

## 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](mailto:enquiries@woodlandsprimaryacademy.org.uk)
- ✓ Leave a message on Arbor
- ✓ Leave a message using Class Dojo
- ✓ Send a letter in with your child
- ✓ Speak to Mx Humphreys, Mrs Aldred or Miss Jermy in the office between 8.30am and 4pm.
- ✓ Leave a message on the answerphone if there is nobody available. Our number is 01493 665314.

## Attendance

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

Our whole school attendance target this year is 95.5%. For the week ending Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January, the whole school's attendance was 96.5%

The highest class in Reception and KS1 was 1LM with 100%; they will be joined by Pearl the teddy in their class for the week.

The highest class in KS2 was 4WS with 100% and they will be joined by Geoff the giraffe!

## School Dinners

The week commencing Monday 16th January will be Week 2 of the menu.



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## 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

The children have had another busy week in school, learning about the solar system in yr 5 - they had a massive dome set up in the hall which they crawled inside to see it projected above them, yr 4 have been focusing on instructional texts and yr 3 are writing newspaper articles about fairy tale characters or the old man in the tin woods!

Reading is as focus for the school at the moment - without the ability to read all lessons become more difficult for the children, it is a very important life skill. To help our early readers we use Read, Write Inc to teach phonics. Mrs Miller held a parents information session this week - which I hope those of you who came found helpful/ She will be running another one next week at 9am on Tuesday. Please try to hear your children read every day all the way up to the end of year 6!

## Behaviour procedures

At Woodlands, we promote excellent behaviour for learning and have high expectations of the children. Our behaviour procedures reflect this (attached to this newsletter). There are times when a child may attend Restart as part of a consequence to choices they have made. Previously, this would have been logged on Edulink but now it is logged onto Arbor, due to the change of system. Arbor communicates this to you via SMS which Edulink did not do. If you receive a text about a behaviour incident, please discuss with your child's class teacher or another adult in the classroom at the end of the day or via Class Dojo. If there is ever a more serious

incident involving your child or something that requires you to know immediately, you will be called by the school.

### SEND update

A reminder that we have our next Support, Empower, Network café scheduled for Monday 23rd January. Norfolk Autism and ADHD Network will be speaking at this café via a video link.

Start: drop in anytime between 8.30am - 9.00am

Speaker: 9.00am - 9.30am

Closing 9.30am

I hope to see you there!

Miss Jowett

### Menu change

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January we have a menu change - it will be Fishy Thursday instead of Fishy Friday! Friday will be Chicken Tikka Masala.

### PE update

As you are aware this term the children are carrying out gymnastics in the hall for their PE lessons. This means the children must have bare feet. Therefore, please can you consider the following -

### Warts and Verrucas

#### Do

- wash your hands after touching a wart or verruca
- change your socks daily if you have a verruca
- cover warts and verrucas with a plaster when swimming

#### Don't

- do not share towels, flannels, socks or shoes if you have a wart or verruca
- do not bite your nails or suck fingers with warts on
- do not walk barefoot in public places if you have a verruca
- do not scratch or pick a wart

Warts and verrucas are caused by a virus. They can spread to other people from contaminated surfaces or through close skin contact. It can take months for a wart or verruca to appear after contact with the virus.

A pharmacist can help with warts and verrucas. You can buy creams, plasters and sprays from pharmacies to treat warts and verrucas.  
Your pharmacist can give you advice about the best treatment for you.

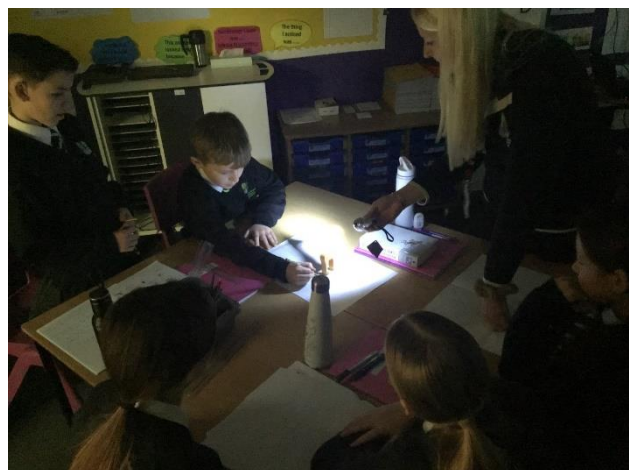
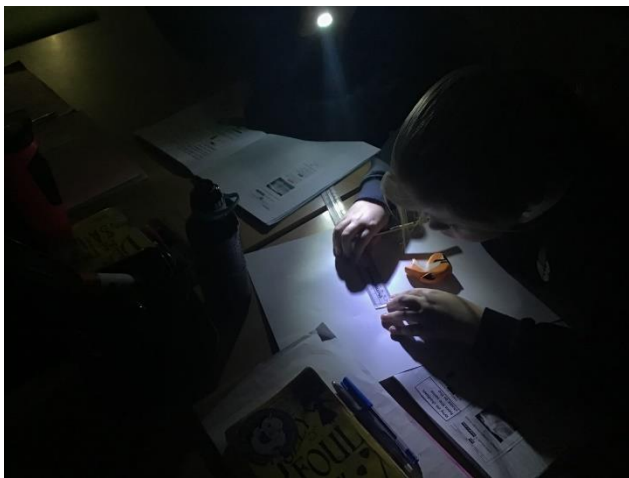
With all of this in mind, please ensure you are doing all you can if your child has a wart or verruca.

For more information you can look on the NHS website

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/warts-and-verrucas/>

### What's been happening in school...

In science this week, Year 6 have been exploring shadows. They were experimenting with the position of the light source and observing the impact this had on the shadow of an object.





In Y4 English sessions, they have been exploring the text types of instructions and the importance of concise but clear instructions. To practice this skill, they constructed some Lego models, with the only rule being they had to follow their partners advice and instructions! The lesson was incredibly fun!



Year 4 got to try out archery in their bushcraft session on Monday this week. They found out how to safely hold their bow and arrow, how to aim and had several turns at aiming at the target. The bushcraft instructor was really impressed with their listening skills and determination to hit the targets. They finished the session with some wild play in the woods. Even Mr Philo got involved!



## Staying safe online

<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/media-centre/news-and-blogs/2022/02/respect-and-healthy-relationships-online-how-the-children-s-code-can-help/>

### Online Safety & Gaming

Gaming refers to playing electronic games, whether through consoles, computers, tablets, smartphones or other devices. Gaming remains one of the most popular forms of entertainment, attracting a wide range of age groups from all across the world. Gaming is always looking to develop, often improving on graphical features, accessibility and user engagement as years go by.

Unlike many other forms of media, gaming brings a sense of challenge to the player. Usually there is a degree of skill involved that players need to develop in order to progress. Depending on the type of game, it can also offer players a platform where they can be imaginative and explore their own creativity.

Some games have rich storylines and characters that are engaging and memorable. Many players also use it as an opportunity to compete and socialise with other users whether it be in person or online. More often than not though, people game, because it is fun!

#### Benefits of Gaming

- 1 Can develop critical and creative skills
- 2 Can bring educational benefit and awareness
- 3 Is available to most audiences and family members
- 4 Is an easy and accessible way to socialise with others

#### Considerations for Gaming

- 1 Have awareness of appropriate age restrictions
- 2 Parental awareness around purchasing
- 3 Active discussions around socialising safely
- 4 Reporting harmful or offensive content online

#### Socialising Online

A staple of gaming is the community that surrounds it. Online and audiences can gather around a specific game, character or theme to build specific fan bases that can interact with each other. Young people may like to socialise online because:

- 1 It gives them a platform to be with friends outside of school
- 2 There is usually a competitive element at play, which can feel rewarding
- 3 It can build confidence and social skills which may not be attainable physically
- 4 It gives opportunity to young people who have difficulty socialising with friends and others

#### Reporting and Blocking

Gaming communities can range from supportive and relational to toxic and harmful. In some instances, it can even lead towards more radical content being promoted. When faced with something or someone being harmful online, make sure young people know how to:

- 1 Report the player or piece of content
- 2 Mute or block the player
- 3 Manage their privacy settings or communication options
- 4 Speak with a trusted adult for support

To find out more about Gaming visit the SWGfL hub: [swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/](http://swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/)

or scan the QR code

#### Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: [safe@nominet.org.uk](mailto:safe@nominet.org.uk) / professionals online safety helpline

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: [swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/](http://swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/)

Report Harmful Content: [reportharmfulcontent.com](http://reportharmfulcontent.com)

### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WORLD OF WARCRAFT

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004 and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's a complex game of massive proportions and it's a world where you can become a hero, a villain, or even a pet. It's a world where you can make friends, enemies, and even a family. It's a world where you can live out your wildest dreams and fantasies. It's a world where you can be anything you want to be.

The latest addition has introduced a whole host of hoped players back to the game. It's a world where you can be anything you want to be.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

**ALWAYS ONLINE**  
World of Warcraft is an MMORPG (Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game). It's a game where you can be anything you want to be. It's a game where you can be anything you want to be.

**REGULAR EXPANSIONS**  
As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft has a regular expansion cycle. This means that the game is always evolving and there's always something new to discover.

**IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**  
World of Warcraft is a subscription-based game. This means that you need to pay a monthly fee to play the game. There are also in-game purchases that you can make to enhance your experience.

**VOICE AND TEXT CHAT**  
World of Warcraft has voice and text chat options. This means that you can communicate with other players in the game. It's a great way to make friends and share your experiences.

**SIMULATED VIOLENCE**  
World of Warcraft is a game of fantasy violence. It's a game where you can fight monsters, dragons, and other creatures. It's a game where you can be a hero and save the world.

**POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION**  
World of Warcraft is a game that can be addictive. It's a game where you can spend hours and hours playing. It's a game where you can lose track of time.

#### Advice for Parents & Carers

**MANAGE PLAYTIME**  
World of Warcraft can be an extremely addictive game. It's a game where you can spend hours and hours playing. It's a game where you can lose track of time.

**MAKE IT A REWARD**  
World of Warcraft can be a great way to reward your child. It's a game where you can spend hours and hours playing. It's a game where you can lose track of time.

**SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL**  
World of Warcraft has a free trial option. This means that you can try the game for free before you decide if you want to subscribe.

**REMEMBER THE AGE RATING**  
World of Warcraft is rated ESRB M (Mature). This means that it's only suitable for people aged 17 and over.

**ADVENTURE TOGETHER**  
World of Warcraft is a game that can be played with friends. It's a game where you can spend hours and hours playing. It's a game where you can lose track of time.

**Meet Our Expert**  
We've asked a professional to give us their advice on how to keep your child safe while playing World of Warcraft.

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## Dates for your diary

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| 16 <sup>th</sup> January - in school | Y6 Dental survey |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> January - 9.00am    | Phonics workshop |

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| 9 <sup>th</sup> February - in school | Reception screening catch up |
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