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## Woodhouse Community Primary School

# NEWS LETTER

Week 5: ending 1.12.17



**Light 1000 Christmas Lights:** We are very excited to be unveiling our Light 1000 Christmas Lights window at the Town Hall at 5pm tonight. Miss Elmes, Mrs Gorton and myself went along to dress the window yesterday and it looks fantastic! Well done to our Art Club pupils who designed and made it along with the gorgeous glass baubles made at Chilli Glass in Durham. Huge thanks go to Miss Elmes for coordinating it all and Mrs Gorton for helping, too.

**Year 1 Trip to Hardwick Park:** Our Year 1 pupils enjoyed a lovely trip to Hardwick Park this week, linked to the story of The Stick Man. They participated in some lovely practical art activities and even made their very own Stick Man to bring back to school! As ever, Mrs Hindmarch reported that behaviour was fabulous: well done, Year 1!

**Y5 Gymnastics Festival:** Another class to represent our school magnificently were Year 5, who participated in the Gymnastics festival at South Durham Gymnastics Centre. The whole class represented our school, decked out in brand new kit, complete with school badge on front and back: they looked absolutely amazing and extremely professional! A brilliant performance, Year 5: well done!

**Outdoor Clothing:** Please make sure your child has wellies, a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves for snowy weather, as we want as many children as possible to be outside and having fun. Unfortunately, if they don't have the correct clothing, we can't let them out as they will be very wet and miserable for the rest of the day. Please can children also bring their school shoes to change into when indoors (not slippers) if wearing wellies as they are really uncomfortable to wear all day. Thank you.

**Welly Plea!** Please don't throw away any wellies that your child may have outgrown. If you could donate them to school (sending them in to your child's class teacher), we would be very grateful! Thank you

**Christmas Tree:** Our Christmas Tree looks beautiful this year! Thanks to School Council who were in charge of trimming it this week. Thanks also to Carol, Mr Walker and Mr Sanders for wrestling it into its pot!

**School Nurse Drop-In's:** I met with our School Nurse, Kirsty Smith this week to discuss the possibility of holding half-termly 'drop-in' sessions in the New Year, for any health concerns parents/ carers may have about their children. This could be anything from headlice, to bedwetting to behavioural concerns. The first drop-in will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 from 3-4pm in our Family Room. These are completely confidential and Kirsty can also help support families by making referrals to other agencies and providing advice.

**Butterwick Hospice Decorations:** We will be selling the Butterwick Hospice Tree Decorations again this year at the school office at a price of £1.50. On sale from Monday.

**Christmas Post Box:** Will be in the Hall from Monday morning if children wish to post their cards in school.



### Astronomical Attendance:

WEEK 4	Whole Class Attendance % this week	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	94.3	80%	0 Most punctual Class! ☺
Year 1	98.8	92%	62
Year 2	95.3	83.3%	20
Year 3	98.9 Best attendance! ☺	92.9% Best 100% attendance! ☺	16
Year 4	95.2	86.2%	79
Year 5	94.1	75.9%	31
Year 6	91.3	73.3%	111 ☹

**Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 95.4%: on target, well done, everyone! Keep it up!**

**Lateness:** 322 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 of lateness to reduce this and increase learning time.

**Unauthorised absence:** 1.24%

**Absence due to illness:** 2.79%

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

### Dates for your diary

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Town Hall Christmas Lights Switch on/Advent Window Parade 5pm
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 9-12noon
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 9-12noon
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: Y1 9-12 noon Parent/Teacher Xmas Craft Consultations: EYFS all day
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	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, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school

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