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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 16th October 2015

EYF\$ Harvest Festival: It was absolutely wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to share in the EYF\$ Harvest Festival celebration last week. I have never seen so many parents and carers in attendance, which was wonderful. Thanks to the hard work of the children and all the staff involved: the freshly baked bread was delicious!

Hardwick Park visit: Year 1 visited Hardwick Park in search of the Gruffalo last week! They had a fantastic time, making Gruffalo crumble and lots of other exciting activities. The leader of the day specifically swapped a meeting so she could accompany our children, as she was so impressed last year when we visited! Well done to Y1 for your outstanding behaviour and wonderful example, again!

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!

Young Carers Charter: Here in school we are aware that as some young people as they grow up, often become involved in caring for others at home. We have begun working with Family Action at Durham Young Carers Service to start to raise awareness in all our children of the issues surrounding young carers in our area and the challenges they may face now and as they move through their secondary education. We are going to pull this work together through a Young Carer's Charter.

If you would like to be involved in this initiative, it will not involve a great time commitment, but your thoughts and ideas would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Nicola Sugden or Kirsty Ovington who is leading the work here in school.

Finalists of the County Durham Environment Award; 2015: Last week we received some very exciting news that WCPS has been nominated as a finalist in the 2015 County Durham Environment Awards at the Radisson Hotel next month. This is as a result of the SUDs project we have been busy working on for the past 12 months in conjunction with Northumbrian Water and the World Wetland Trust. I will be attending the ceremony with Mrs Gorton, our Eco Warriors leader and 2 staff from the project, as well as 2 of our Eco Warriors. To be nominated is a real achievement and a reflection of the hard work that has gone into the project (thank you, Mrs Gorton!) I will keep you posted of the outcome...

Astronomical Attendance: The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Year 2 Well done!

YR: 89%
Y1: 95.2%
Y2: 98.9%
Y3: 96.9%
Y4: 93.1%
Y5: 97.8%
Y6: 87.9%

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 Bobby Sample 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 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



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