



'the pathway to success'

Woodhouse Community Primary School



NEWS LETTER Spring 2 Week 5: ending 23/3/18

Robin Wood: Was an amazing success again this year. Unfortunately, despite my best efforts, I was unable to get up to Alston on the Saturday, as I was stuck in a white-out and was forced to turn back. The children and staff were absolutely fine, however and enjoyed a fun-packed weekend. My grateful thanks as always to the staff who spent many hours arranging the trip and looking after the children in their own time: we look forward to next year!

OPAL Outdoor Learning Programme: Our sheds have arrived and we will be sending out a bin bag next week, for you to fill with a range of items so we can begin to stock our OPAL sheds, ready to transform playtime and lunchtimes. Remember: children will need a pair of wellies to keep in school EVERY DAY after the Easter holiday, if they want to access the field.

Y4 Roman Visit: Well done to Y4 who enjoyed a (chilly!) visit to Segeddunem this week, as part of their topic about Romans. They thoroughly enjoyed the trip and were magnificent ambassadors for our school in terms of their behaviour and attitude!

Local Authority visit: Sue Smith, our school Development Partner who visited school last week has announced her retirement. Sue has been a massive support to me and the team in driving our school upwards and we will miss her guidance. We will welcome Janet Bennet, as our new Education Development Advisor in the Summer, to help us continue our journey.

Parent / Teacher Consultations: Thank you very much to everyone who attended our ever successful Parent / Teacher Consultations this week. The creativity and imagination demonstrated in the making of the Easter Eggs was fabulous! It was so hard to judge the winners (and in fact, it took the whole Senior Leadership Team to do so!) but the winners were announced in assembly this morning and received an Easter egg as their prize.

Sporting Excellence: We have been a very sporty school this week, with children participating in gymnastics /dance, basketball and tag rugby finals. At the time of writing, we don't yet know the outcome of the Tag finals but I'll let you know in next week's newsletter... well done to all of our participants!

Astronomical Attendance:

WEEK 5	Whole Class Attendance % this week	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class
Reception			
Year 1			
Year 2			
Year 3			
Year 4			
Year 5			
Year 6			

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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