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Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER

Summer 2 Week 1: ending 8/6/18



Welcome back: It was nice to welcome everyone back after a sunny half –term holiday. This half term is one of the busiest in the year with lots of events and activities going on alongside our full curriculum. Please look at the Diary Dates to make sure you have key dates in your diary!

Sports Events: we have lots of children out of school participating in sports events including rounders and cricket this week. The sporting prowess of our children is certainly being noticed in such festivals, as is their excellent attitudes and behaviour: well done!

Transition visits: pupils in Y5 and Y6 have been on several visits to Bishop Barrington this week, enjoying food technology among other things! Again, behaviour and attitude have been superb and nothing less than we would expect: well done, everyone!

Y4 Visit to Mining Museum: Mrs Stanbridge was delighted with the attitudes and participation of Year 4 pupils when they visited the new Mining Museum in the town earlier this week. We are very lucky to have some wonderful new resources available in Bishop Auckland and we look forward to accessing them much more in the future.

Durham Resilience Project: This morning, myself and Mrs Smith were invited to speak at a conference on 'Resilience' in our school. This is an area that we have worked hard to develop in our pupils and staff in the last 5 years and we were very proud to be invited to share with other schools the good practices we have implemented in WCPS.

Parent Questionnaire: Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the annual Parent Questionnaire just before the holidays. The positive responses were fantastic, with between 98 – 100% of respondents either strongly agreeing or agreeing with all aspects of our school. Of course, we are always striving to improve and build upon our success and will be taking account of some of the suggestions and comments you have offered, the main one being children's targets and how they are shared at home. I have uploaded a copy of the % of each question, as well as your personalised comments on the school website, under 'Newsletters', 'Summer Week 1'.

Congratulations, Mrs Carney! After 2.5 years of having many painful operations and having to wear a full lower- leg cage, then a pot, Mrs Carney is today celebrating the fact that all of her metal work has been removed. This has been a challenging time for Mrs Carney but she has been so strong and positive throughout: we are all absolutely delighted to see you well on the road to full recovery, Mrs C! x



Astronomical Attendance:

WEEK 5	Whole Class Attendance % this week	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	97.1	90	0
Year 1	83.2	61.5	59
Year 2	94.8	90	13
Year 3	89.3	78.6	27
Year 4	92.2	75.9	33
Year 5	94.2	80	13
Year 6	98.0	82.1	22

Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 91.8%: this is poor this week: please improve next week!

Lateness: 167 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: 4.6%

Absence due to illness: 2.7%

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:

Tuesday 5 th June	Children return to school (School closed for Staff Training Monday 5 th June)
Monday 11 th June	Y6 Children going to King James Transition Day 1 (for next 4 weeks every Monday)
Tuesday 12 th June	Am Y3 and Y4 visit to Timothy Hackworth for Author workshop
Wednesday 13 th June	Y6 Leavers Service at Durham Cathedral
	Y4 Choir to Gala Theatre Song for Europe Day
Thursday 14 th June	Father's Day / Carer's Lunch 12-12.30: Y3 & 4 12.30- 1.00: Y5 & 6
Friday 15 th June	Father's Day / Carer's Lunch 12-12.30: Reception 12.30- 1.00: Y1 & 2
	Y4 Washington Wildfowl Trip
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th June	Y5 Curriculum week to feeder Secondary Schools (come to school as normal, in full uniform, please)
Tuesday 26 th June	Big Sing Choir The Sage, Gateshead
Monday 1 st July – Tuesday 2 nd JULY	Y3 Residential trip to Dufton (1 night)
Thursday 5 th July	Y1 Picnic in the Park, Auckland Castle
	Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat production 1.15pm & 5pm
Friday 6 th July	Summer Fayre 1.15pm
Wednesday 11 th July – Friday 13 th July	Y6 Transition to Bishop Barrington
Thursday 12 th July	Moving Up morning in school (to new classes)
Friday 13 th July	EYFS Sports Day (weather permitting)
Monday 16 th July	KS1 & 2 Sports Day 9.30- 1.30 = Y3&4 11.00-12.00 = Y5&6 1.30-2.30 = Y1 & 2
Wednesday 18 th July	EYFS Graduation 9.15am
Thursday 19 th July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 9.15am BREAK UP FOR SUMMER
Wednesday 5 th September:	
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	

