

Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Summer Term

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 10th July 2015

'The pathway to success'

Classes from September: From September, classes will be taught by the following teachers:

EYFS:

Nursery: Mrs Byrne Reception: Miss O' Connor

Key Stage 1:

Year 1: Mrs Hindmarch Year 2: Miss Ashley

Key Stage 2:

Year 3: Miss Dargue Year 4: Mrs Burnip Year 5: Mr Lockey Year 6C: Mrs Connor Year 6S: Mrs Smith

Teaching assistants and Higher Level Teaching Assistants will also be working within and between classes, to provide interventions and support for pupils. This includes teaching Read Write Inc.

Pupil Results: I would like to say a great big CONGRATULATIONS to our Year 6 pupils who this week received their SAT results. The children worked extremely hard to do their best and we are very proud of their efforts. Although SAT results are very important and give a comparison to other children nationally, we at WCPS value the individual progress made by our children above all else and it is this which has been most impressive, with 100% of the pupils achieving the expected 2 levels of progress in Writing from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2. This is super, Year 6, well done!

An overview of the results is available on the school website at: http://www.woodhousecommunity.durham.sch.uk

Moving Up Morning: The children were all given the opportunity to experience their new classes and get to know their new teachers this week. This is an important part of our school transition arrangements and I am reliably informed that both pupils and staff enjoyed getting to know each other!

Mega Motion Walks This morning we enjoyed a fantastic assembly, where we were joined by Spiderman and the Mega Motion team! Billy McCaskill was the winner of a Mega Motion competition across the County and part of his prize was to win this superb assembly for the whole school. Spiderman chose several volunteers to join him in acting out the show, explaining how we can get fit and healthy by leaving the car at home and walking, cycling or scooting to school. A special well done goes to Bruno, Y4 and Millie, Y5 whose acting skills were tremendous and kept us fully entertained!

Summer Fayre / SUDs Launch: Next Wednesday is our annual Summer Fayre. I am delighted to say that the Mayor of Bishop Auckland Councillor Lee Brownson, will also be officially unveiling our SUDs project and Rain Garden, along with Northumbrian Water, World Wetland Trust and Durham County Council representatives. Please come along to support our school from 1.30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult but if an adult is unable to attend, the children will still have the opportunity to attend the fayre before we open the gates to the public. Please note that children will not be permitted to leave the school before the Mayor leads the SUDs launch at 2pm. After this time, children will only be permitted to leave with an authorised adult / carer, in compliance with our school records. To ensure safeguarding of all children, anyone who is not listed as having permission to collect the child on a daily basis will not be permitted to take children off the premises. Thank you.

If you have any raffle prizes you would like to donate to the fayre, we would be extremely grateful. Also, any tombola / brik- a -brak donations, would be gratefully received and can be brought to the office from Monday. Thank you.

Tennis Finals: For the first time in WCPS history, Year 3 qualified for the Sainsbury's Summer Games. The girls' team finished in a magnificent second place whilst the boys team finished in a very respectable fourth place. This competition is for the winners of tennis competitions held throughout County Durham and our children have done a fantastic job in representing our school, showing we have some talented tennis players in our midst. Keep an eye out at Wimbledon over the next few years...

Water Safety: Following yet more tragic news of another young life lost in the River Wear last week, I have sent out a Water Safety leaflet for parents and carers to share with children. Please take a few minutes to discuss this important issue with your child and ensure we all stay safe over the summer.

Y6 Transitions This week, most of our Y6 pupils have been visiting their new secondary schools as part of their transition programme. I have had very positive reports about all of our pupils from the secondary staff: well done, Y6!

Pupil Reports: The staff have been extremely busy writing pupil reports over the last several weeks. Reports will be sent out to parents / carers on Monday.

Building Work: over the summer, we will be having a lot of building work whilst the new EYFS extension is created, ready to welcome our 2 year old's in September. The site will be managed throughout by contractors, with CCTV recording and security throughout to ensure the project is completed smoothly and in time for our new children arriving in the Autumn term.

Sports Day reminders We have our fingers crossed for good weather on Monday and Wednesday, when we will be holding our Sports Day's for KS1 & 2 (Monday) and EYFS (Wednesday). Please check the calendar for the times you can come along to support your children!

Pupils of the Weeks will follow next week, as Spiderman's assembly did not allow enough time to announce today!

Astronomical Attendance: The overall winners of the Attendance award this week are Class Y2, with an amazing % attendance: keep it up!

YR: 97 %

Y1: 89.62%

Y2: 98.67%

Y3: 93.08%

Y4: 96.67%

Y5: 80.83%

Y6: 97.69%

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

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

Monday 13 th July	Sports Day: Y3 /4: 9.15-10.30am
	Y5/6: 11.00 - 12.15
	Y1/2: 1.15- 2.15pm
Tuesday 14 th July	Inter - House Games in school
Wednesday 15 th July 9.15am	EYFS Sports Day
Wednesday 15 th July 9.15am	Summer Term Outstanding Behaviour Trip
Wednesday 15 th July	Summer Fayre & SUDs Launch
Thursday 16 th July	EYFS Graduation Ceremony
Thursday 16 th July 4-7pm	Year 6 Leavers Prom (parents invited 6-7pm)

Mrs Page Headteacher

