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Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 18th September 2015

Apologies for the late newsletter this week: better late than never!

Credit Union Savings Club: Just a reminder that we have a weekly Credit Union savings bank held every Thursday morning in the main entrance from 8.15–9.00am. This is a great way to save up for Christmas!

Internet & Permission Forms: The office staff are updating all pupil and contact information and it is vital that all forms are returned ASAP, 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.

Healthy Eating Workshops: pupils from each class this week enjoyed taking part in a healthy eating workshop, where they participated in cookery sessions (and even better, then got to taste what they had made!). On Friday, our first Healthy Eating Family Learning session took place, with the course being over-subscribed with a waiting list. We hope to be able to run further courses in the coming year, please sign up with Kirsty if you are interested in our next course.

Shrek! The Musical: As I explained last week, we only had 29 tickets for Shrek, which predictably sold out very quickly on Monday. Despite the fact a very small minority were unhappy at the fact they did not get a ticket, I believe the opportunity for even a small group of children to enjoy such a trip far outweighs any complaints of those who requested it be cancelled. The school will continue to embrace opportunities to offer such experiences to pupils: indeed, we are extremely lucky to have staff who are willing to organise such events in their own time as many schools do not offer such well-subsidised opportunities at all.

Unauthorised attendance: new regulations surrounding unauthorised and persistent absence have come into force since 1st September. This means that the Local Authority enforcement team can fine parents whose children's unauthorised attendance falls below 90%. Any parents who wish to read the Penalty Notices for Truancy Protocol document can request to see this at the office.

Child Pedestrian Trainers: a flier is displayed in the Parent's Noticeboard advertising for anyone interested in finding out more about opportunities to become a Child Pedestrian trainer.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Parents and carers are welcome to join us for our Coffee Morning this Friday 25th September at 9.15–15 to raise money for Macmillan Cancer. Any donations of cakes (home-made or bought) or raffle prizes can be brought into school on Thursday, please and a tombola will also be held. So come along and join us to support this very worthwhile cause.

Astronomical Attendance: The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Year 1, well done!

YR: 90.6%

Y1: 96.5 %

Y2: 91.5%

Y3: 94.6%

Y4: 93.8%

Y5: 88.3%

Y6: 89.5%

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!





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Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Desirea Dixon 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
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Healthy School investing in children

