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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 17th October 2014

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Residential Visit to Ford Castle: Mr Lockey, Mrs Stainsby and Mrs Swinbank very kindly volunteered their own time to take 23 Year 4 & 5 pupils on an amazing 2 night residential trip to Ford Castle this week. The experience was fabulous and the children were a credit to WCP5 once again. In the last 2 years, I have been determined to provide as many additional learning experiences for our pupils as possible, with residential trips being top of our school agenda. Such visits provide our pupils the opportunity to participate in a wide range of exciting activities that they may otherwise never get the chance to do. However, as I always make clear, such trips would simply not happen without the organisation and dedication of our fantastic staff, who don't get paid any extra to be away from their own families for 3 days. Thank you, everyone!

E Safety Assembly: Thanks to Miss Kent, our ICT Coordinator, who this week helped some of our ICT Ambassadors to prepare and present an E Safety Assembly for pupils and visitors. In our times of fast changing technology (and as a parent who can't often keep up myself!) it is crucial that we educate our pupils how to be safe when using technology. We will continue to deliver E Safety assemblies throughout the year to ensure we are all kept up to date with such an important issue.

Year 5 Assembly: Another fabulous class assembly took place for the whole school and visitors this week, the turn of Class 5. As ever, it is always a wonderful opportunity to welcome so many parents and carers into school, to celebrate the achievements and learning of your wonderful children. Only 6 weeks in, they have already had huge success in so many areas of the curriculum (and their singing was beautiful!) Well done, Class 5!

MLB Learning Walk: I welcomed Mrs Binks, Headteacher of 2 primary schools in Durham this week to come for a Learning Walk around our school. Mrs Binks and her staff have worked alongside WCP5 for just over a year now and it was lovely to hear her thoughts on how the school has moved forward so positively in that time. It was also fantastic for her to take some of our ideas to use back in her schools, showing a really strong partnership between the schools to further improve.

PD Training Reminder: Just a reminder, (which has been on all weekly newsletters this term), that **school is closed for all pupils on MONDAY 20th OCTOBER**, due to staff training day. Thank you

Harvest Festival & Donations Reminder: Thank you to those parents and carers who have already donated tinned food, packets, bottles and boxes of food for next week's Harvest Festival. We still need much more, so if every child could bring one item to school next week (no fresh fruit or vegetables, please) we would be very grateful.

Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Class 4 with 96.7% attendance, well done!

Reception: 87.3%

Y1: 96.5%

Y2: 95 %

Y3: 92.1%

Y4: 96.7%

Y5: 87.6%

Y6: 94.4%



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Our 'Stars of the Week' this week are:

Year 1: Makai Taylor for being excellent all round in all areas this week!

Year 2: Kai Kenney for following instructions and being a great help to others

Year 3: Dylan Phillips for fabulous maths investigations this week

Year 4: Shekoni Dunn for brilliant maths investigation with Ellis!

Year 5: Ellis Pearson, for brilliant maths investigation with Shekoni!

Year 6: Macauley Starling for fabulous questioning and showing real enthusiasm at Beamish Museum

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

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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