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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 25th September 2015

Macmillan Coffee Morning: This morning we held our annual Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer. Thank you to everyone who attended to support this worthwhile cause: we managed to raise just over £100 and will have the final figure in the next newsletter. Thanks also to everyone who donated cakes and biscuits, your support is always much appreciated.

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!

Water Bottles: The cost of school water bottles is now £2.00. Sorry for any confusion!

Consent Forms for BALE: As many of you will know, the BALE Centre (which was based opposite the school in the One Point Centre), has now moved and is based in what was the Children's Centre at St Helen's Primary School. It is now called 'The Centre' and will offer exactly the same nurturing and support programmes as previously, with the same support staff running the programmes. Kirsty has sent new consent forms out this week, which we need to be completed and returned ASAP, so as many children as possible can benefit from accessing these invaluable 3 day programmes. Thank you.

Langdon Beck Residential Trip: This week, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils visited Langdon Beck in Weardale, to experience a 3 day residential visit. The children had an amazing time and learned lots of valuable skills, not least teamwork! As always, I am extremely grateful to our dedicated staff without whom such trips simply would not be possible. The paperwork, risk assessments and telephone calls needed to organise such trips take up a huge amount of time. In addition, staff volunteer to leave their own families for 3 days to ensure our pupils receive a wonderful learning experience and I know parents and carers will join me in thanking them very much for their commitment.

2 Year Old Provision & EYFS: Our new extension to EYFS is proving very popular with our youngest children: I visit them daily and it is wonderful to see how they have settled into our school and are busily learning lots of new skills! Several Early Years advisors from the local authority have visited the unit this week and the feedback about the many changes and improvements we have made has been extremely positive, acknowledging the hard work and vision of the staff in taking EYFS provision forward. Well done, everyone!

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.

Ofsted Inspection: We are expecting our next Ofsted inspection this half term and are continuing to work very hard in preparation for this. We pride ourselves on having strong relationships with parents and carers, working together to ensure we get the best outcomes for the children. **Parent View** is the Ofsted website which gives parents and carers the chance to tell **Ofsted** what you think about our school. We hope that if you have any issues or complaints, that you come to us first to find a resolution. Equally, if you are happy about our school, it would be lovely to hear what we are doing well! Please log on to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> to post your comments and opinions. Thank you.





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

YR: 94.33 %
 Y1: 96.88%
 Y2: 91.59%
 Y3: 93.13%
 Y4: 94.11%
 Y5: 89.71%
 Y6: 87.50%

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 Jamie Berresford 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)

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

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