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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 9th October 2015

Harvest Festival: This morning we visited Woodhouse Close Church to celebrate our Harvest Festival and it was wonderful to be back at the church again and welcomed by our new vicar, Rev. Sarah Siddique Gill. The children have been busy making delicious home-made soup and bread this week and for the first time, we held our community Soup Kitchen afternoon to raise money for Christian Aid. With your support, we managed to raise a wonderful £58.90. Thank you very warmly to everyone who came along to support this worthwhile cause and by doing so, helping those in our country and beyond who are in desperate need. The tins, packets and dried foods you provided have been donated to the Woodhouse Close Foodbank and therefore are directly helping those in our local community who may need a helping hand. A special thanks to Mrs Makinson and Mrs Cooke, who volunteered to make the soup with Years 5 & 6 yesterday: much appreciated (and extremely tasty, thank you!)

As the walk to church is a little too far for our youngest children, next week, EYFS will be celebrating their Harvest, by telling the story of the Little Red Hen. Parents and carers are invited to join us at 10am on Thursday 15th October. Following feedback from some parents, we will consider changing the organisation of such events in future, by having a separate Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Soup Kitchen, so that parents and children can share the event together. Thanks for your suggestions to help us keep improving our school!

Alien Visitors!: I am sure that some of you will have been puzzled by the tales of alien visitors having landed in our EYFS garden over the weekend. We are always looking for opportunities to inspire and enthuse our children to write and use their imaginations and the mysterious alien-like objects that 'mysteriously' appeared over the weekend certainly inspired some wonderful work across the school. Please be assured that our 'visitor' appears to have re-built his spacecraft and has now safely vacated our premises! But keep an eye on the skies around Woodhouse, just in case...

School Meals: Can I please remind parents and carers that if you wish to swap your child from school dinners to packed lunch or vice versa, the school office need a period of 3 weeks' notice. We need to inform County through a quite complex electronic system and this in turn affects our ordering. Thank you.

Consent Forms: we still have some outstanding consent forms that MUST be returned to school. These are crucial, especially as non-return can result in a child not having permission to go out to do additional activities, trips etc. Unless parents or carers have specifically refused permission for their child to be photographed during events in school, (which may in turn be uploaded to the school website and streamed school TV channel), it will be assumed that permission has been granted and that you are happy for such photographs to be uploaded. This is particularly for our Stars of the Week, where photos are uploaded on the school TV channel weekly. If you do NOT wish for photos to be uploaded, please inform the office immediately.

Maths Puzzle Workshop: On Monday 2nd November, we will be having our second Maths Puzzle Day in school. This was tremendously well received last year and Mrs Burnip was keen to repeat the experience for the children again this year. A parent Maths Puzzle workshop will be held at 3.30-4.30pm on Monday 2nd November: everyone welcome!

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

YR: 93.2 %

Y1: 96.9 %

Y2: 92.9 %

Y3: 94.0 %

Y4: 94. %

Y5: 91.4 %

Y6: 88.4 %





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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 Libby 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)

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



Healthy School investing in children

