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Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 6th June 2014

Whinshield's Farm Residential Y5 & 6: Payment of £20.00 for the Y5 & 6 Residential Trip must be returned by Monday, otherwise your child's place will have to be offered to someone on the waiting list. Thank you.

Langdon Beck: ALL children going on the residential trip to Landon Beck on Monday **MUST** bring a packed lunch and an extra drink (no cans / fizzy pop)

Monitoring Visit: This week, I met with school support advisors from the Local Authority in order to monitor how our school is progressing since our last HMI visit in February. Mrs Cochrane was very impressed after touring the school and commented especially upon the welcoming, positive environment, good behaviour in classes and the positive attitude of the pupils and staff. Of course, we know this is the norm but it is always nice to have positive comments given by inspectors who visit lots of school in Durham (and nationally).

WCPS Girls Football Team: This week saw our first WCPS Girls Football team participate in a festival at Bishop Barrington. They looked splendid in their brand new strips, embroidered with our wonderful school badge. Overall, the girls came a very respectable 3rd in the event and I am sure they will continue to go from strength to strength in the future. Thanks to Miss Fitch, our resident Girls Football coach, for doing a tremendous job and encouraging our young ladies!

SUDS Project: just before half term, I was delighted to learn that WCPS has been chosen as 1 of 3 schools in the whole of the North East to be involved in a Sustainable Drainage project, sponsored by Northumbrian Water and the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust. An 'Eco Warriors' group is currently being established, with pupils from each class bringing their ideas to the consultant engineers. Work on creating rain gardens with seating, a pond, wetland and marshes and a wild meadow within our school grounds will be completed over the summer holidays. This is a very exciting project and will be an excellent opportunity for our pupils to make a real difference in improving the drainage around our school, as well as providing habitats for wildlife. Watch this space...

Joseph & his Technicolour Dreamcoat: Mrs Smith, Miss Elmes, Miss Fitch and Mrs McAloon have been working hard with Drama Club to practice for our summer production of 'Joseph'. I passed through during tonight's rehearsal and it is sounding fantastic! The performance will be on Wednesday 16th July, where we aim to do a matinee (1.30pm) and an evening performance (6.00pm). Tickets will be on sale in a few weeks.

European Festival: Children in Years 3 & 4 have been part of a European Festival, working with artists, singers and dancers to learn more about European life and cultures. The visit to Bishop Barrington to celebrate earlier this week was enjoyed by all and the behaviour, as ever, was excellent. Well done!

School Sports Crew: Mr Lockey has been recruiting a new 'School Sports Crew' this week, to assist in organising and running team events at lunchtime and in the many festivals we attend throughout the year. Some of the older children will receive some referee training and we are sure this will help strengthen our excellent sport provision even further in the coming year. We are already well underway to working towards the Sportsmark Award and the input by the pupils in organising and training others will be a valuable part of the award.





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Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Class 5, well done!

Reception: 92.8%

Y1: 93.7%

Y2: 94.1%

Y3: 94.7%

Y4: 93.9%

Y5: 95.6% The Winners!

Y6: 94.4%

Our 'Stars of the Week' this week are:

Y1: Isabel Court for writing a wonderful account on the story of a packet of crisps!

Y2: Dean Atkinson for an amazing minibeast riddle

Y3: All the children who took part in P.E. Excellent perseverance when long distance running!

Y4: Elli Pearson for fabulous work and attitude towards his work this week.

Y5: Reece Atkinson for super spelling in his work

Y6: Kyro Dunn for writing a sophisticated poem

Dates for your Diary:

Return to school	Monday 2nd 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
Y6 visit to Sunderland university	Monday 23 rd June
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 3rd September 2014

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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