



'the pathway to success'

Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER

Spring 1 Week 1: ending 9/11/19



Happy New Year! It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the Christmas holiday. I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready to start a brand new year with enthusiasm!

Artsmark Gold Award: We were delighted to receive the good news just before Christmas that we have been successful in achieving the Artsmark Gold Award. This is a prestigious award which reflects a wide range of opportunities we provide for children across all of the arts in our school. A massive thanks to Miss Elmes and Mrs Gorton who have worked tirelessly for 2 years to secure this achievement: well done, everyone!

Investing in Children Award: More congratulations and huge thanks to Miss Gilmour and School Council for securing the Investing in Children Award. This followed a very in-depth meeting with all the members of the School Council and an independent assessor, to discuss the importance of pupil voice within our school. Miss Gilmour was super impressed with the way the Council conducted the meeting and their enthusiasm in sharing our achievements. Fantastic!

Accelerated Reading: We have now been doing the AR programme for a term in school and we will be monitoring the amount of reading children do across a week very closely. A weekly Reading Award will be given in assembly to celebrate good progress and effort. Please encourage your child to read on a regular basis at home: just 10-15 minutes a night can make a massive difference and rapidly improve progress.

Attendance: Just a reminder that we monitor attendance and punctuality very closely in school. Referrals are made promptly to the Enforcement Team at County Hall for persistent absence (this is when attendance falls below 90%). We will also contact you if we see a pattern of absence or lateness. Last term, the school and Local Authority successfully prosecuted a family in court for persistent absence, resulting in a conviction by the District Judge.

Wellies: Just a reminder to parents and carers that the children MUST have wellies in school to be able to access the field and den-building materials, with the ground being very damp and muddy. Please also ensure your child wears a warm waterproof coat every day, which is kept in a carrier bag when in their locker. As we now also have a mud kitchen, please send in a pair of old jogging bottoms or waterproof trousers to put over uniform and keep in lockers if you don't wish your child to get dirty

OPAL Plea! We could do with some additional resources for our OPAL programme, to keep playtimes fun and exciting. If you have any toys / cuddly toys / bags/ small suitcases, pushchairs, tea-sets, etc (nothing electrical or broken, please) that you would like to clear out after Christmas, we would love to receive them. Also, any old ropes, crates, den-building material would be great: just let us know if you can help.

Uniform: A reminder that our school uniform does not include tracksuit bottoms / leggings with log's. Black or grey school trousers or skirt should be worn, please. Jumpers (navy) are available to buy from the office or are good value from local supermarkets.



Astronomical Attendance:

	Weekly Average Attendance %	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	93.3	79.2	29 x 1 child
Year 1	96.7	90	26 x 2 children
Year 2	90	66.7	16 x 4 children
Year 3	99.3 ☺	96.7 ☺	0 ☺
Year 4	98.5	92.6	34 x 3 children
Year 5	96	83.3	5 x 1 child
Year 6	96.3	83.3	64 x 4 children

Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 =95.7% ☺ This is a very positive start to the New Year! Keep it up!

Lateness: 104 minutes lost this week due to 15 children being late. This is lost learning time, please ensure improvements are made for these children. We are monitoring attendance and punctuality on a weekly basis and letter to invite parents and carers to attendance meetings with Kirsty and myself will be sent if improvements are not seen over a 2 week period. Following this, referrals to the County Enforcement Team will be implemented.

Diary Dates:

Thursday 17th January 2,30pm	Parent Meeting for Y2 SAT's
Thursday 24th January 3.00pm	Parent Meeting for children going to Robin Wood
Friday 15th February	Break Up for Half Term
Monday 25th February	Children and staff return to school
Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd March	Robin Wood Residential Trip Y5 & 6
W/C 1st April	Parent / Teacher Consultations and Easter Egg Craft (appointment letters to follow)
Friday 5th April	9-10am: Coffee and Cake Morning for Parents & Carers 1.30-3.00: The Eggs- Factor Talent Show Break Up for Easter
Monday 22nd April	Bank Holiday: School Closed
Tuesday 23rd April	Teacher Training in school (staff only)
Wednesday 24th April	Children return to school

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