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# Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Durham Environmental Awards:** On Tuesday evening, I was extremely proud to attend the Durham Environmental Awards 2015 at the Radisson Blu Hotel with Mrs Gorton, Dylan M, Faith B, Louise Maughan, Laura and Elaine from WWT & Northumbrian Water. Following our fabulous SUDs project, Mrs Gorton entered our application to the competition and we were awarded a fabulous commendation! It was amazing to accompany Dylan and Faith to the stage, where they received a trophy and framed certificate and loudly applauded in front of a room of over 150 people from across the County. It is wonderful when the hard work and determination of everyone working in our school is formally recognised: a special thanks to Mrs Maughan, our accompanying governor, for attending, to Mrs Gorton for all her hard work in the application and especially to our 2 Eco Warrior ambassadors who represented our school fabulously (and looked SO smart!) Well done, everyone!

**Princess Diana Anti Bullying Award:** Following on from Tuesday's Environmental Award ceremony, 2 of our Y6 pupils, Christopher and Shelby travelled to St James' Park to receive another wonderful award, the Princess Diana Anti Bullying Award. This was as a result of some excellent work Y6 carried out with Mr Towers from Staindrop School, when in Y5. The children enjoyed a truly memorable day and even met some X Factor contestants (as did Miss Sugden and Miss Fitch, thanks to you both). Once again, it makes me extremely proud to see that the hard work and positive attitudes reflected by the pupils in our school are recognised and rewarded at occasions such as this. Excellent work, Year 6, keep it up!

**Christmas Fayre:** All classes have already been busily preparing goodies to sell on their Class Stalls at this year's Fayre. If anyone would like to donate raffle or tombola prizes, we would be extremely grateful. All donations can be left at the school office and need to be received by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December please.

**Christmas Performances:** Just to clarify, Key Stage 1 & 2 will be performing in the same Christmas production this year and we would ask parents and carers to choose whether they attend the morning show on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am **OR** the afternoon show on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm. Both performances will include KS 1 & 2 children and are exactly the same. Due to fire regulations, tickets will be limited to 2 adults per child and you will be asked to bring your ticket along for entry. Thank you.

**Key Stage 1 Christmas Panto:** Next week, Year 1 and 2 will be visiting Bishop Auckland College again to see their Christmas Panto. As in previous years, the children do not need to bring any sweets or drinks with them for the show, as school will provide this as part of their treat. Thank you.

**EYF\$ Uniform Plea!** Please check all items of uniform are named and that your child comes home with the correct clothing. As you will understand, we have over 60 children in EYFS and if uniform is not labelled / goes to the wrong owner, it can cause confusion! Please help by labelling and checking. Thanks!

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

YR: 91.7 %  
Y1: 95.5%  
Y2: 96.8%  
Y3: 97.2%  
Y4: 97.8%  
Y5: 85.2%  
Y6: 95%

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 Meghan Speight for always being very kind and helpful to other children: well done!





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

<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>School closes for October Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>School re-opens for teaching</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Whole of EYFS to Adventure Valley Winter Wonderland (2 year olds to reception)
W/C 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent & Teacher Consultations & Craft Sessions to be held all week: appointment slips will be sent out soon
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Parent/Teacher Consultation & Christmas Craft sessions
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December, school hall	Key Stage 1& 2 Christmas Concert for Parents / Carers of KS 1 children, 9.30-10.00. Refreshments & tombola served afterwards.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December, school hall	Key Stage 1 & 2 Christmas Concert for Parents / Carers of KS 2 children, 1.30-2.30 Refreshments & tombola served afterwards
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre, 1.30-2.30pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	KS 1 Christmas Party (Y1 & 2) 1-2.55pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Concert (for Reception Parents only, please) 10am
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y3 & 4) 1-2.55pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	2 Year old's & Nursery Christmas Concert 10am (2 year old's and Nursery Parents only, please)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y5 & 6) 1-2.55pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch whole school
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas Break</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School re-opens for teaching</b>

Mrs Page  
Headteacher



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