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Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 11th September 2015

Welcome back! It has been my absolute pleasure to welcome everyone back to school for the new Autumn term. The summer holiday has been a very busy one, with lots of exciting things going on behind the scenes in school, not least the arrival of our fabulous new building to welcome our brand new 2 year old pupils! Provision for 2 year old's is something myself and the governors have been keen to do in WCPS for several years and it is wonderful to see our youngest children ('The Little Rainbows!') finally making themselves at home in their fantastic new classroom this week.

New Staff: As well as welcoming back staff and pupils who are already part of our school family, I would like to warmly welcome several new members of staff who have joined us this year: Miss Ashley in Y2, Miss Dargue in Y3, Miss Foster, Mrs Pallister and Mrs Fletcher in EYFS and Mr McGurk who is working in every class throughout the week, supporting PE. We are very fortunate to have so many new members of staff to work with us in our fabulous school: you are all very welcome!

Breakfast Club: Just a reminder to parents and carers that our Breakfast Club is open from 8.10am every day, for the amazing cost of only 30p per child. Having spoken to many Headteacher's of lots of schools, our Breakfast Club offers the best value for money anywhere in the County. The children are offered a wide selection of healthy breakfast choices and then are supervised on the yard or to do indoor activities with staff. PLEASE NOTE: children must not arrive on site before 8.10am coming to Breakfast Club.

Internet & Permission Forms: The office staff are updating all pupil and contact information and it is vital that all forms are returned by Tuesday next week, please. If you specifically **do not** give permission for photographs to be taken (as they may be uploaded onto our school TV channel, which is now streamed to the school website), you must let the office know ASAP.

Uniform: It is wonderful to see everyone in school uniform this year: the children look smart and show that they belong to our WCPS family. Please remember this extends to PE kit which can be ordered from the school office. All children must also wear PE shoes or trainers for PE lessons. Can I also ask that EVERY item of school uniform is named over the weekend: already, we have had some brand new jumpers lost and without names, it is very difficult to find their owners. Our fantastic new lockers are helping keep the children's belongings safe and tidy but we still need to label them please!

Dinners: School dinners are charged at £1.95 a day, (£9.75 per week). Dinner money must be paid on a Monday morning. If you believe you are eligible for Free School Meals, please speak to Mrs Dixon, who will let you know what paperwork you need to provide to school. Non-payment of dinner money will mean parents / carers may have to provide a packed lunch and all overdue payments are referred to the Local Authority Debt Recovery team.

Water Bottles / PE Kits: Please make sure your child has a water bottle from next week: every class has a chilled water dispenser and the children need to drink lots of water throughout the day to keep hydrated and learn well. Bottles are available for £1.50 from the office, or you can provide your own. As a reminder, those children who bring a packed lunch are not permitted to bring fizzy drinks to school. Thank you.

Shrek! The Musical: Letters will go home with tonight's newsletter for tickets to see 'Shrek' at The Sunderland Empire. As last year with 'The Lion King', these tickets are massively subsidised by the school at a cost of £20, to include transport. Tickets are strictly first come, first served and a waiting list will be made. As always, attendance is dependent upon high standards of behaviour in school: anyone demonstrating poor behaviour in school will lose their place to the next person on the waiting list.





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Astronomical Attendance: The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Reception, what a great start to the new school year!

YR: 97.2%

Y1: 95.9%

Y2: 91.1 %

Y3: 91%

Y4: 91.5%

Y5: 92.1%

Y6: 84.6%

Remember! We aim 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 Nathaniel I 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 14 th September	After- school clubs begin: please check school website for this term's clubs and times.
Wednesday 23 rd – Friday 25 th September	Y5 & 6 Residential Trip to Langdon Beck
Friday 25 th September, 9.15-10.15am	Macmillan Coffee Morning, parents and carers very welcome.
Friday 9 th October, Harvest Festival, Woodhouse Close Church	Year 1, 2 & 3: 9.30- 10.30am Year 4, 5 & 6: 11.00-12.00am Parents and carers welcome to attend church.
Friday 9 th October, school hall, 1.30-2.30pm	Community Soup- Kitchen Fundraiser, 1.30-2.30. Parents, carers and members of our local community welcome to taste the Harvest soup and bread made by the children, for small donation.
Friday 23rd October	School Closes for October Half Term
Monday 2nd November	School re-opens for teaching
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 9 th December, school hall	Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert for Parents / Carers of KS 1 children, 9.30-10.00. Refreshments & tombola served afterwards.
Thursday 10 th December, school hall	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert for Parents / Carers of KS 2 children, 9.30-10.00. Refreshments & tombola served afterwards. 1.30-2.00pm
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Fayre, 1.30-2.30pm
Monday 14 th December, Woodhouse Close Church	9.30AM-10.30AM: Y1, 2 & 3 Parents / Carers Welcome 11.00-12.00am: Y3, 4, & 5 Parents / Carers Welcome
Monday 14 th December	KS 1 Christmas Party (Y1 & 2) 1-2.55pm
Tuesday 15 th December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y3 & 4) 1-2.55pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Play for Nursery Parents / carers 9.30am
Wednesday 16 th December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y5 & 6) 1-2.55pm
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Play for Reception Parents / carers 9.30am
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch whole school
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas Break
Tuesday 5th January	School re-opens for teaching

Mrs Page
Headteacher

