

## How to contact the school

Just a quick reminder of the ways you can communicate with the school:

- ✓ Speak to the class teacher or learning support assistant at the start and end of the school day
- ✓ Email the office at enquiries@woodlandsprimaryacademy.org.uk
- ✓ Leave a message on EduLink
- ✓ Leave a message using Class Dojo
- ✓ Send a letter in with your child
- ✓ Speak to Ms Humphreys or Miss Jermy in the office.
- ✓ Leave a message on the answerphone if there is nobody available.

### Attendance

At Woodlands Primary Academy we know that good attendance is the key to successful schooling.

Our whole school attendance target is 96%, the national attendance figure. Last week the whole school's attendance was **97.46%**.

The highest classes in Reception and KS1 were RF, 1L and 2H with 99.3%, they will share Pearl the teddy in their classes for the week.

The highest in KS2 was 4B with 100% and they are joined by Geoff the giraffe!

### School Dinners

The week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October will be Week 2 of the menu.



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# Newsletter

## 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Standing on the gate in the morning is a great start to my day, come rain or shine. Saying good morning to you all and seeing all the smiles on the children's faces as they come in is a fantastic privilege. This positivity continues into school. When I am walking around the school, or any other adults are around the school, children say hello, hold door open or want to tell us interesting things or what they have achieved.

There have been some interesting things going on this week with boxes in school, ranging from making hedgehog homes in year 2 to a mysterious box that arrived in year 6.....

### Working together - Spanish

We are very excited to announce that Spanish will now be taught in Years 3-6. We have subscribed to a programme called Language Angels which will form the foundation for the classroom teaching, including lots of interactive activities, games and songs to help engage the children with the learning of a new language. With this, your child will be able access the 'Pupils Games Area' online using the login details below.

Username: woodlands20

Password: woodlands20

Although we are teaching Spanish formally to KS2, there will be plenty of words and phrases for children to learn in the younger year groups. Teachers across the school

will begin to take the register using Spanish phrases, will practice common greetings with the children and there will be signs around the school translating common areas such as the hall and toilets.

We are really looking forward to embracing a new language into our school community.



## Homework

You should have all received the homework for this half term from the class teachers. If you have any questions about any of the skills in the homework, please contact the class teacher who will be able to help you. We have included basic skills that can be easily incorporated into life at home - we are happy to share ideas of how you can do this. We do not expect to see any weekly homework given in but pictures via class dojo to show us how the children are getting on at home are always welcome.

As you are aware, this is the first time homework has been set this way so we appreciate any feedback.

## Y4 - How to train your dragon!

In year 4, we have really enjoyed exploring our Topic of Vikings and studying 'How to train your dragon' in our English lessons. To culminate the children's work with 'How to Train your Dragon' we will be showing the 2010 film of the same name. The children will then be able to write a comparative piece looking at the similarities and differences between the book and the film, as well as looking at the differences made for a different audience. The film is rated PG, if you do not wish your child to watch the film please contact one of the year 4 team.

## E-Safety

Look out for a letter coming home soon regarding the safe use of computers and the internet. The internet can be a vital resource for the children during their education, but equally vital is the fact that the children know how to stay safe online. Us, as a school, take E-Safety incredibly seriously and we monitor the children's use of computers on a daily basis. The acceptable use policy, which is also coming home, informs the children of appropriate use of computers while at Woodlands and what we expect from them.

## Parking and driving

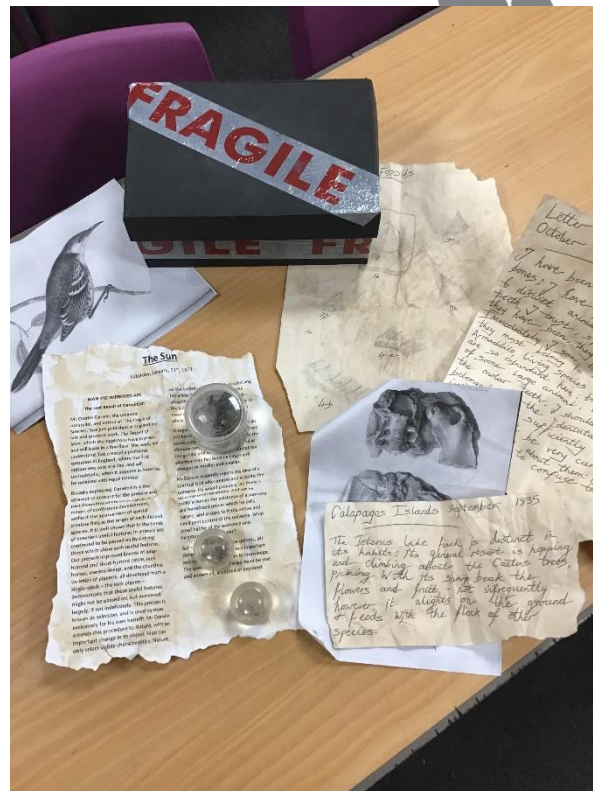
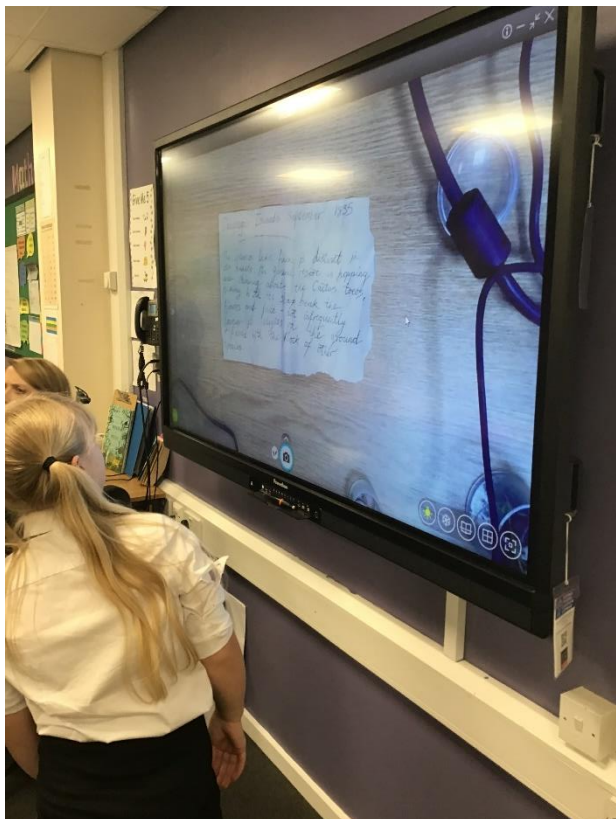
With all the restrictions made at school due to Covid 19, there have been some positives. The staggered starts and finishes are making parking easier for some of you. We appreciate that you are parking sensibly and are trying not to park on the double yellow lines outside of school.

We have had some parents informing us that some people driving along the roads around school are possibly driving over the speed limit, putting the lives of parent and children at risk. We ask you to be aware of your speed while driving around the local area.

## What's been happening this week...



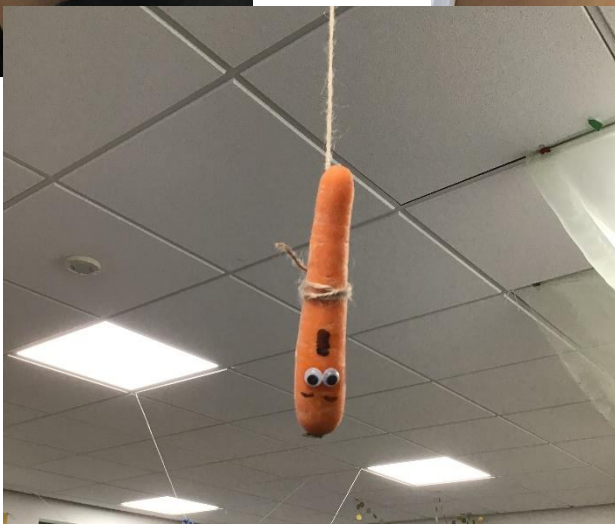
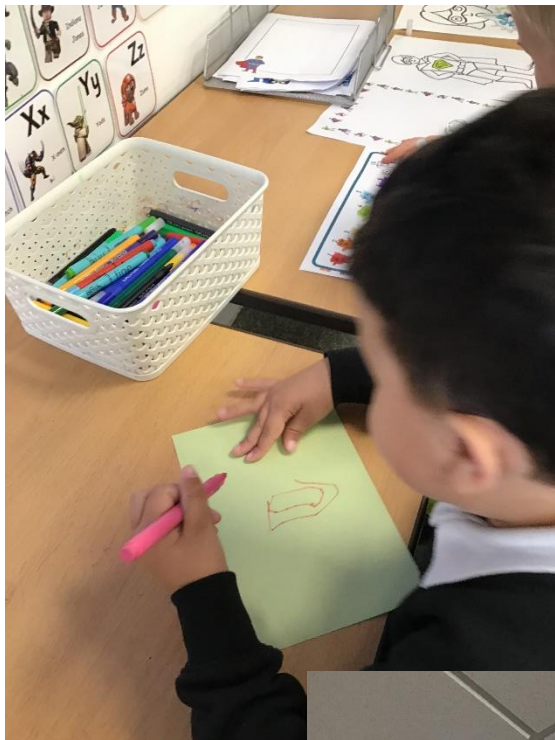
Year 6 had a very interesting delivery this week! They believe that the contents of the box is linked to their Charles Darwin topic. They will be writing a newspaper to inform the rest of the school about their mysterious parcel.



This week in Reception we came to school to find that someone had stuck a carrot onto the classroom wall! The children drew pictures of who they thought had done it. The next day the carrot was suspended from the ceiling on a piece of string! The children decided that Evil Pea was to blame, and that Supertato could help us. The children drew maps so that Supertato would know where to find us. The children have been doing lots of writing all week. They've also enjoyed smashing peas and painting with carrots.







Well done to Faith in 4B for working hard and earning her pen licence this week.

