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# Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014

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**Class Observations:** This week, I have been carrying out classroom observations of teaching and learning throughout the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to see at first hand the high levels of quality teaching and the impressive learning and progress being made in all classes. Alongside the Senior Leadership Team, I also look very closely at the quality of children's work and monitor assessments to ensure that our pupils are receiving the very best provision possible. It has been an absolute pleasure to get into classes and see the fantastic work going on in our school.

**International School Award:** we received our certificate from the ISA this week, which celebrates our commitment to global learning and providing opportunities for our children to learn about the wider world and our place in it. Mrs Burnip has worked very hard to make sure we were awarded the ISA for another 3 years and I would like to thank her for her continued dedication in driving this important aspect of our school forwards.

**Y2 Visit to Raby Castle:** Year 2 were very excited to tell me all about their trip to Raby Castle earlier this week, which is part this term's topic on 'castles'. As usual, behaviour was impeccable and the children had a wonderful time, learning in an exciting and inspiring way (even the rain didn't dampen their enthusiasm!)

**The Lion King:** Some children were lucky enough to be chosen to go to see the West End production of 'The Lion King' at Sunderland this week. Having seen the show with my daughter last year, I knew this would be an amazing opportunity for the children and their enthusiasm on returning to school was wonderful. Thanks to the staff who attended, again giving freely of their own time well after the end of the school day to make sure the trip went ahead. Mrs Smith was stopped by two separate member of the public to compliment WCPS pupils on their excellent behaviour: well done and a big thank you to everyone who represented our school.

**Y6 Trip to Beamish Museum:** another fabulous learning opportunity this week for Year 6, who visited Beamish Museum

**Astronomical Attendance:** This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Class 3 with 96.2% attendance, well done!

**Reception: 85.3%**

**Y1: 95.8%**

**Y2: 91.3%**

**Y3: 96.2 %**

**Y4: 91.3%**

**Y5: 96.0%**

**Y6: 91.5%**

**Our 'Stars of the Week' this week are:**

Year 1: Kenley Dunn for excellent science work

Year 2: Millie Mae Hopper for a fantastic recount of Raby Castle

Year 3: Daniel Grady for fabulous RE work

Year 4: Lewis Metcalfe for a wonderful

Year 5: Joshua Metcalfe for excellent long multiplication and division

Year 6: All of Y6 for a fabulous trip to Beamish today!



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

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

Mrs Page  
Headteacher



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