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Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Spring Term 2014

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 13th March 2015

Red Nose Day 2015: Thank you to everyone who participated in Red Nose Day today. This is always an opportunity for our community to help support families who are less fortunate than ourselves, both in our country and abroad and once again, we showed that at Woodhouse Community Primary School, we love to help others. By buying red noses and contributing your 50p donations in school, we have managed to raise a total of £210.23 to send to Comic Relief this year. Thank you to everyone who participated, especially to Mr Lockey's identical twin, who joined us in assembly (ask your children!!)

Cross Country Finals: A huge well done to Kyle Blacklock who came 5th out of over 100 children in the County Cross Country finals this morning. This is an amazing achievement for Kyle and again shows the fabulous talents of our school across Durham. Thanks also to Miss Sugden and Mrs Makinson, who accompanied Kyle to the event, standing in the pouring rain to cheer him to victory!

Easter Eggs: As I mentioned last week, this year, we will be having an Easter Raffle for the whole school, where children can buy raffle tickets throughout the last week of term and win prizes in our Easter Egg Assembly on 27th March. Every child will receive one free lucky ticket but of course they are able to buy more, to raise money for School Fund. If you can donate an Easter egg or Easter prize for the raffle, this would be very much appreciated. All donations can be brought to the school office. Thank you.

Story Ticklers: As part of our World Book Day celebrations, the children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 enjoyed some fabulous interactive story performances with a theatre company called Story Ticklers this week. Laura (the storyteller) was really impressed with our pupils, who thoroughly enjoyed the morning. Well done, everyone!

Outdoor Learning: I met with Sam Jackson this week, who worked with all classes last year to work outside in our school grounds to promote creative learning. The children were involved making campfires and lots of other exciting things! I intend to develop this further in the summer term and have planned for Sam to return to do some work after Easter. At WCPS, we are committed to finding opportunities to make learning as exciting and engaging as possible: learning does not always take place in the classroom and we will be using our fantastic new pond and rain garden to develop this further.

Parent & Teacher Meetings: Just a reminder that Parent & Teacher consultations will be taking place next week. Please see below for your date. Teachers will be sending a slip with your appointment time, where you will have a 30 minute time slot to make your Easter Egg with your child in the hall. If you are unable to attend, please make an alternative appointment to speak with your child's class teacher: these meetings are extremely important, as we work together to help ensure further progress for your child.

Pupils of the Week:

Y1: Coby T, for superb art work

Y2: Millie Mae H, for excellent halving of numbers

Y3: Jimmy N, for excellent improvement in handwriting

Y4: Libby D, for fantastic Geography research using ipads

Y5: John Paul M, for carrying out a thorough science investigation about parachutes

Y6: Codie D, for producing an excellent piece of writing, using suspense

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

Red Nose Plate Design Winners:

Year 1: Makai, Kenley, Bethany

Year 2: Summer, Daniel, Gracie Jo





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Year 3: Jimmy, Connie, Anthony
 Year 4: Rebecca, Joshua, Billyjoe
 Year 5: Sophie,, Cloe, Gabrielle
 Year 6: Megan, Chloe, Ellie

Astronomical Attendance Award: this week, the class with the best attendance is Reception with 95.9%

Reception: 95.9%
 Y1: 91.5%
 Y2: 82.3%
 Y3: 92.1%
 Y4: 86%
 Y5: 89.6%
 Y6: 94%

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

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 1.00pm-3.00pm: Y3 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft 9-2.30pm EVFS 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.

Mrs Page
 Headteacher

