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Spring Term 2014

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 23rd January 2015

Learning in WCPs: This week, myself and senior leaders carried out joint lesson observations with Mrs Smith, our Education Development Partner from the Local Authority. We closely observe the teaching and learning in all classes, looking at work in books, on displays and speaking to children about their learning. Mrs Smith was very impressed with the calm, purposeful learning atmosphere throughout the school. She also commented upon the progress and high quality work in books and the high standards of presentation. It is good to know that the hard work and dedication of pupils, staff and governors is recognised by others and that improvements across the school are really beginning to show: well done, everyone, keep it up!

Maths: Staff carried out some training around the new maths curriculum this week, focusing upon real-life maths, problem-solving and reasoning. A scrutiny of all maths books shows that this is an aspect of maths that is really improving across the school and children are beginning to apply their skills to real-life mathematical contexts, which is very important.

After School Clubs: most of our after school clubs are now full, which is excellent. I am always grateful to staff who commit to planning and organising clubs after school, to ensure our pupils can enjoy additional learning experiences outside of the curriculum. If your child has signed up to an after school club, please can you make sure that they attend every week, as there is usually a waiting list. Anyone not attending for a week (who wasn't absent with illness) will unfortunately lose their place to the next person on the waiting list. Can parents and carers please ensure they are at the gate to collect children promptly at 4pm when a club finishes: in some cases, staff are waiting with children until nearly 4.30pm which is unfair to them and distressing for the child. Thank you.

ICT in school: Mr Hodgson, the advisor for ICT in Durham visited Mrs Connor this week, to audit ICT across the school. He was very pleased with how staff are teaching the new curriculum and was especially pleased with our focus upon e-safety and the half-termly e-safety assemblies held by the pupils. This is an extremely important part of children's learning in order to keep them safe online. If parents or carers have any questions or queries regarding e-safety, please contact Mrs Connor. Our next e-safety assembly is on Thursday 12th February: we'd love to see as many of you there as possible.

Pupils of the Week are:

Year 1:-
Year 2:
Year 3:
Year 4:
Year 5:
Year 6:

Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Reception with % attendance, well done!

Reception: %

Y1: %

Y2: %

Y3: %

Y4: %

Y5: %

Y6: %

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to
behaviour and setting an excellent example to others: well done!

for always having impeccable manners and





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Dates for your Diary: (please also check the school website diary pages for key dates throughout the year)

Friday 16 th January	Family Learning 'Play Training' sessions (x6 weeks) 1-2.55pm (Kirsty will inform KS 1 parents who have applied)
Thursday 22 nd January (am)	EYFS 'Cook a Story' Family Learning. (Mrs Byrne will inform inform parents involved)
Thursday 12 th February	1.00pm E Safety Assembly: parents invited, refreshments served afterwards.
Friday 13 th February	1.00-3.00pm: Ks1 & KS2 Valentines Disco (KS1 1-2pm KS 2 2-2.55pm)
Friday 13th February	2.55pm School Closes for Half Term
Year 6 SATs	Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May: <i>under no circumstances must children be absent from school during this week.</i>

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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