



'The pathway to success'

# Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Spring Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## This week, our RRSA Article 28 is the Right to education:

*'All children have the right to a primary education, which should be free. Wealthy countries should help poorer countries achieve this right... Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education of which they are capable.'*

**Comic Relief:** Today we raised a total of £135.00 from the sale of red nose merchandise and donations for 'turning our blue school red'. **Thanks to everyone who supported this fantastic cause!**

**Y4 Bikeability Session:** On Monday Y4 participated in a Bikeability session, learning how to ride their bikes safely. They did extremely well and received a certificate and badge.

**Y6 Practice SATs & Attendance:** Over the coming weeks, Year 6 will be doing practice SATs, to help prepare the fully for the actual tests from 9<sup>th</sup> May. It is absolutely vital that all Y6 children attend school every day to ensure they don't miss out on important teaching – this can be the difference between being 'Year 7 ready' and not, which then impacts on the sets children are put in when they enter secondary school. We have identified several children whose attendance needs to be improved quickly and I will be contacting those parents directly. Please support your child by ensuring that any homework and revision they are given is completed and returned promptly: we want them to achieve the very best results that they can, to give them an excellent start when they start secondary school in 6 months' time.

**Budget Update:** I am sure many of you will have seen in the press the concerns over school funding cuts which are predicted to affect schools greatly in the coming years. A letter will be sent with today's newsletter on behalf of the schools in our Bishop Auckland cluster, outlining Head teacher's grave concerns surrounding this. There are some important links which we would strongly encourage parents to contact, to show your strength of feeling as this will directly affect our children in Bishop Auckland. I will keep you fully informed as to how this will impact on our school as soon as I get further information.

**Eggs Factor Tickets:** Mrs Smith has been very busy sorting out the Eggs Factor event on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets will go on sale soon for the families of those children who got through to the finals in the first instance. Any remaining tickets will then be put on general sale. Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> April will be Parent / Teacher Consultations and Easter Egg activity (see diary dates below). Appointment letters will be sent out next week: children will need to bring their boiled eggs to decorate for the competition on their given date below (with a couple of spares in case of accidents!)

**Family Lunch Invitations:** We will be inviting parents / carers to come and join their children for a school lunch over the coming weeks, dates are below. A letter and order form will be sent out soon.

- EYFS and Reception: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am -12.00pm
- Classes 1 & 2: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 12.00pm -12.30pm
- Classes 3 and 4: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 12.30pm -1.00pm
- Classes 5 & 6: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 12.30pm- 1.00pm

**Parent / Teacher Consultations & Easter Egg Craft Sessions:** Letters will go out next week for parent / teacher consultation appointments, see dates below. It is very important that you attend these sessions to discuss progress and next steps to support your children. Alternative appointments can be arranged if you cannot attend on that day. Please note that due to high numbers of attendees, only 5 minutes is allocated per appointment. If you need to speak at greater length with your child's class teacher, you may arrange an alternative appointment at another time.





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**Attendance:** Last week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Class 1 and 5 with 95.7% attendance, well done!

Rec – 91.2%  
 Yr1 – 95.7%  
 Yr2 – 95.2%  
 Yr3 – 93.8%  
 Yr4 – 95.4%  
 Yr5 – 95.7%  
 Yr6 – 94.8%

Parent / teacher Consultations (making Easter Eggs)	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April: Year 1 : 9.00am-12.00pm Year 6: 12.30- 3.00pm Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April: Little Rainbows am / pm Year 3: 9.00am-12. Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April: Year 5: 9.00am- 12.00 pm Year 4: 12.30-3.00pm Nursery & Reception am / pm Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April: Year 2: 12.30am-3.00pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Class 4 Assembly
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg Tombola / Coffee Morning Easter Egg Raffle (for children) Eggs Factor 1.15-2.45pm) Break up for Easter

*Mrs Page*  
 Headteacher

