

Woodcroft Primary School/ Newsletter

6th December 2019

Year R outside area

Please can we ask that you do not use the Year R garden as a cut through when walking around the school site. It can be very distracting to the children who are already in class and when they are learning at the end of the day.

Playground conduct

It has been brought to our attention that some adults are using inappropriate language and swearing when there are children present. Can we please remind you that we are a school and we will not tolerate the use of bad language on school grounds.

Pet workshop for Year 1!

This week Koala Class visited pets at home where they took part in a pet workshop. They were shown how to handle the small animals correctly and how to care for them. The children even got to handle the animals. Thank you to Miss Saunders for making this trip possible.



Superheroes at The Cowplain School!

Year 4 visited The Cowplain School this week for a Superhero Science Workshop. They took part in some fantastic science experiments including pulling iron from cornflakes! Teachers at The Cowplain School commented on how well behaved Year 4 were and how brilliantly they represented Woodcroft. We are extremely proud of you Year 4! We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at The Cowplain School for giving the children this unique experience!



Money Mules

It is important that we keep Parents & Carers up-to-date on safeguarding issues. Hampshire County Council's Children's services have issued the following information regarding money mules.

We are urging parents and guardians to warn children about the dangers of becoming a money mule. A money mule is someone who transfers stolen money through their own bank account on behalf of someone else and is paid for doing so.

Criminals use money mules to launder the profits of their crimes.

Young people are often unaware that acting as a money mule is illegal. They are approached to take part online or in person, including through social media, at school, college or sports clubs.

Spot the signs and follow these tips on how to stay safe:

- Make sure your child doesn't give their bank account details to anyone unless they know and trust them.
- Tell them to be cautious of unsolicited offers of easy money, because if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Look out for your child suddenly having extra cash, buying expensive new clothes or electronics with very little explanation as to how they got the money.
- A young person involved in money muling may become more secretive, withdrawn or appear stressed.

Parents and guardians are advised not to attempt to contact any individual they suspect of organising money muling and should instead contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 Or 101 and ask for the Hampshire Missing, Exploited & Trafficked Police.

More information can be found here <https://www.moneymules.co.uk/>



Christingles with Reverend Kate

On Monday the whole school will be making Christingles with Reverend Kate from Heart Plain Church. They will work with her in small groups learning about what Christingles represent and why we make them at this time of year. We would like to thank Reverend Kate and her Church Council for their kind donation towards the cost of making the Christingles.

Elf day for Alzheimer's

It was great to see the children all dressed in their elf attire today in aid of The Alzheimer's Society's Elf Day. Thank you to everyone that donated, we raised a fantastic **£100** for The Alzheimer's Society!



Snakes in Year 3!

Mr Bicheno was kind enough to bring his collection of snakes into Year 3 this morning. The Children great had fun seeing and learning all about the snakes. Thank you Mr Bicheno for a fantastic unique experience.

Class	% This week	% This Year so far
Penguins	95.7	93.9
Koalas	93.3	95.6
Giraffes	84.7	94.7
Kingfishers	96.9	95.6
Sharks	93.8	93.9
Elephants	88.9	95.7
Komodo Dragons	86.9	94.1

Woodcroft weekly attendance

Our attendance target is 97% each week and for the Year overall. Unfortunately due to sickness our attendance figures have slipped this week and no class achieved the 97% target.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child has regular attendance at school and arrives on time.

Tesco's festive window display!

If you visit Tesco Express on the corner of Woodcroft Lane take a look at their fabulously festive window display, created by the children at Woodcroft! Thank you to the Tesco team for letting the children brighten up the store windows!



Christmas Post box

The Christmas Card Post Box is now available for children to post their cards. Please make sure envelopes have the child's first name, initial and their surname and the class on.



Star of the Week!

Year R Penguins

Angelica

Year 1 Koalas

Heidi

Year 2 Giraffes

Oliver

Year 3 Kingfishers

Mollie

Year 4 Sharks

Riley

Year 5 Elephants

Lexi

Year 6 Komodo Dragons

Isaac



Headteachers Award

For producing an outstanding piece of work

LEO
CONNOR
DESTINY
GEORGE
RONIN
LIAM
ISAAC
JENNA
LUCY
TYLER
RUBY
GRACE
ALFIE
FREDDIE
ISAAC
JAYDON
ANGELICA
GEORGE
MAISIE
CLAYTON



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!
Everyday. On-time.

Whole School Attendance:

94.8%

Best Class attendance this week:

Kingfishers

96.9 %

100% Attendance this week:

127 Pupils



Diary dates

- * Wednesday 11th November—Christmas Fayre 3.30pm—4.30pm
- * Friday 13th December—Year 5 trip to The Cowplain School
- * Friday 13th December—Christmas Jumper Day
- * Christmas School Dinner Thursday 19th December



School closure: Thursday 12th December Polling Day



Learning for a lifetime