



'the pathway to success'

Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER

Spring 1 Week 4: ending 1/2/19



E Safety: Due to concerns surrounding apps used on mobile phones and devices (such as Tik Tok), Mrs Oldfield has very kindly created a safety sheet to help set privacy settings. Most of these apps have a minimum age limit of 13 years, but we are aware that many children still access them. Unfortunately, despite frequently teaching about this in school, many also either have not or do not know how to make their personal settings safe. **Please take a few minutes to sit with your child and use the guide sent with this week's newsletter, to ensure your child's privacy settings are as secure as possible.** We have been extremely alarmed at the number of children who have public profiles open for literally anyone to see. Even more concerning, this often also includes a GPR tracking system which can locate the user to their exact geographical position, (as in Instagram and Snapchat) which, frankly, is terrifying for me as a parent. Please check which apps your child is using and help us keep them safe. Thank you.

Bad Weather Warning: Just a reminder about our procedures if /when the bad weather arrives. Please ensure all children come to school wearing appropriate clothing (warm waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves and wellies where possible for the snow). We hope it will not be the case this year, but if the weather is so extreme that it causes a risk to the safety of pupils and staff, forcing a school closure, I will send a text to parents at the earliest possible opportunity. PLEASE DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL ASKING IF WE ARE CLOSED: I will let you know. I will also display the closure message on the School Website Home page and also send a message via Class Dojo. It is vital that we have all of your up to date mobile contact details, to ensure all urgent messages are received. Thank you.

Golden Time: to encourage children to read regularly and be successful when completing their Accelerated Reader quizzes online, each class has introduced a session of Golden Time throughout the week as a reward. This has been really successful and most children are now reading regularly at home. If your child is not reading at home and having their book signed by an adult, unfortunately they will miss some of their Golden Time to make sure they do not fall behind.

Collection at Home- time: Please make sure the office have an up to date list of adults who have permission to collect your child from school. As per our strict Safeguarding Procedures, Staff will not allow anyone to go with someone not on the list until they have checked by telephoning the parent / carer first. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your children safe.

Class Dojo: a few parents still need to sign up to Class Dojo, to be able to receive updates, message and share good news about your child's achievements. Please note that staff are very happy to receive messages about important issues that need to be addressed between 8am -5pm weekdays during term-time only. Thank you.

Congratulations! I would like to say congratulations to Mrs Smith, who is expecting a baby in the Summer. This is wonderful news and we send her and Mr Smith (and Finlay!) all our very best wishes!



Astronomical Attendance:

	Weekly Average Attendance %	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	90.9%	54	11 x 3 children
Year 1	85%	73	24 x 1 child
Year 2	94.3%	88 ☺	38 x 6 children
Year 3	90%	67	4 x 2 children ☺
Year 4	91.8%	78	19 x 4 children
Year 5	92.3%	70	83 x 4 children
Year 6	97.3% ☺	83	24 x 6 children
	Weekly Ave. = 91.6% ☺		

Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 =91.6 % due to a high number of sickness absences this week.

Lateness: 203 minutes late. We are telephoning and visiting those persistently late and absent children who will be requested to attend attendance meetings with Kirsty and myself will be sent if improvements are not seen over a 2 week period. Following this, referrals to the County Enforcement Team will be implemented which can incur costs and even prosecution.

Diary Dates:

Friday 15th February	Break Up for Half Term
Monday 25th February	Children and staff return to school
Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd March	Robin Wood Residential Trip Y5 & 6
W/C 1st April	Parent / Teacher Consultations and Easter Egg Craft (appointment letters to follow)
Friday 5th April	9-10am: Coffee and Cake Morning for Parents & Carers 1.30-3.00: The Eggs- Factor Talent Show Break Up for Easter
Monday 22nd April	Bank Holiday: School Closed
Tuesday 23rd April	Teacher Training in school (staff only)
Wednesday 24th April	Children return to school

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