

Friday 14th January 2022

Covid

The issue of transporting children to school when a parent is isolating has been raised. There is a form you can complete to apply for assistance getting a child to school. You can ring this number for further guidance 0151 5115200

Values

It has been really interesting talking to children about self-esteem this week. I have found that many children are lacking in self-esteem and this can contribute to a lack of learning. Children often feel that they should measure themselves against their peers and there are lots of things that happen in life that facilitate this such as sports day or Sats. However, making children understand that having good manners, being kind to people or helpful and behaving well are all real positives and children should be told this. Children are now celebrating the things they do in school and I would welcome any examples of kind, helpful things they do at home, however small. Please reply to this email, thank you.

Reception/Sherwood Class

I must apologise for not introducing our new teacher in Reception. Mrs Scott is now on maternity leave so we now have Mrs Durbin working in there. Miss Durbin has been here quite a lot in the past and many children know her well, but new parents in reception will not have met her before and I should have introduced her. She is highly skilled and dedicated and will be with the children until July now.

Eating

More eating tips for you. It was interesting to learn that 'spitting out' is acceptable if done nicely. It's all part of the process. Please let me know if any of these tips are useful/interesting or if they aren't helpful.

Steps to Food Acceptance



Choose a new food – put a tiny amount on the plate



Just smell the food



Pick up food with a fork



Touch food with your fingers



Bring the food close to your mouth



Touch the food with your tongue – spit out nicely if you need to



Take a small bite, swallow if possible



Swallow a few more pieces of the food

Try these steps over days, weeks and months. It won't happen right away! Perseverance is the key!

Shout Outs

Our staff shout-out this week is for Lisa and Jo in Breakfast Club.

They are in every morning preparing and serving breakfasts for your children. They even provide some bagels for each class in case any late-comers need something.

They do a wonderful job, on a voluntary basis, and deserve loads of praise!!

Updates and info are easily viewable at

<https://www.woodsideprimary.co.uk/>

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Thank you and have a lovely weekend ☺