



# Woodhouse Community Primary School



## NEWS LETTER Spring 1 Week 2: ending 19.1.18

'the pathway to success'

**Snow Day:** Thank you for your understanding yesterday when we had to close due to terrible weather. The decision to close the school is one I never take lightly. However, due to the numbers of staff unable to travel to work ( some ended up stranded on roundabouts, others began trekking in their wellies), there was no alternative . Any decision to close is taken as early as possible and although this can cause some inconvenience, the safety and well-being of staff and pupils as always is paramount. Thanks again for your understanding.

**Wellies!** We want every child to enjoy having fun in the snow at school when it comes. Please ensure your child wears wellies (and brings a change of school shoes for indoors). Concerningly, some children are not wearing a coat for school: if children are to play out in cold weather, they must wear the correct clothing and footwear, otherwise playtime will have to be indoors. Any spare wellies which have been outgrown would be very gratefully received in school for our spares!

**Judo Taster Sessions:** This week, children from Y1-Y6 enjoyed some judo taster sessions in school and everyone participated fully. Further details will follow regarding a possible after school club.

**Dogs:** Dogs are strictly not permitted on the school grounds, even if being carried. This is a health and safety risk. Please also ensure dogs do not foul anywhere near the school premises as this is unpleasant and potentially very dangerous to children if brought into school. Thank you

**Uniform:** May I remind parents and carers that children should wear full school uniform at all times. Several children are wearing sportswear style trousers etc which is not part of our uniform: grey or black school trousers / skirts, please. False nails are not permitted to be worn in school as, like earrings, they can pose a serious risk to the wearer and others. They need to be cut short or preferably removed completely. Thank you.

### **Astronomical Attendance:**

WEEK 2	Whole Class Attendance % this week	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	90	73.3	0
Year 1	92.3	73.1	10
Year 2	89.3	80	36
Year 3	86.6	71.4	39
Year 4	90.5	69	2
Year 5	92.5	73.3	66
Year 6	89.6	66.7	168 (without 1 child = 20)

**Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 90.1 %: this is a decrease due to an extra day being taken by many after the snow day: when we are open, you need to be in!**

**Lateness:** An improvement but still too high this week, with 351 (dropping to 203 if 1 persistently late child is removed from the %) minutes lost due to being late. Referrals to Durham County Council Enforcement Team are being made this week for those children persistently absent (ie. Attendance falling below 90%). This may result in a fine or even court prosecution.

**Unauthorised absence:** 4.67 % Let's reduce this next week

**Absence due to illness:** 3.69%

**Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award:** this week goes to Summer Bellwho is always a fantastic role model for everyone in our school!



Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Judo Taster sessions in school (Y1 – Y6) all children need PE kits please</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Break up for 1 Week Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children and staff return to school</b>