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Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER

Spring 2 Week 2/3: ending 9/3/18



Robin Wood: We waved goodbye to 24 of our Y5 & 6 pupils this morning, ready to set off on their Robin Wood residential weekend. Of all the activity weekends I have ever attended (and there have been many!) this is by far the best due to the excellent staffing and exciting activities on offer. My thanks to Mrs Smith for organising behind the scenes, Mrs Byrne and Miss Dargue, all of whom offered their weekends away from their own families to ensure the children had this amazing opportunity. I am looking forward travelling up there tomorrow to spend the day with everyone.

OPAL Outdoor Learning Programme: Thank you to EYFS parents who listened to a presentation by Ingrid, our OPAL lead this week. She gave a brief overview of the exciting changes we are bringing into our playtimes and lunchtimes, developing a much more creative approach to children's play. We will be sending further information very soon, as well as asking for donations of lots of equipment and items that you may no longer need. In the meantime, children need to have a pair of wellies to remain in school every day after the Easter holidays. The next 2 Fridays are Welly Day Friday, where the children will be able to go out in the rain / on the field so long as they have wellies (and then change into their school shoes. They won't be able to wear wellies in school all day) Trainers / boots will not be allowed as the field is severely waterlogged therefore wellies only, please.

Local Authority visit: Sue Smith, our school Development Partner visited school this week and conducted lesson observations in several classes. She was extremely impressed at the quality of teaching and learning saw and discussed with children at length their tasks, looking through their books and work on displays. Sue has been with us on our journey since I arrived as Head teacher in 2012 and has seen the school grow and develop in her words 'beyond recognition'. To have such positive feedback is fantastic, as it verifies the hard work that every member of staff puts in to provide the very best educational opportunities for the children in our care. Thank you, everyone: onwards and upwards!

Parent / Teacher Consultations: Appointment letters have been sent home for Parent / Teacher Consultations next week. You will be invited to work with your child to make an Easter Egg in a **30 minute time slot**, in which you will have a **5 minute appointment** to discuss progress with the class teacher. Please note that unfortunately you will be unable to bring younger siblings / babies or pushchairs as we have very limited space as this will be done in classrooms. If you need to make an alternative appointment, please speak to the class teacher. You may bring any resources and materials you wish to help decorate the eggs but please note that you must stick to the 30 minute slot so we can get through everyone. Thank you.

Flumpets: Easter toys are available for sale at the office for £1.50, to raise money for Butterwick Hospice.



Astronomical Attendance:

WEEK 4	Whole Class Attendance % this week	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	96.3	86.7	35
Year 1	98.7	96.2	9
Year 2	98.3	93.3	16
Year 3	92.2	72.4	23
Year 4	93.4	82.8	93 ☹ Please improve
Year 5	93.6	66.7 ☹ Needs improvement	39
Year 6	87.8	70	17

Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 94.4%: this is slightly below the expected average: let's see if we can improve to over 95% next week, everyone please.

Lateness: 232 minutes lost due to being late. Referrals to Durham County Council Enforcement Team have been made this week for those children persistently absent (ie. Attendance falling below 90%). This may result in a fine or even court prosecution. I will be meeting with parents of children who are regularly late from this week.

Unauthorised absence: 2.0 %

Absence due to illness: 2.4% %

Diary Dates:

Parent Teacher Consultations / Easter Egg decorating	Monday 19 th March: Year 3 9.00-12.00 Year 1 1.00- 3.00pm Tuesday 20 th March: Year 5 9.00- 12.00 Year 6 1.00- 3.00pm Wednesday 21 st March: Year 4 1.00- 3.00pm Thursday 22 nd March: Year 2 9.00- 12.00 EYFS (Little Rainbows / Nursery / Reception) All Day
Eggs Factor	Thursday 29 th March 1.15-2.30pm
Break up for Easter	Thursday 29 th March
Children Return to school	Tuesday 17th April

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