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Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 26th September 2014

Autumn Term

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School visitors: this week, we have welcomed more visitors into our school, to monitor the standards of teaching and learning and the progress our pupils are making in literacy and maths. Again, the feedback is extremely positive, with visitors commenting particularly upon the calm, purposeful and hard-working attitudes of the children and the focused, enthusiastic delivery of our staff. I am exceptionally proud of the staff we have in our school and I want to take the opportunity to say thank you to them for the positive start they have made to the new school year and their hard work so far.

Governors: This week I met with the full governing body to discuss the running of the school and update them on progress. Again, I would like to thank our Governors for their support in ensuring we provide the very best opportunities to get the best outcomes for our children. Governors are volunteers who give freely of their time and I am very grateful for all they do to support the school.

Staff appointments: the last few weeks have been very busy, with some unexpected (and some expected!) staffing changes. We are currently in the process of advertising for a new Assistant Head and EYFS manager, due to Miss Williamson leaving at the end of term to take up a post elsewhere. This week, governors appointed a teacher to replace Mrs Smith after half term, when she leaves us to begin her maternity leave. Mrs Nixon will therefore be teaching Year 3 and I will be introducing her to the children over the next few weeks. Mr Walker has been appointed as a cleaner to replace Mrs Kenney, who is moving on to pastures new. We also have appointed another Teaching Assistant and Higher Level Teaching Assistant, to ensure our pupils have the very best levels of support and challenge in their learning. So, lots of changes but also lots of exciting opportunities for many staff, which is always a very positive aspect in a school.

School meal payments: In line with the Local Authority policy on recovering payments, any outstanding payments for dinner money **must** be paid. We work hard to communicate with parents where this may be the case, offering payment plans for individual circumstances in order to help. Unfortunately, if payment still does not happen, the school has no option other than to forward cases to County, who will begin proceedings to recover payment. If you have been contacted by Mrs Dixon for outstanding payments, please make arrangements with her ASAP, to prevent this from happening. Thank you.

Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Class 4 with 96.6% attendance, well done!

Reception: 95.7%

Y1: 93.1%

Y2: 91.3%

Y3: 95.2%

Y4: 96.6%

Y5: 91.3%

Y6: 96.3%

Our 'Stars of the Week' this week are:

Year 1: Coby Thomppson for some super addition in maths this week

Year 2: Shannon Haswell for independent subtraction in maths

Year 3: Katie Beresford for finding change using a number line

Year 4: Billy McKaskill for fab work using money in maths

Year 5: Nathan Clarkson for excellent long multiplication work

Year 6 Jessica Patterson for settling brilliantly into Y6!



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

Thursday 9 th October	3.15pm PACT meeting for parents (refreshments served)
Friday 10 th October	Y6 trip to Beamish Museum all day
Monday 13 th October	1.00pm: E -Safety Assembly for Parents
Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th October	Y4 & Y5 residential trip to Ford Castle, Scotland
Monday 20th October	School Closed for Staff Training
Tuesday 21 st October	9.10am Year 1 Class Assembly, refreshments served afterwards
Thursday 23 rd October	Am: Y6 visit to Pizza Express & Durham Cathedral
Friday 24 th October	Harvest Festival Assembly: everyone welcome. Donations of tins, bottles and packet foods are very welcome for the Food Bank.
Friday 24th October	2.55pm: School Closes for Half Term

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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