



'the pathway to success'

Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER Autumn 1 Week 1 7/9/18



Welcome back! After a wonderfully sunny 6 weeks off, it was lovely to welcome everyone back to school on Wednesday. We have had the school decorated inside and out over the holidays and it looks lovely! I would like to say a big thank you to Carol, Mr Walker and Mrs Wall for their hard work in cleaning the school, ready for us all to come back to such a lovely environment.

After School Clubs: our after school clubs begin next week. The timetable is on the school website <http://woodhousecommunity.durham.sch.uk> Numbers are limited and will be picked out of a hat to ensure the system is fair and not just those who bring their form back first. If your child is unsuccessful at getting a place at their club, they will be refunded the £1 and will be put on a waiting list in case a space becomes available. All clubs (except netball) finish at 4pm and children **MUST** be collected promptly by an adult. Only Year 6 pupils with a parental consent form to walk home alone will be allowed to do so.

Uniform: I was delighted to see every child dressed in the correct uniform on returning to school this week. May I remind parents that this is also required for PE: navy shorts and white T- shirt and these are available to buy at the school office, as are water bottles, book bags and other pieces of school uniform if required.

Community Savings Bank: Every Thursday Woodhouse Close Church are available in our entrance from 810am to run the Community Savings bank. This is a great way to save for Christmas and is a good habit to get our children into, too. Next Thursday 13th September, the bank won't be available but will be back to normal on Thursday 20th.

Dojo Points: If you still have not signed up to our Dojo Points system, please can you do so ASAP: this is a great way for us to let you know the great things your child does at school and for you to let us know about anything we may need to know at home, too.

Collection at home-time: Please ensure that you wait outside the school gates, when collecting your children at home time. The gates will remain closed until home-time to ensure your child's safety. There are a lot of children leaving the building at once and it is crucial we know who every child is being collected by so we would ask for your patience in waiting a few extra minutes for each class to get through. If you do need to speak to the office staff, we would ask you to wait until all classes have exited the building as this causes huge congestion. Please do not wait on the opposite side of the road and ask children to cross to meet you: this is a major accident risk. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Wellies: we will be continuing with our hugely successful OPAL playground programme and we need every child to provide a pair of NAMED wellies if they are to access the school field / yard in bad weather. A warm waterproof coat needs to be worn every day as the children will be outside even if it's rainy, just as they are in Early Years! Any donations of wellies your child has outgrown would be gratefully received as spares.

OPAL Play Ambassador: We have 4 new OPAL Monitors for this year: Emily, Ellie, Bethany and Bailey. Our first OPAL Play Ambassador Award will be given in next Friday's assembly.



Astronomical Attendance:

WEEK 1	Whole Class Attendance % this week	% of class with 100% attendance	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	100 ☺ Well done!	100 ☺ Well done!	0 ☺ Well done!
Year 1	95.6	93.3	0 ☺ Well done!
Year 2	98.6	95.8	0 ☺ Well done!
Year 3	94.4	90	5
Year 4	96.3	88.9	5
Year 5	95.4	89.7	0 ☺ Well done!
Year 6	94.4	90	5
Average:	96.4		

The threshold for what is termed as persistent absence has been determined as 90%, as opposed to 85% previously. Unfortunately, we are unable to authorise term time holidays as we have to follow the Government and Durham County protocol. The Durham County protocol explains that penalty notices must be issued 'in instances of unauthorised holidays in term time (where the holiday gives rise to 7 days or more unauthorised absence in any period...'. The school processes absences and then the County Council pick up on unauthorised absence and this will be enforced by penalty payments and even court action.

Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 96.4: this a brilliant start to the new year, keep it up!%:

Lateness: 15 minutes lost due to being late: the best punctuality we have ever had, brilliant!

Unauthorised absence: 1.5%

Absence due to illness: 1.8%

Diary Dates:

19th October 2018	Break up Half Term

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