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# Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

**Auckland Castle Developments:** This week I met with the new Education officer appointed by Bishop Auckland Castle, to discuss how we can use the castle within our curriculum in the future. We are extremely lucky to have such an amazing historical and cultural treasure on our doorstep and I am very keen to work with the castle to ensure our children benefit from everything it has to offer in the future. Mrs Burrnip, our school Curriculum Manager, has already begun to arrange some exciting Christmas events: we will keep you posted...

**Learning Walks:** we are constantly reviewing our school and this week the Senior Leadership Team have carried out Learning Walks around the whole school, looking at classrooms, corridors and pupils' books. We were absolutely delighted at the high standards of display around the school, celebrating our children's work beautifully. The classrooms are now modern, well-equipped and welcoming and that is down to the sheer hard work of our amazing teachers and support staff. Many of the staff and governors have participated in additional training courses over the last few weeks, including Team Teach, First Aid, gymnastics, Read Write Inc and E Safety to name a few, many of which go on well after their working hours. I make no apologies for thanking the team once again for their hard work and dedication in continuing to improve our school and ensure the opportunities afforded to your children are the very best they can be. Thanks, everyone!

**Harvest Festival:** Next week we are looking forward to visiting Woodhouse Close Church again to celebrate our Harvest Festival. **We would like to request donations of the more traditional vegetables, as well as any tinned, dried or packet foods, to be brought into school from Monday morning.** We plan to create some delicious home-made soup and bread and would like to invite the community to our Soup Kitchen afternoon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. The money raised will then be donated to Christian Aid. Invitations and more information will be sent out early next week, where we will require exact numbers of those attending on Friday, so that we can plan for the correct quantities of soup to be made.

**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.

**House Captains, Eco Warriors and E Safety Ambassadors:** I have received the new badges for all of our newly elected groups and they will be presented in next week's Celebration Assembly. **Astronomical Attendance:** The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Year Reception. Well done!

YR: 99 %  
Y1: 98.6 %  
Y2: 93.1 %  
Y3: 94.9 %  
Y4: 93.9 %  
Y5: 95.3 %  
Y6: 91.3%

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 Katie-Eve Willis for always having impeccable manners, being very helpful and behaviour and setting an excellent example to others: well done!





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

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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.
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>School closes for October Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>School re-opens for teaching</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre, 1.30-2.30pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	KS 1 Christmas Party (Y1 & 2) 1-2.55pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y3 & 4) 1-2.55pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play for Nursery Parents / carers 9.30am
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y5 & 6) 1-2.55pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play for Reception Parents / carers 9.30am
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch whole school
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas Break</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School re-opens for teaching</b>

Mrs Page  
Headteacher



Healthy School investing in children

