

Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter - Friday 2nd October 2015

Auckland Castle Developmentss 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 Walkss 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 Festivals 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 9th 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 presented in next week's Celebration Assembly. Astronomical Attendances: 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%

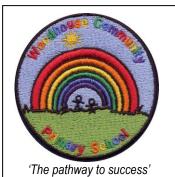
Remember! We aim to have at least 95% attendance for every class, every week: let's see if we can make this term the best attendance yet!

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)

th January School re	-opens for teaching
December \$chool clo	oses for Christmas Break
	Lunch whole school
th December Christmas	Play for Reception Parents / carers 9.30am
	mas Party (Y5 &6) 1-2.55pm
16 th December Christmas	Play for Nursery Parents / carers 9.30am
h December KS 2 Christ	mas Party (Y3 & 4) 1-2.55pm
h December KS 1 Christ	mas Party (Y1 & 2) 1-2.55pm
h 11.00-12.00	Dam: Y3, 4, & 5 Parents / Carers Welcome
December, Woodhouse 9.30AM-10	D.30AM: Y1, 2 & 3 Parents / Carers Welcome
December Christmas	Fayre, 1.30-2.30pm
	ents & tombola served afterwards. 1.30-2.00pm
	2 Christmas Concert for Parents / Carers of KS 2 children, 9.30-10.00.
	ents & tombola served afterwards.
	1 Christmas Concert for Parents / Carers of KS 1 children, 9.30-10.00.
	n Need Day
nd November \$chool re	-opens for teaching
d October School CI	oses for October Half Term
for small a	
	nunity welcome to taste the Harvest soup and bread made by the children,
October, school hall, 1.30- Communi	ty Soup- Kitchen Fundraiser, 1.30-2.30. Parents, carers and members of our
	nd carers welcome to attend church.
Close Church Y Parents a	

Mrs Page Headteacher





