



'the pathway to success'

Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER

Week 3: ending 17.11.17



Science Ambassadors: this week, 4 of our Year 5 pupils attended a full day's training with Miss Dargue at Escomb Primary School, along with with 3 other local primary school. They enjoyed a challenging day of training to be our new Science Ambassadors and will be sharing their new knowledge and skills with staff and children over the next few months. It is always very exciting to work in cooperation with other schools, leading the way in new initiatives. Well done to those children who represented our school so magnificently.

Anti-Bullying Week: It is national Anti-Bullying week this week and all classes have been looking at what bullying can mean and the various types, with a special focus on cyber-bullying. This linked with our E Safety Ambassadors Assembly for parents and carers, where after meeting with the ambassadors across the school, Mrs Connor fed back some important safety messages to parents about how to be vigilant and keep our children safe when online. I certainly learned some new things and if anyone has any concerns or questions regarding internet safety, please come and speak with Mrs Connor who will be happy to help or signpost you for further advice.

Durham Resilience Project: I met with Alison Young from the Local Authority this week to write a detailed action plan about how we can develop resilience even further in our school, both for children, staff and families. We have come a very long way in the last few years in building resilience in our pupils but we are always looking ahead to see how we can improve even more. We will keep you informed of any future initiatives linked with this.

Reading Focus: One of the main focuses in our School Improvement Plan this year is the development of reading, especially reading for pleasure. This is an essential life skill without which, many opportunities for success sadly cannot happen. Please spend just 10 minutes a night sharing a book / newspaper/ magazine / article etc. with your child: it is amazing what this little bit of time reading together on a daily basis can do to improve your child's progress, confidence and skills. Mrs Smith is leading a group of Literacy coordinators locally in developing reading as a local focus: we will keep you posted.

Children in Need: Today was Children in Need day. Sadly, I was out of school in meetings all day but I am reliably informed that the children made a fantastic effort to participate and raise money for such a great cause. Our visit by Pudsey Bear on Wednesday certainly caused much excitement and he received a 'high 5' from every child in the school – his poor paws were aching by the end of the visit! Thanks to everyone who donated and helped raise a fabulous amount of £255.00 for Children in Need.

Christmas Carols at the Castle: Our WCPS choir were invited to sing Carols at Auckland Castle this afternoon. Thanks to Mrs Smith who has been busy rehearsing with the children for this event: I managed to go and see them perform and was very proud of our children for participating in such a prestigious event in such a beautiful local landmark. Well done, everyone, you sounded beautiful!

Light 1000 Christmas Lights: Letters will be sent home next week to tell you about the Bishop Auckland Christmas Lights 'Now Light 1000 Christmas Lights' switch on, where our school have been chosen from all the schools in Bishop Auckland to decorate and unveil the first Advent Window, which will be the Town Hall on 1st December. There will not be a parade through the town this year, but we will be singing at the Town Hall and I am told there will be some very special guests, including The Mayor and even Santa himself, to unveil our window! We'd love to see as many of you come down to support us as possible: info to follow next week.



Astronomical Attendance:

WEEK 3	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	96.00%	25/30	83.33%
Year 1	93.20%	19/25	76.00%
Year 2	95.00%	23/30	76.67%
Year 3	94.64%	22/28	78.57%
Year 4	97.24% ☺Best attendance this week!	25/29	86.21% ☺ Best 100% attendees!
Year 5	95.17%	23/29	79.31%
Year 6	96.67%	24/30	80.00%

Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 95.42%.

Lateness: 569 minutes have been lost due to lateness in school this week. Please ensure your child gets to school on time every morning: we will be in contact with those parents where this is a continued pattern to try to reduce lateness after half term.

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

Dates for your diary

Friday 1 st December	Town Hall Christmas Lights Switch on/Advent Window Parade 5pm
Monday 4 th December	Whole School Pantomime: Cinderella
Monday 4 th December	Parent/Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: Y2 12-3pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Parent/Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: Y3 9-12noon
Tuesday 5 th December	Parent/Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: Y4 12-3pm
Wednesday 6 th December	Parent/Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: Y5 9-12noon
Wednesday 6 th December	Parent/Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: Y6 12-3pm
Thursday 7 th December	Parent/Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: EYFS all day
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Production: For Y1, Y2 & Y3 Parents 9.30am
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Production: For Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents 9.30am
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Fayre 1.30-3.00pm
Monday 18 th December	9.30-10.30 Carols at Woodhouse Close Church Y4, Y5 & Y6
Monday 18 th December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party 1-3pm
Tuesday 19 th December	9.30 – Little Rainbows and Nursery Christmas Performance for Parents
Tuesday 19 th December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party 1-3pm
Wednesday 20 th December	9.30 – Reception Christmas Performance for Parents
Wednesday 20 th December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party 1-3pm
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 22 nd December	Family Carols round the tree! 9.15-10.15: Reception, Y1 & Y2 10.45-11.45 Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school

Mrs Page Headteacher