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# Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014

**Welcome Back!** It has been lovely to welcome pupils, staff and governors back to school after a well – deserved Easter break. This Summer Term is a very busy one and as ever, the expectation is that everyone will work hard, try their utmost and be the best they can be in all aspects of school life. Year 6 and Year 2 are gearing up for their SAT tests in a few weeks' time, having already worked hard to prepare to this point. It is crucial that after having a lengthy break from school, pupils switch back on and aim to achieve their maximum potential. I know that with the right attitude, everyone is capable of achieving well: go for it!

**Ben and Jet:** Today, we had a visit from our friends Ben and Jet, the police dogs. It is always a treat for the children to have them join us in assembly: they were very well-behaved and enjoyed lots of pats and strokes!

**Holiday Improvements:** Whilst most of us were enjoying the Easter holidays, lots of work has been going on in and out of school to make further improvements. I have been determined to improve the issues of overcrowding in the staff car park since my arrival and we now have some much needed additional car parking spaces. As part of our planned programme to improve the environment inside the school, the remaining corridors and dining hall have now been painted in the lovely calm colours which make the school a warmer, more welcoming environment. We have also had 3 classrooms refurbished with new storage furniture which again ensures our children are working in high-quality, stimulating classrooms.

Finally, we have had 2 new basketball posts installed onto the yard. This will enable us to offer even more opportunities to coach our pupils in basketball and continue our positive trend of participating (and achieving very well) in local and County sporting festivals.

I am currently looking into how we can replace some of the older computer equipment in school, to ensure our pupils have the very best resources to develop their learning and ICT skills.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:** We have several very exciting initiatives planned throughout the summer term, including Forest Schools sessions, residential trips and even Rowing at Durham! Through our use of Pupil Premium funding, the school strive to offer as many creative and exciting learning opportunities for our children as possible. I will let you know in due course about some of these initiatives in more detail.

**WASH Drama Club:** have asked me to put on the newsletter that they are looking for new members to join, Meetings are Thursdays from 6-8pm, ages 10-25, costs 50p per night, at Woodhouse Close Church.

## After School Clubs: (KS 1 is Year 1 & 2, KS2 is Year 3 – 6)

Monday: Cricket, KS2, 3.15-4.15pm  
Library Club, KS 1 3.00pm -4.00pm: (parents very welcome, tea & coffee provided!)

Tuesday: Science Club, KS 1, 3pm – 4pm  
Gardening: KS1 & 2, 3-4pm

Wednesday: Girls Football Club, KS 2, 3.15pm-4.15pm  
Boys Football Club, KS2, 3.15-4.15pm  
Library Club, KS2, 3.00pm – 4.00pm((parents very welcome, tea & coffee provided!)

Thursday: Basketball Club, KS2, 3.00-4.00pm  
Drama Club, KS2, 3.00-4.00pm

Friday: Dance Club, KS1, 3.00pm-4.00pm

**All After School Club letters must be returned on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April, with any payment requested.  
Thank you.**

**'Stars of the Week' & Attendance** will be on Monday, due to Jet and Ben Assembly this morning.





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## Dates for your Diary:

<p><u>Forest Schools Sessions:</u></p> <p>Old shoes / wellies, waterproof coat/ sun hat /cap will be needed as these sessions will happen in school grounds, regardless of weather.</p>	<p>EYFS: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 12.30-2.55pm</p> <p>Year 1 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 12.30-2.55pm</p> <p>Year 2: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 12.30-2.55pm</p> <p>Year 3: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 12.30-2.55pm</p> <p>Year 4: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 12.30-2.55pm</p> <p>Year 5: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 12.30-2.55pm</p> <p>Year 6: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 12.30-2.55pm</p>
Year 5, Bishop Barrington, Science Afternoon	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 1-3pm
Year 3 Tennis Festival	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 9am-12pm
Woodhouse Close Church Spring Fayre	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm
Year 6 SAT week	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 1 Hardwick Hall Trip	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Break Up for May Week	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Return to school	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June

Mrs Page  
Headteacher



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