



Woodlands' Newsletter

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Phrase of the Week:

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School Website

www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk

Well done to our WOW workers

Class/Home working	Week Ending: 22.01.21	Week Ending: 29.01.21	Class/Home working	Week Ending: 22.01.21	Week Ending: 29.01.21
Ash	Austin	Daisy & Finley	Maple	Jack	Kade
Oak	Francesca	-	Spruce	Charlie S & Amelia S	Malakai
Pine	Ryan G & Seb	Finley & Eli	Willow	Emma & Riley WP	Scarlet, Violet, Kacey & Phoebe
Elm	Tobias Y	Lucas P	Chestnut	Karina	Riley C
Birch	Cody S & Ruby A	Harri & Isobel P	Redwood	Aimee & Hollie	Charlie D & Madison
			Aspen	Jayden & Jake	Milenka & Alfie S



This week is Children's Mental Health Week

We will be learning more about children's mental health and joining the nation in activities and assemblies across the week.

On Friday the children are invited to 'dress to express' to express themselves in non uniform clothing [no cost]

For further information click on

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Dear families,

Week 5 of lockdown, who would have thought this time last year that we would still be trying to find the 'new normal'.

There has been lots of change for families, children and staff. We have worked well together to try to meet the needs of the children and their families. The website is full of:

- exciting and engaging activities,
- web links,
- videos,
- lessons from teachers,
- stories



and so much more. School has created direct links to Education City, Espresso, Bug Club, Oxford Reading Tree, Times Table Rockstars and many more to try and give as much support to your child's learning as possible.

For the parents and carers there are 'How to..' videos and booklets explaining key words and how the children make the next steps in learning.

To help access the online resources the school has lent many laptops to families. If you still need a laptop to help with your child's learning then please let us know. If you are still struggling to use all of the online resources and website online learning the staff create a learning pack every week for the children- this links directly each day with what the children are learning in school. Some families are learning online, some through the paper packs and some use a mixture of both, using the videos to help with the teaching and then completing the paper pack.

The remote plan provided by the school covers all of the subjects and learning that the children would receive if they were in school. We are following the usual curriculum with changes where necessary due to limits or changes to include important daily events.

All children must complete the daily quiz, preferably online as this goes directly to the teacher who can then give feedback and also change the learning to meet any needs. If you need to use the paper quizzes please ensure that they are returned every Friday.

Many families are balancing working and learning with their children and we thank all families who are engaged in their child's learning. However some are not engaging- we ask that ALL children learn EVERY DAY- please do what you can everyday. We are working hard to remove as many barriers as possible but some children are still not engaging in the learning.

Staff make regular telephone calls and messages through eschools to offer support- if there is anything else that we can do to help please let us know. Together we need to help the children learn every day.

The lockdown is set to last for several more weeks at least and it is extremely important that the children learn as much as they can everyday during this period.

We think that seeing classmates and teachers is really important for children's wellbeing and social interaction. So we are working to provide more 'live' opportunities for the children to see inside the classroom and 'be' with their friends and teachers. Under the current conditions, I believe we are all doing as much as we can to limit the disruption to children's education.

Our thanks once again to all our staff and parents for the brilliant job you are all doing in these difficult times. We thank you all for your positive comments of support to all of the staff. School will be sending a survey this week for you to comment of the provision given during the lockdown.



Remember to watch the Hi 5 videos. Staff are sharing videos in their class projects but also through Hi 5- a tab on the homepage of the school website

Each day a video is posted that follows the theme for the day.

We hope that you enjoy.

Reduce the Risk COVID

Please continue to follow all COVID safety guidelines at home and at school- please social distance and wear a mask if you need to enter the school

The government has this week introduced Teacher Testing in primary schools

Testing is important because staff could be carrying the virus without knowing it and may spread it to others. Up to one in three people who have coronavirus do not display any symptoms. Many people with coronavirus (COVID 19) have mild, or even no symptoms, but can still spread the virus. With regular self-testing we can slow the spread and help protect the most vulnerable in our families and communities.

Testing of staff without symptoms will support schools and nurseries to continue to operate. This week we have taken delivery of home testing kits, supplied to all Primary schools, to support our Primary school staff to take part in regular asymptomatic testing. Asymptomatic refers to people who are infected but never develop any symptoms. These simple and quick tests enable the rapid testing of staff, from their home, without the need for a laboratory. It is vitally important that our systems of control continue to be rigorous to enable the safest possible environment for all. The testing programme is important and will help break the chains of transmission.