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# Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Welcome Back!** I hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing week during half term. We have certainly hit the ground running since we've come back to school, with the children settling straight back down to work and enjoying a range of fabulous learning opportunities! I am sure we will have a positive and productive term (and hopefully some sunny weather!)

**Questionnaires:** Many thanks to everyone who responded to our Parent Questionnaire: the number of responses was significantly increased from the last 2 years, which is very positive. I am delighted that for the vast majority of responses (98% +), parents and carers agree or strongly agree that 'teaching is good at this school' and that 'the school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour'. 100% of responses agree or strongly agree that 'the school keeps my child safe', an aspect which we always have as our main priority. Those issues that parents felt needed to be developed further are always taken on board and we will continue to work together with you to move our school forwards.

**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:

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Please check the school website for additional diary dates, as we have many events this half term.

**More School improvements!:** during half term, we have continued with our rolling programme of internal school improvements and have now had the remaining classes fitted with beautiful new carpets. They look wonderful and have ensured that our children have the very best quality learning environments possible. We have also made improvements to our entrance area, with a gorgeous new doormat (complete with school logo!) and new settees for our waiting area.

**National Energy Action Day:** This morning we had Alan from NEA to deliver a whole school assembly and workshops with Y5 & Y6, explaining about how we can save energy (and money). The pupils then enjoyed some drama workshops and even made solar powered lego vehicles, which was great fun and ensured super learning!

**SEND:** Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our SEND sessions, to help support children's learning. Mrs Hindmarch was very appreciative of your attendance and I would like to say a big thanks to Mrs H for her hard work in organising, as this takes a long time to do!

**EYF\$ Moderation:** this week, Mrs Byrne worked with another Head teacher to moderate and check our EYF\$ data. This is very important as it verifies our judgements about the progress our children are making and I am pleased to say, all judgements were exactly accurate! Thanks to Mrs Byrne and the EYF\$ staff who worked so hard in preparation of this visit.

## Pupils of the Week:

Y1: Izzy W for excellent work in all areas and a great attitude to learning!

Y2: Marlee S, for a fantastic creative diary as part of his holiday homework

Y3: Ellie Mae W for excellent work in maths this week

Y4: Ella R for making a fabulous start to the new half term and working extremely hard in all areas

Y5: Brooke T for lovely independent learning at home, completely under her own initiative!

Y6: Declan T for a superb piece of descriptive writing: WOW, Declan!

**Astronomical Attendance:** unfortunately, this week's attendance is poor in school, due to a large number of unauthorised absences due to holidays taken during term time. All unauthorised absences are reported to our EWO and could trigger a fine. I hope next week's figures improve to be in line with Reception, who have done a tremendous job of attending school this week!





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Reception: 97%

Y1: 87.3%

Y2: 85%

Y3: 87%

Y4: 92%

Y5: 85%

Y6: 90%

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 Codie D for always having impeccable manners, being very helpful 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)

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	RETURN TO SCHOOL
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