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## Woodhouse Community Primary School

# NEWS LETTER

Summer 2 Week 2: ending 15/6/18



**Durham Cathedral Leaver's Service:** For the first time, WCPS Y6 pupils were invited to attend the Leaver's Service at the magnificent Durham Cathedral. Hundreds of children attend the ceremony and I was extremely proud to join our 4 Banner Bearers, who walked in procession down the length of the aisle, proudly carrying our school banner. This was an occasion which our Year 6 pupils will never forget and the start of an annual tradition for our school. Well done, Year 6 for your fantastic conduct: you were a credit to our school and to yourselves.

**Transition Days:** There are a number of transition visits arranged for Year 6 pupils (and Year 5 for Curriculum Week) going to their various feeder secondary schools over the coming weeks. Apart from the 3 day main transition visit on July 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, the children come to school here as usual and travel to the secondaries, returning here for home-time.

**Accelerated Reading:** We will be embarking on an exciting new reading initiative over the next few weeks ready for September, called Accelerated Reading. This is used in many secondary schools with great success and we will be carrying out some training over the coming weeks to get this underway in school, to help improve reading. I will keep you posted!

**ICT Excellence:** This week, Paul Hodgkinson the Local Authority advisor for Computing visited Year 5 to work on Microbits and programming. He was extremely impressed with the children's knowledge and attitude and has asked Mrs Connor our ICT coordinator to help work with other schools who may need some support in this area. This is a very positive reflection on our excellent staff and hard-working children and it is wonderful that we are being recognised County- wide for our high standards in teaching and learning: well done!

**Year 3 & Author Visit:** This week our Y3 and 4 children went to Timothy Hackworth Primary to work with children's author Vivienne French. It was wonderful for our pupils to work collaboratively with children in another school and they have since been doing some follow-up poetry work back in school. Well done, everyone!

**Durham Gala 'Song For Europe':** 12 of our Year 4 pupils represented our school in this year's Song for Europe, hosted at the Gala Theatre in Durham. Mrs Smith had worked hard to rehearse a Russian song with the children and they performed beautifully, receiving rapturous applause at the end! We were doubly lucky in that our Governor Councillor John Lethbridge, who has recently been given the honour of the Mayor of Durham and Chair of Durham County Council, was there to present the trophy. Sadly, we weren't the winners this year but we'll be back next year to try again... well done to everyone who participated.

**Father's Day Lunch:** On Thursday and Friday, it was the turn of dads / grandads/ carers to be treated to a delicious Father's day lunch by our fantastic team of cooks! A massive thank you to everyone who came along to share their lunchtime with the children: unfortunately I was out of school / in meetings for both events but I am told that the event was a huge success and well done to the ladies for yet another wonderful family occasion!

**Year 4 Trip to Washington Wetlands:** Another trip out this week, this time it was the turn of Year 4 who visited Washington Wetlands. A great day was had by all and the children behaved superbly, as always!

**Woodhouse Church Holiday Club:** anyone who wants to sign their child /ren up for the Holiday Club with Church this summer, please sign up at the school office, with payment. This runs from Monday 6th to Friday 10th August 2pm till 5pm each day and Family Fun Day Sat 11th August 2pm till 5pm



COST for the full week: £5 for 1 child / £8 for 2 siblings / £10 for 3 siblings

**Year 1 Phonics Test:** A big 'well done' to Year 1 pupils whose turn it was to complete the Phonics Test this year. They worked extremely hard to carry out the tasks this week, as did Mrs Hindmarch and the Year 1 staff, who prepared the children so well all year. Thank you!

**Astronomical Attendance:**

WEEK 5	Whole Class Attendance % this week	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	86	76.7	22
Year 1	90.4	84	7
Year 2	92.4	75.9	0
Year 3	95.7	78.6	17
Year 4	93.5	75.9	5
Year 5	88	63.3	7
Year 6	92.5	82.1	65

**Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 91.2%: this is poor this week: please improve next week!**

**Lateness:** 123 minutes lost due to being late: this is getting better but we still have a few children in some classes who are arriving late throughout the week: please aim to full punctuality next week!

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: 4.0%

Absence due to illness: 3.0%

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

**OPAL Play Ambassador:** This week, Kieran Bell has been noted by Lunchtime Supervisors as setting an excellent example for other children at playtimes: thanks, Kieran, that's 10 Dojo points for you!!

**Diary Dates:**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Curriculum week to feeder Secondary Schools (come to school as normal, in full uniform, please)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Sing Choir The Sage, Gateshead
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> JULY	Y3 Residential trip to Dufton (1 night)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1 Picnic in the Park, Auckland Castle
	Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat production 1.15pm & 5pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre 1.15pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Transition to Bishop Barrington
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving Up morning in school (to new classes)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Sports Day (weather permitting)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Graduation 9.15am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 9.15am BREAK UP FOR SUMMER
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September: CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	

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