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Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 6th November 2015

Welcome back! It was lovely to welcome everyone back to the new half term after a well-deserved break. This week, we would also like to welcome some members of staff: Mrs Shield and Miss Graham are our new Nursery Outreach workers and will be working within school and in other settings to support children. Mrs Stephenson is our new Lunchtime Supervisor in EYFS. We know you will make them very welcome!

Enterprise Week: This week was our Enterprise Week across the school. As part of her new role as Curriculum Manager, Mrs Burnip helped staff to plan the week in preparation for our Christmas Fayre, ensuring that all classes made items which will be sold (hopefully making a profit!) to raise money for School Fund. The children have enjoyed their tasks and have worked really hard making Christmas goodies for you all to buy in December.

Uniform: As the weather is now beginning to become wintery, please make sure your child wears a coat to school. A small reminder that jeans and jogging bottoms are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn to school. Parents who require further items of uniform can order from the school office. We also have some items in lost property which can be bought for a small donation. PE kits and PE shoes / trainers must be worn for all PE lessons. A final plea for ALL items of clothing (including coats) to be named: we have far too many school jumpers without owners. Please check lost property if yours is one of them.

Christmas Production: The KS 1 & 2 Christmas Production parts will be given out today by Mrs Smith. If your child is lucky enough to have been chosen for a part, please ensure they learn their lines at home: time is tight and unfortunately, there will be very little time allocated in school to practice.

Visitors: I have welcomed several visitors into school this week from other primary schools both in and beyond Durham. Without fail, all of our guests have been extremely impressed by our school, commenting in particular on the excellent behaviour, hard-working ethos and high-quality learning environment they observed. As you know, I am extremely proud of our school and everyone in it and it is wonderful to receive such positive feedback from other Headteachers: keep it up, everyone!

Missing Kit: Please can parents and carers check at home for any items of Football and Tag Rugby kit that you may still have and return it as soon as possible: we are missing several items and it is important we have kit all back so we can continue to look professional and smart at our festivals and competitions. Thank you.

Christmas Events: Please check the dates below for some changes to Christmas Concerts etc (particularly EYFS): we had to alter some dates.

Astronomical Attendance: The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Year 4. Well done!

YR: 98.3%

Y1: 92.4%

Y2: 93.1%

Y3: 93.9%

Y4: 98.8%

Y5: 91.8%

Y6: 83.4%

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 Gracie-Jo Hauxwell 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: come dressed as a Superhero for 50p donation.
Thursday 3 rd December	Whole of EYFS to Adventure Valley Winter Wonderland (2 year olds to reception)
W/C 7 th December	Parent & Teacher Consultations & Craft Sessions to be held all week: appointment slips will be sent out soon
Tuesday 8 th December	EYFS Parent/Teacher Consultation & Christmas Craft sessions
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, 1.30-2.30 Refreshments & tombola served afterwards
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	Reception Christmas Concert (for Reception Parents only, please) 10am
Tuesday 15 th December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y3 & 4) 1-2.55pm
Wednesday 16 th December	2 Year old's & Nursery Christmas Concert 10am (2 year old's and Nursery Parents only, please)
Wednesday 16 th December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y5 & 6) 1-2.55pm
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

