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Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**EVF's Christmas Performances:** This week we were treated to 2 wonderful performances from our youngest children. First we had Reception, who performed 'Ralph the Reindeer' beautifully. The children were an absolute credit to themselves, the school and their parents and carers, as they sang with enthusiasm, knowing all of their lines and even remembering to switch the microphone on!

Next was the turn of our Little Rainbows and Nursery children, who performed a traditional nativity scene fabulously. Again, the children were an absolute joy to watch, singing beautifully and saying all of their lines. It is such a pleasure to see how well our youngest children conduct themselves on stage and this is down to the hard work, dedication (and sense of humour!) of our talented and amazing staff: thank you to you all for helping the children to achieve such wonderful performances. I must also thank all parents and carers who showed their unerring support for their children and our school: I have never seen such large audiences as I have this year, it is very much appreciated.

**Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day:** On Thursday we enjoyed our Christmas Lunch, cooked by our very talented kitchen staff! I know that Wendy and the ladies go above and beyond to produce a wonderful Christmas meal which was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils, staff and governors. Thank you to you all (and Mrs Makinson, again!) for all your hard work in making Christmas Lunch such a success!

**Christmas Jumper Day:** we decided to combine Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper Day for the first time this year, raising a total of £135.25 for the charity Text Santa. Once again, thanks for your continued generosity, helping others who are not as fortunate as we are this Christmas.

**Christmas Parties:** The children have all thoroughly enjoyed their class Christmas parties this week. It is always fantastic to see the children let their hair down and get excited for Christmas: they have worked extremely hard this term, making good progress in their learning and showing excellent behaviour.

**Astronomical Attendance Prizes:** As always, at the end of term, the names of children who have had 100% attendance across each week are put into a box, to be drawn at random for a fabulous prize. The winner from Nursery and Reception is Henley Jay Wanless, the winner from Key Stage 1 is Brayden Lee Moore and the winner from KS 2 is Daisy May Nixon. Well done to you all!

**Outstanding Behaviour Trip:** This morning, we took 40 children who have never had their names on the class Behaviour Tracker sheets this term ice-skating to Bishop Auckland Castle. The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed the hot chocolate treat, too! Thanks to all the staff who attended (and got wet!) and special thanks to Mrs Connor, who stood in at the last minute for Mrs Burnip.

**Pupils v Staff Kurling Competition!** It is a WCPS Christmas tradition at the end of term that staff and pupils compete against each other in a Kurling competition. This causes much hilarity and the overall winners were...THE STAFF!!! Hooray!!! Well done staff (better luck next time, children!)

**Assessments:** As well as all of our wonderful Christmas activities, the children and staff have been working extremely hard completing end of term assessments to monitor progress and attainment. The staff are really pleased at the progress being made across the school and I am sure this will continue when we return to school in the New Year. Keep up the hard work!





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**And finally...** This term has been a very successful one, with lots of wonderful cause for celebration. Children's behaviour continues to be superb across the school, ensuring a positive learning climate which enables good learning and progress in all classes. After -school clubs, festivals and sporting events have been extremely well attended and many children have represented our school brilliantly. Awards have been won for SUDs and Anti Bullying and our many trips and visits have provided exciting learning experiences for the pupils across the school. Further improvements to our school (lockers, new furniture etc) has ensured we provide the very best learning environment for our pupils and staff. We have welcomed 2 new Governors to our already very strong Governing Body, who are helping drive our school forward even further.

Phew! To sum up, this has been a busy, exciting term full of hard work and energy. I am blessed to have an amazing team of staff and governors, who share my vision to make Woodhouse Community Primary School the very best it can be and ensure we continue to provide the very best education and experiences for your children. Thanks for all your continued support this term, working together in successful partnership: we look forward to continuing to do so in 2016. Have a very merry Christmas

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

- YR: 94.3%
- Y1: 97.9%
- Y2: 96%
- Y3: 97.2%
- Y4: 94.8%
- Y5: 93.1%
- Y6: 95.8%

What fantastic attendance in all classes this week. Well done to everyone. You are all fantastic!

**PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AND CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.**

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

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| <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

