



# Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

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## **This half term, our RRSA is Article 12:**

***'Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken into account.'***

**School Security:** You will all agree that the safety of your children in school is paramount and we have strict safeguarding procedures in place to ensure this is never compromised. If you need to speak to a member of staff, an appointment must be made at the school office: it is not always possible for that meeting to be held immediately but we will endeavour to arrange an appointment as quickly as possible. Parents and visitors are **NOT** permitted entry to the school without first signing in at the office as an authorised visitor. This includes during Breakfast Club, Family Learning, After School activities or if needing to speak with Kirsty. At the beginning and end of the school day, parents and carers are required to wait at the school gate, which will open at 8.10am for admission to Breakfast Club and from 2.55pm to collect children at home – time. Thank you.

**SAT's:** Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs tests. I am very proud of how hard they have worked in order to prepare for these important tests. They have been determined and resilient in their preparation, trying their best. Although they are undoubtedly an important measure of their attainment and progress, SATs are just one aspect of the children's education and as such we do not put any unnecessary pressure on the children. All that we ask is simple: that they try their hardest to do their best. All Year 6 pupils are invited to come into school from Monday to Thursday next week for a free VIP breakfast (I have pre-ordered their required ingredients!) Please make sure the children arrive from 8.10am where they can enjoy sitting on their own VIP tables to enjoy a hearty breakfast and get them prepared for the tests each day.

**Junior British Champion!** This morning, we learned the amazing news that Jimmy Newton has been crowned Junior British Champion for Muathai. He managed to beat the current highest ranked fighter, who had been unbeaten for 30 fights...until Jimmy came along! Jimmy brought his winners belts into assembly, where Mrs Hindmarch shared the news of his fantastic achievement with the whole school. We are very proud of him and I am sure you will all congratulate him when you see him!

**SAT meetings:** thanks to all those parents of Year 2 and Year 6 pupils who came along to learn about the SAT process and how to support and prepare your children earlier this week. By working together in partnership, we will ensure we get the very best outcomes and progress for your child.

**Year 2 Visit to the Locomotion:** Miss Ashley and staff took Y2 to a seaside event at the locomotion this week, as part of their history topic. The children were an absolute credit to our school and themselves: well done everyone!

**Gardening Family Learning:** Thanks to those parents who came along to our next Family Learning activity, all based on outdoor learning with Chris. The parents I spoke to afterwards really enjoyed the first session and are looking forward to doing more exciting activities with their children over the coming weeks.

**Fidget Spinners:** It seems we have another new craze sweeping the country for 'Fidget Spinners'. Please make sure these are not brought into school. Please keep them safely at home. Thank you.

**Dufton Payment:** Mr Lockey requires the final payment of £10.00 for the residential trip to Dufton by no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. If payment is not settled by this time, the place could be offered to another child on the reserve list. Thank you.





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**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. Please return your letters with payment by the end of next week.

- EYFS and Reception: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am -12.00pm
- Classes 1 & 2: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 12.00am -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

**Attendance:** Last week of term, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Year 6 with a fantastic 100%,well done!

Rec - 92.6%  
Yr1 - 93.3%  
Yr2 - 88.0%  
Yr3 - 95.8%  
Yr4 - 94.4%  
Yr5 - 92.1%  
Yr6 - 100%

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Kaci Austin for being polite and well-mannered. Thank you!

**Dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May for 6 weeks	Family Learning Gardening, with Chris. Contact Kirsty if you aren't sure whether you got a place
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y6 SATs: everyone must attend school this week</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	School lunch for parents and EYFS
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photographer
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photographer for Y6 only
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	School lunch for parents and KS1
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Class Assembly parents and carers welcome, refreshments served.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Break up: return to school Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>

Mrs Page  
Headteacher

