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Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Spring Term 2014

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 27th February 2015

Welcome Back: I hope everyone has enjoyed the half-term break last week. We have another very busy half-term to look forward to, where we have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned. This is particularly important for Year 6, who will be focusing on preparing for SAT tests after Easter. I have to say that I am very impressed, as are other members of staff, with the positive, hard-working attitude our Y6 pupils are showing. They certainly know that to be the best, they have to try their best in all areas of school and I am pleased that as a class, this attitude is shining out. Keep it up, Year 6.

School uniform: I mentioned to children just before half term that there was a small rise in the number of children arriving in non-uniform, especially hoodies and tracksuits: grey or black school trousers or skirt are to be worn, with a school jumper or plain navy jumper or cardigan. We have worked extremely hard with parents and carers in the last 2 years to ensure the wearing of uniform is part of our high expectations and we need this to continue. I would ask all parents to please make sure children wear their school uniform daily. We do have some spare jumpers in lost property which we can lend until you purchase one, please just let us know if this is needed. All jumpers and PE kits can be ordered from the school office. Thank you.

Fair Trade Week: this week we have enjoyed a Fair Trade themed week across school, where each class has been learning about the importance of Fair Trade and what we can do in our everyday lives to make the lives of those in the third world easier. I have seen some wonderful acrostic poems and stories of the journey of a coffee bean in writing! Year 4 also enjoyed an interesting morning at Costa Coffee in Bishop Auckland, where the staff were excellent at explaining where our coffee comes from. I am reliably told that the free samples of coffee and cake went down especially well! As always, the behaviour and attitude of the children was first-class: well done Year 4, for showing our local community what an excellent school we are!

EYFS Extension: I am absolutely delighted to be able to announce that after significant planning and numerous meetings with the Local Authority, we have been successfully awarded a bid in order to extend our EYFS unit to accommodate 2 year olds. I hope this will be operational from Autumn Term 2015 and I have been in meetings with architects and builders this week in order to secure further details. This will be an amazing opportunity for our school to provide the highest quality provision for the youngest of children, in a brand new, specially designed building which will be linked into our current EYFS building. Anyone interested in finding out about eligibility of children from September, please speak to Mrs Byrne in EYFS. I will keep you posted!

Governor Training: I would like to say a special thank you to our dedicated governors, who attended a training session about the new Special Educational Needs (SEND) and Disabilities Code of Practice after school this week. As you will know, the role of a governor is a voluntary one and requires members to attend various training and many meetings, which can be time-consuming and at times a little overwhelming. The attendance for the meeting this week was excellent and I just want to share my gratitude to them for the great job they are doing in supporting our school and ensuring that we continue to drive forwards.

Cross Country: Miss Sugden took a group of children to the annual Cross Country festival and the children did fantastic, numerous children finished in the top 20 and one child secured a place in the County Championships. Well done to all who took part.

Pupil Safety: The safety and well-being of the pupils in our school is always paramount to everything we do. If there is ever an incident outside of the school where concerns for safety arise, the police will inform the school directly to let us know the details and the correct advice to give. We regularly teach the children about Stranger Danger, E-Safety, and a wide range of other issues in order to keep children safe, for instance, through attending the Safety Carousel training. If there are specific incidents where parents need to be informed, rest assured that on the advice and guidance of the police, this will be done.





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Parent & Teacher Consultations: Please make a note of the dates for your Parent & Teacher Consultation meeting, which we combine with an Easter Craft activity. This is a popular and effective way of enabling staff to discuss pupil progress with parents and carers, whilst at the same time, enjoying creating an Easter Egg for our whole-school competition. Please put the date in your diary, so we can meet with as many of you as possible. If you are unable to make this date, please make an alternative appointment with the class teacher.

Pupils of the Week are:

- Y1 Caitlin Haswell for excellent writing this week
- Y2 Amy Dixon for partitioning work in numeracy
- Y3 Nathaniel Irving for super effort in his work this week
- Y4 Kaci Austin for excellent interpretation of a Fairtrade graph
- Y5 Sophie Hutchinson for reading 18 books in 4 weeks
- Y6 Declan Trotter for his numeracy this week

Astronomical Attendance: This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Year 1 with 99.6% attendance, well done!

Reception: 86.5 %

Y1: 99.6%

Y2: 95%

Y3: 93.2%

Y4: 87.3%

Y5: 96.8%

Y6: 96.3%

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Shekoni Dunn for always having impeccable manners and behaviour and setting an excellent example to others: well done!

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

Friday 6 th March	World Book Day: children to come dressed as favourite book character.
Friday 13 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 23 rd March	9.00-11.30am: Y4 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft 1.00-3.00pm: Y2 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft
Tuesday 24 th February	9.00-11.30: Y1 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft 9-2.30pm EYF5 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft
Wednesday 25 th March	9.00-11.30am: Y5 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft 1.00-3.00pm: Y6 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft
Thursday 26 th March	E Safety Assembly for Parents and Carers (refreshments served afterwards)
Friday 27 th March	9.00-10.00: Easter Eggstravaganza Coffee Morning (winners of the decorated eggs will be announced) Tombola, raffle and stalls.
Friday 27 th March	2.55pm: Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 14 th April	Return to school
Year 6 SATs	Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May: under no circumstances, must children be absent from school during this week.

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Headteacher



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