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Spring Term 2 Week 2: 4th March 2016

Apologies for the newsletter not coming out last week due to my being out of school on a training course on Friday.

Ofsted Report: It is now official official: '**THIS IS A GOOD SCHOOL**'. Our Ofsted report was published last week and is now available to view on the Ofsted website. A copy of the report was sent home with children but if you need further copies, you can access it by accessing the Ofsted website and entering the school name. We are absolutely delighted that at long last (and for the first time in the schools' history) Woodhouse Community Primary School has been recognised as being a 'good' school. We achieved a 'Good' rating in every aspect of the inspection and this is a fantastic achievement for the staff, governors, pupils and parents of the school of which we are extremely proud. Of course, we will continue to drive school improvements forward even further and are determined to ensure the best outcomes for every pupil in our school.

Visit from Dr Tom: On Wednesday, we enjoyed another visit from Dr Tom Robson, who worked with us last year to explain how the power of motivation and inspiration can improve our learning capacity. The children (and staff!) were completely engaged and inspired by his work with them and we look forward to working with him again in the future.

World Book Day: On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day in school, welcoming the poet Paul Cookson again. Paul worked with all of the classes, creating some amazing (and very funny!) poetry and the children thoroughly enjoyed working creatively with him again. I would like to say a huge thank you to parents and carers who helped the children participate by dressing them up as their favourite book characters, thank you!

EYFS 'Someone Special' Picnic: On Friday, Nursery and Reception children invited 'someone special' to enjoy a wonderful picnic with them in school. The turnout was absolutely magnificent: thank you to everyone who came to share time with their child, making some wonderful memories. A huge thank you to the staff who worked extremely hard to prepare the picnic and run the event: much appreciated, staff!

The Big Sing: Years 3 & 4 are involved in The Big Sing, an event for local schools to join together to perform a shared song. Singing is a huge strength in our school and 30 children will then be picked out of a hat to attend The Big Sing event on 22nd March at The Methodist Church opposite Bishop Auckland Hospital. Parents of those children involved will be invited to attend and I will send further information nearer the time.

Bowes Museum Quilt Project: Last week, Amy came from Bowes Museum to show the children who have been involved in our quilt-making project, the final piece. It is truly spectacular and the children should be very proud of what they have achieved! Well done, everyone.



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Summer Diary Dates: We have been busy planning our events for the next half of Spring / Summer term: please check the diary below and keep an eye on our school website for events and information.

Eggs Factor: Congratulations to all those acts who have been successful in getting through to the 'Live Finals' of the Eggs Factor on Thursday 24th March. Tickets will be on sale for £1.00 per person, with a limit of 2 adults per child in the first instance. Parents /carers of the children who are performing will be given the opportunity to buy tickets first, with the rest then going on general sale the day after.

Butterwick Easter Toys: We have a selection of Easter soft toys and stationery sets for sale in the school office. Soft toys are £1.50 and stationery sets are £1.00. All money raised goes directly to Butterwick Hospice.

School Day Start Time: Please remember that unless your child is attending Breakfast Club they should not arrive at school before 8.45 a.m.

Astronomical Attendance: The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Y2. Well done!

YR: 85%
Y1: 90.34%
Y2: 94.80%
Y3: 86.55%
Y4: 90.34%
Y5: 91.30%
Y6: 92.40%

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Kurt Lewis Facinelli. Well done!



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

Thursday March 10 th , 10am	EYFS Pirate Assembly for parents / carers. Refreshments served afterwards
Tuesday 15 th March	Y6 Safety Carousel, all day
Friday 18 th March	
Monday 21 st March	9.30-11.30 Y3 Parent & Teacher Consultation /Easter Egg making 1.00-2.55pm: Y6 Parent & Teacher Consultation /Easter Egg making
Tuesday 22 nd March	EYFS Parent & Teacher Consultation /Easter Egg making all day 9.30-11.30 Y4 Parent & Teacher Consultation /Easter Egg making 1.00-2.55pm: Y5 Parent & Teacher Consultation /Easter Egg making
Wednesday 23 rd March	9.30-11.30 Y1 Parent & Teacher Consultation /Easter Egg making 1.00-2.55pm: Y2 Parent & Teacher Consultation /Easter Egg making
Thursday 24 th March	9.10-10.00: Easter Coffee Morning (Eggs on display; Tombola etc), parents and carers warmly welcomed! 11.00: Children's Easter Egg Raffle (tickets will be on sale after half term)
Thursday 24 th March 2.55pm	School Closes for Easter Break
Monday 11 th April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 12 th April	School re-opens for teaching
Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May	Year 6 SAT Week: Under NO circumstance must any Y6 pupils be absent from school this week.

