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# Woodhouse Community Primary School

## NEWS LETTER Summer 1 Week 3: ending 4/5/18



**OPAL:** We have now started to add some larger items to our OPAL collection: some tyres are on their way next week and we would love any spare tarpaulins, chunky ropes, crates, smooth planks (no nails!) etc for den-building. Let us know if you can help!

**Year 1, 2 & 3 Cricket:** 3 classes enjoyed some cricket training this week and were really good at it! Mr Lockey has sent information for any parents / carers who might want to join up out of school.

**Year 4 Class Assembly:** Unfortunately, I was unable to watch the Year 4 Class assembly this week (although I had been through several rehearsals!) I am told by Miss Gilmour that the children worked very hard to learn their words and spoke with confidence in front of a packed audience! Well done, Year 4.

**Grace Darling Visit:** Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed a 'visit' from Grace Darling this morning as part of their Topic. The lady who worked with the children brought a range of really exciting artefacts and dressed up as Grace Darling, much to the delight of the children!

**Parent Questionnaires:** Please could you complete and return your copy of the Parent Questionnaire sent with this week's newsletter. They are really important for us to see what we are doing well and, more importantly, how we can continue to improve as a school. Your suggestions are always welcomed! 5 Dojo points for every child returning their questionnaire by next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May!

**Play Ambassador Award:** This week's Play Ambassador award (chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors) is Emily Blackburn. She has been noted as an excellent role model during our new OPAL play/ lunchtimes, helping younger children to share and tidying up properly. Well done Emily: 10 Dojo points for you!

### **Astronomical Attendance:**

WEEK 5	Whole Class Attendance % this week	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	95.7	90	0
Year 1	88.9	69.2	78
Year 2	97.9	89.7	0
Year 3	96.4	85.7	31
Year 4	96	79.3	30
Year 5	97.3	83.3	3
Year 6	92	71.4	62

**Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 94.8%: this is slightly below the expected average.**

**Lateness:** 204 minutes lost due to being late. This is disappointing: please get to school for 8.50am every day. 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:** 2.94%

**Absence due to illness:** 1.65%

Please make sure children have a cap, sun-cream applied before school and a water bottle when the warm weather re-appears please



### **Diary Dates:**



<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y1 Lighthouse Trip
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs: NO ABSENCE THIS WEEK, PLEASE
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Y5 Class Assembly
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Photographer for all classes including EYFS
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Photographer for Y6 Class Photo BREAK UP Half Term
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Children return to school (School closed for Staff Training Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June)</b>

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