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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015

**Further Sporting Victory!** This week, Mr Lockey and staff took selected pupils from KS 2 to the Athletics Festival, which had over 200 children from schools locally participating. He was delighted to report that our Y5 /6 'A' team came first overall, which is a magnificent achievement! Following on the success of the Y3 Tennis champions, this is another great win for our school and shows that the dedication of our pupils (through the excellent teaching and support of our staff) is paying great dividends in school sport. Well done to all those who participated and especially to our winning team! We look forward to seeing how you perform at the next level in a few weeks' time...

**Photographs:** we had our photographer in school this week and the proofs and order forms will be sent home on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, when we return from half term. Orders and payment must be returned by **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Questionnaires:** Thank you very much to all parents and carers who returned the Parent Questionnaire sent out last week. We are always keen to hear parent's views about all aspects of our school and the results have been extremely positive, with most of the questions asked coming out at 100% of respondents answering 'agree' or 'strongly agree'. As always, we pay close attention to those suggestions offered by parents and endeavour to address these as quickly as we can through our school development plan from September. As promised, there would be a lucky parent draw for a £10 Tesco voucher for all of the responses received and Emily Joyce was the name pulled out of the hat this morning, well done!

**Dr Bike:** Thank you to the parents and children who brought bikes along to the free Dr Bike sessions held this week. Any issues that needed to be fixed were identified, so that you are able to sort them out during half term. We would ask that any bikes deemed unsafe by Dr Bike are not ridden to school until they are fixed, to ensure your children are safe. Thank you.

**Life Channel Live Web Streaming:** The Life Channel, our indoor and outdoor TV screens in school, has been streamed to our new – look school website. This means you should be able to see Pupils of the Week as well as all of our other celebratory photographs and school event information live. Have a look:  
<http://www.woodhousecommunity.durham.sch.uk>

**School improvements:** this week I have met with several contractors, to discuss and plan further improvements to our school. These include improved classroom storage, new carpets, extending and developing the outdoor garden in EYFS to name but a few! This is a really exciting time for our school in moving forward and ensuring we offer the very best for your children: thank you for your continued support.

**Ofsted preparation:** we are expecting our next Ofsted inspection any time soon and this week staff and Governors have been involved in training by the Local Authority. In preparation, we have invited the Local Authority to come and do Local Authority reviews, which will help us to further identify any areas we need to develop but, perhaps more importantly, to verify how far we have come since our last inspection in October 2013. I am extremely proud of the progress this school has made in the last 3 years in all areas such as behaviour, achievement of pupils and teaching and learning and we look forward to demonstrating these improvements to our visitors when they arrive!

## Pupils of the Week:

Y1: Katie E for excellent independent story writing

Y2: Lily M for trying really hard in everything she does!

Y3: Jimmy N for superb sportsmanship and teamwork in PE

Y4: Joshua P for being a credit to the school: good luck in your new school!

Y5: Towson B, for writing an excellent narrative piece this week

Y6: Briony C purely for being a delight to teach!





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**Astronomical Attendance:** this week the best attendance in school goes to Class 6. Well done everyone!

Reception: 86.6%

Y1: 93.4%

Y2: 92.9%

Y3: 93.8 %

Y4: 92 %

Y5: 90 %

Y6: 94 %

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 Brooke Thompson for always having impeccable manners, being very helpful and behaviour and setting an excellent example to others: well done!

**And finally...** I hope you all have a well-deserved break and hopefully we will be able to enjoy some summer sunshine over half-term! I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

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

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 9.10am	Year 3 class trip to Botanic Gardens
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 1-3pm	Year 6 Bike Skills (on yard, bring own bikes)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Curriculum Week (St Johns, Bishop Barrington)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Hamsterley Forest cycling trip (1/2 class)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Bike Skills (on yard, bring own bikes)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Hamsterley Forest cycling trip (1/2 class)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 1pm	EYFS Meeting for 2 Year olds
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 Hamsterley Forest cycling trip (1/2 class)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 9.00am	New Nursery / Reception Parents meeting
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 Hamsterley Forest cycling trip (1/2 class)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 9.10am	Y1 Transition Meeting
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Transition Visits to Secondary School
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day: Y3 /4: 9.15-10.30am Y5/6: 11.00 – 12.15 Y1/2: 1.15- 2.15pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	House Games in school
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 9.15am	EYFS Sports Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 9.15am	Summer Term Outstanding Behaviour Trip
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre & SUDs Launch
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Graduation Ceremony
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 4-7pm	Year 6 Leavers Prom (parents invited 6-7pm)

Mrs Page  
Headteacher

