



'the pathway to success'

Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER

Spring 2 Week 6: ending 29/3/18



School Security: Thanks to everyone for your support and understanding following the hoax scare directed to many schools across the country on Wednesday. We take safeguarding extremely seriously and always stringently follow the advice given by the police and local authority in such circumstances. The presence of the police was as a measure of reassurance for parents and carers and to ensure them that any concerns they had could be answered. We have thorough policies and procedures in place to safeguard our pupils and hope that you will continue to work alongside us to support us in the decisions we make relating to them in the future.

Easter Fun! The children enjoyed our annual tradition of the Easter Egg draw in assembly this morning. Raffle tickets have been sold all week and there was great excitement during the draw! My huge thanks to the staff who donated a grand total of 43 Easter Eggs to be won as prizes, you are very kind and it is much appreciated.

The Eggs Factor: It is now a firm WCPS tradition to hold our annual Eggs Factor talent show, with many children auditioning to get to our grand final. This morning we were wowed by a huge range of talent in our school, from break-dancing robots, to comedy sketches to amazing singers, we had them all today! Our VIP (!) judges were specially flown in by helicopter for the occasion and our very own Mr Lockey delivered a superb running commentary. Every single child was a winner in my eyes, but our over- all winning act was

Year 1 Class Assembly: Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Year 1 Class assembly this week as I was attending a meeting elsewhere. However, I was told that the assembly was a huge success, with the children performing with confidence. Well done everyone!

OPAL Outdoor Learning Programme: Our new sheds have arrived and we have sent out a bin bag 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. If they take wellies home for Easter (which might be a good idea, given the forecast!) please remember to bring them back to go on the field! Any items returned in the OPAL bag after Easter will earn 5 Dojo points!

Sporting Excellence: I promised last week that I would update you on the position we ended in for Tag Rugby finals and I am delighted to say that WCPS finished 2nd in the County! This is a magnificent achievement and a first in our school's sporting history. Extremely well done to our brilliant Tag Team and many thanks to Mr Lockey, Mrs Redfearn and Mr McGurk for training them so well!!

Goodbye and Good Luck! Sadly, we wave goodbye to Mr McGurk this week, who is leaving us. He has been a valued member of our team and it was wonderful to welcome him as a former WCPS pupil who then became a member of staff. He has worked hard in every class to help promote PE and sport and he has been a major part in the excellence we have shown in our sporting achievements over the past 2 years. We wish him every success for the future and hope he'll be back to help out at Sports Day!



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 = %: this is slightly below the expected average: let's see if we can improve to over 95% next week, everyone please.

Lateness: 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. From this week, persistent absentees will be visited by Kirsty to ascertain reasons for persistent absence.

Unauthorised absence: %

Absence due to illness: %

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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