



Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 7th November 2014

Autumn Term
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Staffing: Welcome to Mrs Nixon, who is covering Year 3 for Mrs Smith whilst she is off enjoying her maternity leave. She has really enjoyed her first week with Class 3 and the children have settled well and worked hard for her. A warm welcome also to Mrs Harrison who is helping in the office over the next few weeks.

WW1 Commemoration: This week, we have remembered the events of WW1, with the children enjoying some wonderful events across the school, including traditional dancing, a visit from a 'soldier' and 'nurse' from 1918 Beamish Museum and a storyteller. As always, we aim to find as many opportunities to make learning exciting and memorable for our children. Events such as these help our pupils to learn well and, more importantly, to remember the significant events of WW1 for a long time to come.

Poppies: Poppies are available to buy from the school office this week and all of next week, for a minimum donation of 20p each.

Children in Need: Next Friday 14th November is Children in Need Day. We would like to invite children (and staff!) to dress either in yellow or something spotty, for a donation of 50p per child to raise funds for this fantastic cause. We will be enjoying some Pudsey activities throughout the day.

IEP Meetings: I would like to thank those parents who have attended the IEP appointments with their child's class teacher. These meetings are very important and ensure that we continue to work together to help your children make as much progress as they possibly can. If you were unable to attend, please arrange an alternative mutually convenient time with the class teacher. Such meetings take a significant amount of organisation and we would therefore appreciate your full support by attending or rearranging if you are unable to make the original appointment. Thank you.

Breakfast Club: Just a reminder that children who are not coming to Breakfast Club should not arrive in school not come to school before 8.45am. Thank you.

Brrrrr! Winter is definitely here: all children **must** wear a warm coat and appropriate footwear every day for school, as our playground is a very chilly place indeed and in fact, can sometime resemble the Arctic! Hats, scarves and gloves are also highly recommended!

Diary Dates: This half term is probably the busiest of the year: please check the Diary below, keeping it somewhere safe for future reference for those all- important Christmas parties, plays and Fayres!

This week's Pupil's of the Week are: (and their names will be on our indoor and outdoor TV screens!)

- Y1:** Zak Latcham for super questions and discussion about WW1
- Y2:** Tilly Latcham for a lovely description in writing this week
- Y3:** Daniel Grady for a detailed and interesting diary entry
- Y4:** Ella Ross for creating a super propaganda poster
- Y5:** Dylan Maughan for his brilliant biography of Harry Patch
- Y6:** Dylan Cumberland & Jordan Nicholson for a lovely acrostic poem

Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Class 5 with 99% attendance, well done!

Reception: 88%%

Y1: 92%

Y2: 94%

Y3: 96%



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Y4: 81%

Y5: 99 %

Y6: 91%

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

Wednesday 12 th November	Year 1 IEP Parent & Teacher meetings, (appointment provided by Mrs Hindmarch)
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Day (50p donation)
Monday 17 th November	Eco Warriors Assembly (parents welcome)
Tuesday 18 th November	Year 1 Class Assembly. Parents welcome, refreshments and tombola afterwards
Friday 21 st November 4.30pm	Lantern Parade Bishop Auckland Market Place (20 children, each with adult)
Tuesday 25 th November	EYFS & Key Stage 1 Planting Day for new SUDs Garden: times to follow. Parents welcome.
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 1 Trip to Hardwick Park 10am-12pm
Monday 1 st December	Key Stage 2 Planting Day Planting Day for new SUDs Garden: times to follow. Parents welcome.
Wednesday 3 rd December	Christmas Lunch (slips will be sent out for those children on packed lunch who wish to have Christmas Lunch)
Friday 5 th December 1-3pm	Year 1 & 2 Pantomime at Bishop Auckland College.
Monday 8 th December	9.30-11.30am Year 1 Parent & Teacher Consultations & Xmas Crafts. Appointments given
Monday 8 th December	1.00-3.00pm Year 4 Parent & Teacher Consultations & Xmas Crafts Appointments given
Tuesday 9 th December	9.30-11.30am Year 2 Parent & Teacher Consultations & Xmas Crafts Appointments given
Tuesday 9 th December	1.00-3.00pm Year 3 Parent & Teacher Consultations & Xmas Crafts Appointments given
Tuesday 9 th December	EYFS (all day)Parent & Teacher Consultations & Xmas Crafts Appointments given
Wednesday 10 th December	10-11am WCPs Choir Singing Christmas Carols at Barclays Bank Bishop Auckland
Wednesday 10 th December	1.00pm E-Safety Assembly, parents very welcome
Thursday 11 th December	1.30-2.55pm Christmas Fayre
Friday 12 th December	9.30-11.30am Year 5 Parent & Teacher Consultations & Xmas Crafts Appointments given
Monday 15 th December	1.30pm: Whole School Christmas Production for parents
Tuesday 16 th December	1.00-2.55pm: Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party (party clothes to be brought into school in named bag)
Wednesday 17 th December	10am Nativity for Nursery children Parents
Wednesday 17 th December	1.00-2.55pm: KS 1 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th December	10am Nativity for Reception children Parents
Friday 19 th December	10am: EYFS Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	1.00-2.55pm: Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party (party clothes to be brought into school in named bag)
Friday 19th December	2.55pm Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 6th January	Children Return to School
Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs. Under <i>no</i> circumstances must Y6 pupils be away from school during this time.

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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