

Weekly Newsletter

Dream big, fly high



Safer Internet Day

This week, the children have celebrated **Safer Internet Day**. This is a global event that encourages us all to join together to make the internet a safer and better place, especially for children. Lots of different activities have taken place in school, with the main message to always ask an adult for help if anything changes or makes you feel uncomfortable online.

To support our school community in doing all we can to keep our children safe whilst online, we have lots of information on our Safeguarding website page for online safety which can be accessed [here](#). In addition, we have sent out the slides from the parent/carer workshop delivered by Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at Smoothwall, helping parents and carers understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents and carers can do to help. These can be found in the 'important documents' section of your MCAS App.

This week brings us to the end of the first half of the Spring term. I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and we will see you all back at school on **Monday 24th February**.

Secret Reader

As you will know, reading is at the heart of Woodford Primary School. It is, without doubt, the most important academic skill we can teach our pupils, but just as important are the lessons they learn from stories and the enjoyment they get from spending time in a book.

Promoting our Reading for Pleasure culture alongside our school community, we introduced 'Secret Reader' last academic year. Following positive feedback from the Parent Council and a request for it to continue, we will be inviting parents/carers into school on a Tuesday at 2.45pm, to share a book with the children between now and the May half-term holiday. If you are interested in being involved, please click the links below and choose a date:



[Pre-School](#)

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

School Nursing

Our school nursing service has set up an online resource area with health information resources and advice for children, young people, and their families. The new Padlet page topics include emotional wellbeing, where to get support on topics such as sleep and healthy relationships, information about the school nursing role and more. To find out more, just visit the page [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Parent Council Representatives

We are looking for **Year 1, Reception and Pre-School** representatives to promote the partnership between school, its pupils and parents/carers, who can represent the year group views on the education provided by the school. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Council Representative, please let the school office know.

Important Dates

14th Feb	Last day of half term
24th Feb	School re-opens for pupils
6th Mar	World Book Day - children come to school dressed as a book character
10th Mar	16.30 Academy Committee meeting

[For a full summary of dates over the year, our Annual Planner can be viewed here](#)

Considerate Parking at School Drop Off and Pick Up

Please take extra care when parking around school, particularly outside the front of the school entrance.

If driving to school, please use the parking bays at the front of school or ensure you park considerately and avoid parking on pavements or near crossings. Thank you.

