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# Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Summer is here!** At long last, we are starting to see some warm, sunny weather. Please can you make sure your child is wearing sun screen for school (especially faces, necks and ears!), they are wearing a hat or cap and have a water bottle every day. Water bottles are on sale at the office.

**Uniform reminders of policy / orders:** I have had several conversations about school uniform this week, especially in terms of reminding children and carers / parents about the importance of wearing full school uniform daily. Although the vast majority of children come to school in uniform, a number of pupils have been wearing tracksuit / jogging bottoms and our school policy is that we contact parents to ask them to please ensure school trousers (grey or black are worn). Shorts are also allowed during the warmer weather but again, these need to be grey or black school shorts (all of the local supermarkets have them in at a reasonable price), not sports shorts. A copy of our school uniform policy is available to download from the website or you can request a copy from the office if you are unsure of what is required. School uniform orders for September **MUST** be into the office by 26<sup>th</sup> June, along with payment otherwise we will not receive them in time for the end of term. Unfortunately, we are unable to take orders without payment. Thank you.

**Free School Meals; Verification Checks:** It is crucial that all FSM verification forms are returned to school **URGENTLY;** failure to return the forms could mean you have to pay from school meals even though you may be eligible to receive Free School Meals. Please return all forms and evidence by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Sporting events:** Once again, we have had lots of children participating in sporting events over the last week. We were narrowly pipped to the post during extra time in the final of the Tag Rugby Festival last Friday, where the children played superbly well. We have also had children from Y6 involved in the Cricket Festival, where their attitude and outstanding behaviour were commented upon by another school! Well done, everyone.

**Cultural Event:** in preparation for our local Cultural Event to be held at Auckland Castle soon, Year 3 and 4 have been working with some artists this week, including a storyteller and a professional photographer. Both artists were massively impressed at the enthusiasm and attitudes of all pupils involved: we look forward to visiting the Castle shortly to put our hard work into practice!

**Dr Tom:** this week, we had the privilege of inviting Dr Tom Robson, an inspirational scientist and educational consultant, to work in some classes. The children (and staff) were transfixed by his work on harnessing our Emerald Powers and I am happy to have arranged for Dr Tom to work with us again next year. I was extremely humbled by Dr Tom's comment, having worked in schools all over the world, when he said "schools don't come much better than this". We completely agree, Dr Tom!

## **Pupils of the Week:**

Reception: Tony, Ellie May, Carly, Amy, Kayleigh, Ollie, Nicole & Aaron: for getting all of their spellings correct this week: **WOW!**

Y1: Caitlin, for fantastic subtraction work this week

Y2: Millie, for setting a wonderful example to her classmates at all times

Y3: All of Y3, for their outstanding behaviour and attitude during their trip this week

Y4: Caitlin, for super maths all week

Y5: Shelby: for amazing attitude and making super progress in everything this week!

Y6: Reece for impressive Tag Rugby skills and a mature attitude in school





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**Astronomical Attendance:** Thank you for a much better week of attendance this week, everyone. The overall winners are Class 4! Well done.

Reception: 96.3 %

Y1: 95.3%

Y2: 91.7%

Y3: 96.5%

Y4: 97.3%

Y5: 88.3%

Y6: 94.6%

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 Elisha- Marie M 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)

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



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