



'the pathway to success'

Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER Summer 1 Week 4: ending 11/5/18



SAT Week: Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SAT tests in school. They have worked incredibly hard all year to prepare for these assessments and we could not be more proud of their efforts and positive attitude. In order for them to be switched on and ready to do their best, we would ask that they get plenty of sleep on Sunday night and arrive at school promptly every day next week. We will be providing them with their own VIP area in Breakfast Club, to enjoy a free breakfast every morning. The children have chosen the items they would like to have, culminating with our traditional bacon sandwich on Thursday, the last day of tests! I would like to wish all of the children the best of luck and know that they will try their very best which is all we ask. Mrs Oldfield has sent the children a letter which explains that, although important, SATs are only one aspect of their time in our school and we value the children and their personal achievements much more highly than simply a set of tests.

Y1 Lighthouse Trip: This week, Year 1 have enjoyed a wonderful trip to visit a lighthouse at the seaside! They were extremely excited and thoroughly enjoyed their visit, especially as they had just worked with Grace Darling last week. The children were a credit to our school, well done Year 1!

OPAL: We have now started to add some larger items to our OPAL collection: some tyres arrived this 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! An important part of OPAL is to ensure the children take responsibility for being safe in their play. We explain how to climb trees, roll tyres and build dens etc safely, therefore making sure they risk assess every potential situation. Inevitably, there will be scrapes and bumps (just as there is in life outside of school). However, we have been very impressed at how responsible the children have been in engaging in these new activities and how they are supporting each other.

Parent Questionnaires: Thank you very much to everyone who has sent the Parent Questionnaires back this week: it is always really helpful to know what we are doing well and any issues we need to address. Please bring them in on Monday if you haven't already (to claim your 5 Dojo points!)

Fire Drill: This morning, I implemented a full school fire drill which went extremely smoothly. 247 children and staff evacuated the building calmly and quickly, within one and a half minutes. Well done, everyone!

Play Ambassador Award: This week's Play Ambassador award (chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors) is Jayden Atkinson. He has been noted as thoroughly enjoying his playtimes, working with others to share. Well done Jayden: 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	95.8	83.3	0
Year 1	91.4	84.6	6
Year 2	96.1	93.1	0
Year 3	87.1	71.4	20
Year 4	95.7	89.7	28
Year 5	96.7	93.3	2
Year 6	97.3	89.3	35

Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 94.3%: this is slightly below the expected average.



Lateness: 91 minutes lost due to being late. This is a huge improvement, thank you to everyone who has made such a big effort to get to school on time!

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: 2.75%

Absence due to illness: 2.69%

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:

Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May	Year 6 SATs: NO ABSENCE THIS WEEK, PLEASE
Tuesday 22nd May	Y5 Class Assembly
Thursday 24th May	Photographer for all classes including EYFS
Friday 25th May	Photographer for Y6 Class Photo BREAK UP Half Term
Tuesday 5th June	Children return to school (School closed for Staff Training Monday 5th June)

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