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Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Spring Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 10th January 2014

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week after the Christmas break. I am determined that the coming year will see us build on our successes and make further improvements in our pupils' progress.

New Decoration: As part of our school improvement plan we continuously look to develop and improve all aspects of the school and as a result, it has been beautifully decorated over the holidays. This has created a much warmer and more welcoming atmosphere: we love our new look!

Congratulations! As I reported in my last newsletter, Miss Fitt became 'Mrs Smith' over the Christmas holidays and so far the children (and staff!) are doing a great job in remembering her new name!

K5 2 Athletics: 20 Pupils in Key Stage 2 attended an Athletics Festival this week and did extremely well. The boys came 2nd overall, the girls came 3rd overall and as a school, we came 3rd in the competition. Well done to everyone who took part (and you all looked fabulous in our new school tracksuits!)

Class 3 Welly Walk: On Monday 13th January, Mr Lockey will be taking his class on a 'welly walk' as part of their 'Hodgehog' topic. All pupils must bring wellies or walking boots or spare, old shoes with them, as they will get muddy. Thank you.

Thrills and Skills: Since September, Year 5 & 6 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed participating in an exciting, hands-on programme called Thrills & Skills for Life once a fortnight. This has involved their learning a wide range of skills such as teamwork, resilience and communication as well as having fun in real-life situations. This week, I have been in meetings to discuss the possibility of organising an exciting 2 day Thrills and Skills residential visit in the summer term for Y5 & 6. As always, this will be dependent upon positive attitude and good behaviour in school. I will keep you informed later in the term as plans unfold.

Bishop FM Radio: I have also been in discussions with Bishop FM Radio to agree another exciting venture for our pupils. 'Primary Choice' is a monthly radio show, pre-recorded by children, who will be picked to choose and introduce their own pop songs for the Primary Choice radio show. I have arranged for 12 of our pupils to host the show in March and we will let you know more about the details and when it will air nearer the time.

'Stars of the Week' this week are:

- Year 1 – Summer Dunn, for excellent knowledge about animals and great improvement in her work
- Year 2 – Katie Berresford, for making a fantastic start to our school and working hard
- Year 3 – Caitlin Bell, for continuing to work well and improve in all she does
- Year 4 – Shannon Jacques for excellent spelling in Read Write Inc. Lessons
- Year 5 – Ashley Berresford for making a positive, hard-working start in her new class
- Year 6 – Casey Hudson for a great improvement in attitude and behaviour this week: keep it up!

Attendance for this week will be reported on next week's newsletter.





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Dates for your Diary:

Class 3 'Welly Walk'	Monday 13 th January
Year 4 Class Assembly (parents invited for refreshments and tombola afterwards)	Thursday 13 th February 9.10am
End of Half Term Disco: Classes 1 & 2 1-2pm : Classes 3,4,5 & 6 2-2.55pm	Friday 14 th February
Break up for Half Term	Friday 14 th February
Return to school	Monday 24 th February

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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