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Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 28th November 2014

Autumn Term
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SUDs Planting Day: It was lovely to welcome so many parents and helpers into school this week to plant our SUDs garden, despite the miserable weather! We have another Planting Day on Monday 1st December for the remaining classes. 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 will be very muddy. If children do not have appropriate coats and footwear, unfortunately they will not be allowed to participate as the area is extremely wet and muddy. 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.

K&2 Science: Well done to those children who visited Bishop Barrington to do some science this week. As usual, reports of behaviour were outstanding: it always makes me so proud when staff from other schools comment on the fantastic attitudes and behaviour of WCPs pupils: well done!

Y1 Visit to Hardwick Park: This week Y1 visited Hardwick Country Park to do a workshop based around the story 'The Stick Man'. The children had a fabulous (if very cold) time and even saw The Gruffalo! Again, well done to everyone for behaving brilliantly and showing everyone how wonderful WCPs pupils are!

Butterwick Hospices: Christmas decorations are on sale at the school office from Monday for £1.00 each. They sell out very quickly so it's first come, first served!

Christmas Lunch: Will be on Wednesday 3rd December. Anyone who normally has a packed lunch and would like to pay for Christmas Lunch must inform the school office by Monday 1st December.

Outstanding Behaviour: I am currently looking closely at class Behaviour Records to identify those children who have never had their name moved onto the Step chart this term and a special treat will be given at the end of term.

Hometime: Despite last week's polite reminder on the newsletter, this week there are still 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. Also, please do not use the grass slopes at the edge of the steps as this is very muddy and slippery and the grass is being damaged. Thank you.

Headlice: we have had several reports of children having headlice in school over the last week. This is an age old problem which unfortunately every school faces. Please check your child's hair daily and treat with headlice lotion and a headlice comb to clear the hair of any remaining eggs. Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

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

Y1: Charlie Clough for working hard in all subjects this week

Y2: Amy Dixon for being kind and thoughtful to others

Y3: Lucas Hawkins for excellent work in RE

Y4: Rebecca Thompson for beautiful piece of homework

Y5: Brooke Thompson for fantastic sentences using conjunctions

Y6: Annaleaha Icton for superb work on percentages in maths





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Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Class 5 with 95% attendance, well done!

Reception: 93 %

Y1: 93%

Y2: 93%

Y3: 94%

Y4: 92%

Y5: 95%

Y6: 94%

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

Monday 1 st December	Key Stage 2 Planting Day Planting Day for new SUDs Garden: times to follow. Parents welcome.
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 5 Visit Toby Carvery 9-12.30
Wednesday 3 rd December	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 WCP5 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.

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