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Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 13th November 2015

Remembrance: On Sunday, Mrs Hindmarch, myself and 4 pupils attended the Woodhouse Close Church Remembrance Service. I was extremely proud of Dylan, Megan, Faith and Tia (and Maddison, who came to support!) The children spoke clearly, read aloud a poignant poem, The Unknown Soldier to the congregation with confidence. As a community school, it is important that we ensure we are very much part of community events and I would like to say a special thank you to those parents who accompanied the children on Sunday. Rev. Sara then came into school to join with our Remembrance Assembly on Wednesday: every child honoured the 2 minutes silence and paid their respects to those who gave their lives for our country: thank you, everyone.

Children in Need: Well done and a huge thank you to the children (and parents and carers in making and providing costumes!) for such a wonderful Children in Need effort today. Our Celebration Assembly was amazing, with everyone dressed up in costume, colours and T shirts and all of our wonderful staff did the same. By working together to help others, we have managed to raise a fantastic £152.00 for this worthwhile charity: thank you very much for your support and generosity.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: This week we received a certificate to thank our school for raising £130 during our Macmillan Coffee Morning in September. Again, your generosity and support will help those families who need it most. I am so proud of our school's kind and caring ethos and this is evident in the way you so willingly support others in need. Thank you.

Eco Warriors Farm Trip: This week, our elected Eco Warriors visited Broom House Farm as part of an exciting garden project the school are involved in. The children had a wonderful (if very muddy!) time and as ever, their behaviour and attitude were impeccable. Thanks especially to Mrs Gorton for organising the event.

Talented Actors! I was very proud to know that some of our children participated in a huge All Hallows drama event at Bishop Auckland Castle 2 weeks ago, performing to over 500 people during 11 shows. Jane from Daisy Arts presented the children involved with a certificate and Oscar trophy in assembly this morning, which was well-deserved! It is always fantastic to learn when our children's talents are recognised and celebrated out of school: well done to you all!

Family Learning: Our new programme of Family Learning began this week called 'Moving Up': thanks to those families and children who attended, the feedback has already been very positive. Any parents or carers who would like further information about our planned Family Learning events throughout the year, please speak to our Parent Support Advisor, Kirsty. We are introducing 'Share a Story' as Family Learning for our 2 year old children beginning next week, 16th November, 10.30-11.15am for 4 weeks. Please speak to Mrs Byrne if you need further information.

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

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

YR: 97.6 %

Y1: 97.2%

Y2: 91.1%

Y3: 94.4%

Y4: 98.5%

Y5: 92.8%

Y6: 93.0%

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!





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Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Desirea Dixon for always having impeccable manners, being very helpful and behaviour and setting an excellent example to others: well done!

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

Friday 23rd October	School Close; 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 close; for Christmas Break
Tuesday 5th January	School re-opens; for teaching

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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