

Covid

We have had no cases this week which is great and there haven't been many going for PCR tests. I hope this continues and that we see minimal disruption towards Christmas.

Health and Safety

I have noticed a few children have started riding bikes and scooters around at busy times. This includes older children picking up siblings. There's a lot of prams and toddlers around at these times so please walk with bikes and push them while on school grounds.

Also, there are a few children walking through the car park rather than through the side gate. There is no need for this; it must save about 3 steps...

Please ask all family members to use the side gate.

Most parents do NOT need to drive into school grounds to drop off. The car park outside school should be used. Our car park is very narrow and traffic should be kept to a minimum. Taxis and people with disabilities (Blue Badge) are ok to use the school car park.

Finally, a lot of children are bringing grapes in packed lunches. This is great but the advice is to cut in half please, even older children. This is to avoid potential choking incidents.

Thank you for your support with keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Punctuality (last week in brackets)

	Sherwood	Delamere	Thetford	Grizedale	Whinfell	Epping
Lates this week	5 (1)	7 (7)	3 (3)	2 (4)	7 (9)	1 (0)
Number of children late	3	4	3	1	4	1

There are still a total of 16 children with late marks. This is almost 10% of the school. We are improving but most of these late marks are just a couple of minutes late. A slightly earlier alarm will help reduce this.

Reading

Some parents have been confused about reading books given to children.

You need to look at reading in 2 ways. The children who are not reading fluently need to continue to develop decoding skills to tackle unfamiliar words. This book should be challenging to them and they should find it hard to read. They should read a book like this a few times to get to know the words.

Children should also have a slightly easier book that they can read more fluently. They should be able to enjoy this book more because they know the words better. If a child flies through a book at home, it could be that it is their fluency book. It doesn't necessarily mean we have put them on the wrong book.

Many younger children aren't ready for a fluency book at all as they don't know enough words. They may have a book with no words at all. They should be able to talk in full sentences about each page.

If you have any questions about reading then please ask Mrs Scott.

Updates and info are easily viewable at

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

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Thank you and have a lovely weekend ☺