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Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 9th May 2014

Forest School Sessions: This week, Year 1 enjoyed an afternoon of 'Forest Schools' fun. They had to hunt for 'bug clues', create a pizza that bugs would like to eat and made a fire with Sam, the group leader, to roast marshmallows which went down a treat! Next week, it will be the turn of Year 2....

Tennis Festival: This week, Mr Lockey and Mr Walker took a group of Key Stage 2 children to the Tennis Festival at Bishop Barrington School. Mr Lockey was delighted at how well we played and several schools commented at how professional our children looked in their fabulous school tracksuits! I will let you know the results when I receive them.

Pupil & Parent Voice: As promised last week, I have attached a copy of the Parent's Questionnaire for you to complete and return to me by **Wednesday 14th May, please**. All returned questionnaires will be entered into a prize draw, which will be sent home with the child of the winner next week. As I explained, these questionnaires are crucially important, as the results help us to continue to take the school forward, making the positive changes which will result in higher levels of achievement and improvements across our school.

For instance, following the comments from last year's questionnaires, we have improved our Behaviour Policy, introducing the Restart Room, which has led to a marked improvement in behaviour and attitudes across the school. We have also changed the way we run after school clubs, using our own highly -qualified staff to offer a wider range of activities and have introduced some clubs suggested by the children, such as gardening and cookery. We have also continued to improve our school environment, by re-decorating, refurbishing and installing a stage, whiteboards and sound system in order to celebrate the excellence of our pupils.

Finally, parents and carers were very clear in their feedback that you wanted more opportunities to be invited into school in order to share positive experiences alongside your children. As a result, we have worked hard to introduce School Fayres, Parent & Teacher Consultations & Craft sessions, class assemblies, music concerts, plays, Family Learning activities and coffee mornings.

I very much look forward to reading the comments from your next questionnaire, so that we can continue to improve and develop our wonderful school together!

Read Write Inc. Update: This week we had our RWI assessor in school to monitor progress of the children since January. She was delighted at the progress being made across the school and the positive outcomes this is having on our children's confidence in reading.

Having spoken to several parents recently about reading, it is lovely to hear that children are increasingly keen to read at home, with many now accessing the Reading Eggs programme introduced this term

I would also like to say a big thank you to Miss Kent, who has successfully set up our Kindles this week (which is a very time-consuming process!) We are excited to be able to share them round classes as soon as possible, in order to offer yet another exciting way to boost children's reading progress.

Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of the best attendance in school is Year 6: this is fantastic and sets a fantastic example to the rest of the school. It also shows that you are determined to do the very best you can in next week's SAT tests: well done Year 6!

Reception: 95.4%

Year 1: 95.8%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 94.9%

Year 4: 92.5%

Year 5: 94.6%

Year 6: 97.5%

We also presented the prizes for excellent attendance for Spring Term today. Every time a child attends school for a full week, without any late marks, their name is put into a prize box. The winners are then drawn in assembly for a very special prize! The winners are:





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Nursery am: Karla Jones
 Nursery pm: Patrick Joseph Kirkbride
 Reception / Y1 /Y2: Connie Tissier
 Y3, 4 5, &6: Joshua Johnson

Our 'Stars of the Week' this week are:

- Y1:** Tianna Thompson for excellent independent writing
- Y2:** Kieran Bell for much improved literacy and maths work this week
- Y3:** Lewis Maughan for super calculation and word problems in maths
- Y4:** Lisa Clarkson for making a fantastic start to her new school
- Y5:** Dylan Cumberland for fabulous creative narrative writing
- Y6:** Regan Nixon for putting in 100% effort into his revision sessions for SATs.

Dates for your Diary:

<u>Forest Schools Sessions:</u> Old shoes / wellies, waterproof coat/ sun hat /cap will be needed as these sessions will happen in school grounds, regardless of weather.	Year 3: Tuesday 20 th May, 12.30-2.55pm Year 4: Tuesday 3 rd June, 12.30-2.55pm Year 5: Tuesday 10 th June, 12.30-2.55pm Year 6: Tuesday 17 th June, 12.30-2.55pm
Woodhouse Close Church Spring Fayre	Saturday 10 th May 1.30pm
Year 6 SAT week	Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May
Year 1 Hardwick Hall Trip	Monday 19 th May
Break Up for May Week	Friday 23 rd May
Return to school	Monday 2 nd June
Y3 Overnight Residential Trip to Langdon Beck	Monday 16 th June
Y5 Curriculum Week	Monday 23 rd June – Thursday 26 th June: Bishop Barrington Friday 27 th June: St John's
Y5 & 6 2 Night Residential to Hadrian's Wall (Thrills & Skills for Life)	Sunday 6 th July – Tuesday 8 th July
Y6 Transition to Secondary School	Wednesday 9 th July – Friday 11 th July
SPORTS DAY: KS 1 & 2 Y3 & 4: 9.30-10.30am Y5& 6: 11.00am-12.00pm Y1 & 2: 1.15-2.15pm	Monday 14 th July
SPORTS DAY: EYFS	Tuesday 15 th July, 10.00am
EYFS Graduation Celebration	Thursday 17 th July 9.30am
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 18 th July, 9.10am
Y6 Leavers BBQ (weather permitting)	Friday 18 th July, pm.
Break up for Summer	Friday 18 th July
Return to school	Wednesday 3 rd September 2014

Mrs Page
 Headteacher

