



Woodland Newsletter: Friday 16th October

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, unfortunately we had to close the Aspen (Year 2) class bubble this week. We continue to review risk assessment and safety measures on a daily basis to ensure that children, staff and families are as safe as possible. The FAQ's have been updated and will be published on the website later today. As ever, there will also be a link on the school Facebook page.

Could we take this opportunity to thank you all for your overwhelmingly positive support again this week – and to also say that we appreciate you coming directly to us with any general worries or concerns.

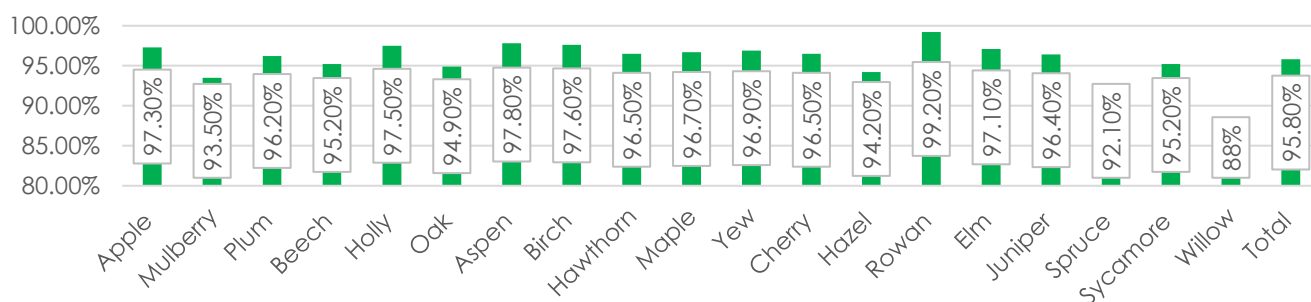
Please keep talking to us! Contact details are: 01706 620305 or at head@woodland.rochdale.sch.uk

Thank you for your continuing support.

The Woodland Team

Parents Meetings	Secondary School Applications	Safeguarding our children before and after school
Thanks to all of you who have been available to speak with your child's class teacher via telephone this week. It has also been extremely useful to ascertain what access your child has to technology at home as we continue to develop our home learning offer. Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding Purple Mash and we will continue to update you with other developments.	Year 6 parents, please remember to complete your child's secondary school application. The usual closing date of 31 st October falls at a weekend this year. As such, Rochdale has extended the deadline until Monday 2 November 2020 (please note that this is <u>just</u> Rochdale). It is especially important that applications are submitted on time to have the best possible chance of being offered a preference school. If you need any support or guidance please ask to speak with Miss Williams, Mrs Bradley or Mrs Howarth.	Please can we continue to ask everyone to consider the safety of our children and families before and after school? We have received a number of calls (and emails with photographs) from extremely worried parents/carers and residents who are sharing their concerns about what they believe to be unsafe parking and driving on the roads around school. Concerns that a child may be hurt are also being shared. Please support us by ensuring that our children are kept safe and that we are also respecting local residents in terms of parking.
Reception places at Woodland – September 2021	Lunchboxes	Favourite Authors
For those of you with children who will be due to start school in September 2021, you are now able to apply for primary school places. Whilst we are currently unable to organise open days to physically welcome you into the Early Years classrooms, we will be organising virtual opportunities to 'drop in' after half term. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dunn, Mrs Carlile or Mrs Cunningham.	Parents and Carers of children on packed lunches, we need your help. Can we politely request that children's lunchboxes contain no more than 1 small treat item per day as a maximum? As a school we promote the children making healthy choices as much as possible and it is scientifically proven that high levels of sugar can hinder your child's ability to learn. We really appreciate your support with this matter.	We are looking to invest in some new author collections to further enhance our school book corners. We would like the children's help with this. Next week they will be given the opportunity, as part of some whole school homework, to let us know who some of their favourite authors are and why. Please can you encourage your child to share their preferences so that we can use these to inform our new purchases? Also, our Reception children will be given their new BookTime book pack to keep at home.

Woodland attendance 9/10/2020 - 15/10/2020



WOW Work Winners

Apple - Clayton
Mulberry - Brandon
Plum - Jack
Beech - Vanessa
Holly - Aiza
Oak - Maxwell
Birch - Oliver
Hawthorn - Logan
Maple - Logan
Yew - Tommy
Cherry - Lukas
Hazel - Isabella
Rowan - Hannah
Elm - Lucy-Mai
Juniper - Layton
Spruce - Olivia
Willow - Logan

Shining Stars

Apple - Jerry
Mulberry - Sofia
Plum - Alfie
Beech - Keeyan
Holly - Aaron
Oak - Elliot
Aspen - Ava
Birch - Charley
Hawthorn - Jemima
Maple - Tommy
Yew - Finley
Cherry - George
Hazel - Patryk
Rowan - Jayden
Elm - Brooke
Juniper - Markos
Spruce - Skye
Sycamore - Jorja
Willow - Lexi

Always Children

Apple - Nico
Mulberry - Evie
Plum - Obed
Beech - Charlotte
Holly - Benedict
Oak - Lacey
Birch - Charlotte
Hawthorn - Michael
Maple - Kacie-Jo
Yew - Melody
Cherry - Gabriele
Hazel - Daisy
Rowan - Izabel
Elm - Lyndon
Juniper - Molly
Spruce - Mubashir
Willow - Aaron

Half Term Holiday – October

We have had a number of enquires as to whether the timing and/or the length of the October half term break has changed in light of national media coverage linked to 'circuit breaks'. I can confirm that school will still close, as planned, on Friday 23rd October 2020 at 3.00pm and re-open on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Diary Dates:

Flu Vaccinations – Friday 6th November 2020
Parents Evening – Week commencing 19th October 2020
School Closes for October Half Term – Friday 23rd October 2020
School Re-opens - Monday 2nd November 2020
School Closes for Christmas Holidays – Thursday 17th December 2020
School Re-opens – Monday 4th January 2021