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# Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**EYF\$ Swimming:** For the first time, our youngest children have been involved in swimming sessions at the leisure centre. We believe that this is a valuable experience for the children, building confidence and ensuring they enjoy swimming from an early age.

**Washington Wildfowl Trip:** This week Year 1 and Year 4 visited Washington Wildfowl Park, as part of our continued partnership as part of our SUDs project. The weather was beautiful, the children had a lot of fun and learned lots about the habitats of the animals. As always, the outstanding behaviour was commented upon by staff and members of the public, which always makes me exceptionally proud of our school.

**Uniform Reminder:** Orders for school uniform can be made at the school office for the summer term. I would like to remind parents that although we would like to see as many children as possible in a school jumper and school polo shirt, plain navy sweat shirts and pale blue polo shirts can also be worn. Classes have spare, clean jumpers from lost property if occasionally children are unable to wear one for whatever reason on a particular day. We understand that sometimes this is unavoidable and we will always try to accommodate individual cases. However, we are determined to be a school which looks smart and thinks smart therefore we will contact parents if school uniform is not being worn or offer items from lost property to wear so that all children feel part of our school family.

**Violence and aggression in the workplace:** The safety and well-being of your children is the ultimate priority in our school, providing them with a place of safety and security where mutual respect is shown. This is the same for all members of staff, who work hard to ensure your children are safe and who expect their workplace to be safe. Durham County Council have stringent policies on safeguarding children and staff in schools and verbal or physical aggression towards staff, pupils or other parents or carers on the school premises will *not* be tolerated. Procedures for reporting any such incidents to the Health and Safety department in Durham County Council are in place and I will personally write to any parent or carer who does not comply with school safeguarding procedures. In more severe cases, legal action or police referrals may be taken and adults can be refused the right to school premises in order to ensure the safety of children and staff is maintained. Aggressive or abusive behaviour is not tolerated in places such as hospitals and will not be tolerated in WCPS.

**Staffing changes:** Before the Easter holidays, governors had a very busy time deciding upon some staffing changes from September. I received the bittersweet news from Miss Hez that after much soul searching, she had made the decision to leave our school in the summer after being offered the amazing opportunity to teach in Dubai from September. Obviously, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for her, which I fully support but her leaving will be a huge loss for our school. Governors also decided that Mrs Smith will return from maternity leave in the summer term to be non- class based, providing additional teaching support for several classes and this will continue from September. Consequently, we had vacancies for 2 new teachers and I am delighted to report that Miss Ashley and Miss Dargue, final year students who have had outstanding teaching practices in school this year were successfully appointed to teach in Y2 and Y3 from September. We welcome them both and look forward to their becoming valued members of our fantastic team, strengthening it even further.

## Pupils of the Week:

- Y1: Ellie May Barker for a fantastic recount of the trip
- Y2: Heidi Conway for an excellent non-chronological report
- Y3: Tianna Johnson for having an excellent attitude
- Y4: The whole class for an excellent school trip and outstanding behaviour
- Y5: Towson Ballan for reading consistently every day
- Y6: Chloe Eales for super use of vocabulary to extend writing





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**Astronomical Attendance:** this week the best attendance in school goes to Class 2 . Well done everyone!

Reception: 91%

Y1: 87.4%

Y2: 97%

Y3: 94.8%

Y4: 89.1%

Y5: 92.8%

Y6: 91.0%

Remember! We are aiming to have at least 95% attendance for every class, every week: let's see if we can make this term the best attendance yet!

**Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award** this week goes to Marley Sullivan 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)

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	SUDs Planting Days for pupils and parents
<b>Year 6 SATs</b>	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May: <i>under no circumstances must children be absent from school during this week.</i></b>

Mrs Page  
Headteacher



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