Red, white and blue

Break up: Friday 27th May and school reopens on Tuesday 7th June

Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th June— Year 1 Phonics testing

Monday 13th to Friday 17th June—Year 4 Multiplication test week

Week commencing 27th June: Year 5 out at King James for curriculum week (3 days)

14th and 15th July: Year 6 transition days at Secondary schools

Friday 8th July: Summer fayre

Thursday 14th July: Careers Fair and event for Year 4 and Year 5