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Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 21st November 2014

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SUDs Planting Day: We are now ready to start planting in the mini wetlands! We would like to invite you to join our school planting sessions and help us create new wildlife habitats at Woodhouse Community Primary School. On Tuesday we will begin our first Planting Day. We will have several of these over the coming months and everyone will have the opportunity to participate.

Each year group taking part as follows:

9:30 – 10:15 – half of Y3

10:30 – 11:15 – remainder of Y3

11:30 – 12:00 – half of Y4

1:00 – 1:45 – remainder of Y4

2:00 – 2:45 – half of Y5

Please come along to your child's year group session, we would love to see you. A letter with the times you may attend your child's session is being sent home tonight: please complete and return the slip on Monday, so we can cater for hot drinks and refreshments.

Parents and children will need to wear sturdy foot wear (wellies are best) and some warm clothes as it may be muddy. If children do not have appropriate coats and footwear, unfortunately they will not be allowed to participate as the weather forecast is not good. We will provide all tools and gloves and of course the wetland plants as well as hot drinks and biscuits afterwards.

There will also be the opportunity to talk with WWT and Northumbrian Water about the SuDS Project and the benefits to the local community.

Eco Warriors SUDs Assembly: Mrs Harper and Mrs Gorton have been working hard with our team of Eco Warriors this term, finding out all about the SUDs project and how it will benefit our school and local community. The children presented a wonderful assembly for the whole school and parents, which explained the project very clearly. Thanks also to Laura Tedstone from WWT and Elaine Smith from Northumbrian Water, who have supported us throughout the project and who have funded and organised the Planting Days. I am told the whole project will have cost approximately £50,000 all funded by Northumbrian Water, which is an amazing achievement for our school. We will be ensuring the good work is publicised in the local press and shared with Durham County Council to celebrate our school and its forward-thinking approach to improving our environment and educating our pupils and parents about sustainable drainage and water use.

Year 1 Assembly: Thank you to Year 1 who presented another fantastic assembly this week, for the whole school and parents. What a fabulous turn-out! It's always wonderful to see so many parents and carers coming in to school to support your wonderful children who have worked so hard!

Hometime: There have been some concerns about children coming to school and leaving via the main drive. For everyone's safety, please can all children and parents come into school through the **main gate on Walker Drive** as it is not safe to use the vehicle entrance which is our car park entrance. This is even more dangerous at the moment as we have many tractors and vans on site for our SUDs work. Your children's safety is always our number one priority: please ensure it is yours, too. Thank you.

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

Y1: Brooke Bell for good sentence writing in Read Write Inc.

Y2: Isabel Court for fantastic multiplication work

Y3: Connie Tissier for beautiful pastel art work

Y4: Kate Whittaker for fabulous playing of the recorder

Y5: Kendra Johnson for super maths work this week

Y6: Ashleigh Berresford for hugely improved behaviour and attitude this week.





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Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Class 1 with 93.5% attendance, well done!

Reception: 93.5%%

Y1: 94.6%

Y2: 93%

Y3: 93.4 %

Y4: 93%

Y5: 94.4%

Y6: 94%

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

Tuesday 25 th November	Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4 and half of Y5) Planting Day for new SUDs Garden: times attached
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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