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## Woodhouse Community Primary School

# NEWS LETTER

Week 1: ending 3.11.17



**Welcome back!** I was really pleased to hear that the children (and staff) had a lovely half-term break. We have come back rested and ready to learn, which is fantastic. This is a really busy half term, with lots of exciting Christmas activities planned. However, we will ensure that learning is our focus and good progress is our goal!

**OPAL:** I have attached a letter to explain about the new OPAL programme we are about to embark upon in school. There is also a parents/ carers questionnaire which we would really appreciate you completing and returning by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. All returned questionnaires will earn your child (or children) 3 Dojo points each! I visited Esh Winning Primary School with Mr Walker, Mrs Byrne, Miss Dargue and Miss Fitch this week, so we could see OPAL in operation: we were very impressed and have lots of ideas to take this forward in our school.

**Halloween Disco:** The children had a brilliant time at our Halloween Disco on Tuesday. Thanks to parents / carers for providing such scary costumes! The children also enjoyed hotdogs and a drink and we funded the event through money raised in School Fund throughout the year last year. Special thanks goes to Tesco, who donated some of the buns, hotdogs etc to help us out.

**Phonics Workshops in Early Years:** Mrs Byrne and the staff have been really impressed at the dedication of parents and carers attending their regular Phonics Workshops. This can only be of enormous benefit to helping support your children at home, which in turn aids their progression in reading and writing. Thank you!

**Children in Need:** We will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, raising money for this fantastic charity. The theme this year is The Big Spotacular and we invite children to come to school dressed in something yellow / spotty for the price of a £1 donation per child.

**Poppies:** The British Legion have poppies and other items for sale at the school office. Poppies are a donation (minimum of 20p) and the rulers, wristbands etc are £1.50. Once they're gone, they're gone so get them quick!

**Inappropriate Language / gaming:** we have had a few instances of younger children using inappropriate language this week. Obviously, this is unacceptable and parents will be informed if this is found to be the case. Please can I also remind parents to be vigilant about the games / films / internet material children may be accessing at home. The content of many games is highly inappropriate for children under the age of 18 and should be carefully monitored by adults in the home.

### **Astronomical Attendance:**

**Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 =** 93.81%. This is under the 95% target so I hope we will see an improvement next week  
Unauthorised absence = 2.54%  
Illness = 2.78%



**Lateness:** 233 minutes have been lost due to lateness in school this week. Although this has reduced since before

WEEK 1	Whole Class Attendance % this week	Number of children with 100% attendance this week (and who received 3 Dojo Points)	% of class with 100% attendance this week
Reception	92.0%	24 / 31	77%
Year 1	93.2%	18/25	72%
Year 2	97.0%	26/30	87%
Year 3	91.7%	22/28	76%
Year 4	93.1%	24/29	83%
Year 5	96.2%	25/30	83%
Year 6	93.3%	21/30	70%

half term, too much learning time is still being lost. Let's see if we can aim to reduce it week by week, please by getting into school at 8.55am every day.

**Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award** this week goes to Bradley Hogg who has shown fantastic manners and positive attitude in school at lunch time this week: well done!

**Dates for your diary: There are lots so please put them in your diary!**

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Flu Nasal Spray treatments by school nurse Rec – Y4
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need £1 per child to dress in something spotty / yellow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	WCPS Choir to sing at Auckland Castle 2.30pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Town Hall Christmas Lights Switch on / Advent Window parade 5.pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Pantomime: Cinderella
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent / Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: Y2 12-3pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent / Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: Y3 9-12
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent / Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: Y4 12-3pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent / Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: Y5 9-12
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent / Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: Y6 12-3pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent / Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: EYFS all day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent / Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: Y1 9-12
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production: for Y1, Y2 & Y3 Parents 9.30am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production: for Y4, Y5 & Y6 parents 9.30am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre 1.30-3.00pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30-10.30 Carols at Woodhouse Close Church Y4, Y5 & Y6
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00-12.00 Carols at Woodhouse Close Church Y1, Y2 & Y3
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party 1-3pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30: Little Rainbows and Nursery Christmas Performance for parents
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party 1-3pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30: Reception Christmas Performance for parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party 1-3pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Family Carols round the tree! 9.15-10.15: Reception, Y1 & Y2 10.45-11.45 Y3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school

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