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Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER

Summer 2 Week 5: ending 6/7/18



Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat: **WOW!** What an amazing day / evening we had yesterday with our production of 'Joseph'. I have now produced Joseph 4 times throughout my teaching career and I have never seen such a polished, enthusiastic and professional version. The singing was exceptional and so many parents spoke to me afterwards to tell me they had tears of emotion watching our fabulous children. In my 23 years of teaching, I have experienced many 'goosebump' moments but this was up there as one of my proudest moments. My thanks must go to the fantastic staff who have worked so hard behind the scenes, producing costume, props and music and for freely giving their time to stay behind. However, a special thanks goes to Mrs Smith, whose enthusiasm, drive and complete dedication to ensuring our children get such wonderful performance experiences is magnificent and absolutely makes WCPS the brilliant place it is!

Summer Fayre: ...so, the following day, we had our wonderful Summer Fayre! Again, behind the scenes, every single member of staff has been scurrying around, sorting out stalls, prizes, face-painting and organising this much celebrated annual event. At the time of writing this newsletter, the sun is shining and we are expecting a fabulous turnout. I will let you know our grand total next week...

Dufton Residential: As if there hasn't been enough happening in school (!) we also had our Year 3 children go off on a 1 night residential to Dufton, enjoying an amazing experience. I don't know of another primary school that organises a residential trip for children younger than Year 4, so this is an amazing opportunity for our pupils. Mr Lockey was delighted with the behaviour and enthusiasm of every single child and thoroughly enjoyed the trip! Again, without the dedication and commitment of our staff, namely Mr Lockey, Miss Fitch and Miss Gilmour, such events would not be possible.

EYFS Visit to Hardwick: 74 children enjoyed a visit to Hardwick Park to do some work on the Very Hungry Caterpillar. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a wonderful time! Well done for fantastic behaviour, boys and girls (and staff!)

Staffing next year: Next week is our Moving Up morning so children will be visiting their new classes ready for September. The class organisation is as follows:

Little Rainbows: Miss Hayes, Miss Fletcher, Mr Longstaff
Nursery: Miss Hayes, Miss Blenkinsopp, Miss Foster, Miss Brunskill
Reception: Mrs Byrne, Mrs Robson, Mrs Lakey
Year 1: Mrs Nicholls, Miss Elmes, Mrs Owen
Year 2: Miss Connelly, Miss Fitch, Mrs Kent
Year 3: Mr Lockey, Mr Sanders, Mrs Carney
Year 4: Miss Gilmour, Mrs Swinbank, Mrs Stainsby
Year 5: Mrs Connor, Mrs Gorton, Miss Steele
Year 6: Mrs Oldfield / Mrs Smith, Mrs Redfearn, Miss Ferguson

Y6 Leavers Meal and End of Year treat: Year 6 enjoyed their end of year treat at Planet Leisure this week, which they have saved up for all year using the proceeds of their Fruity Friday tuckshop. They thoroughly enjoyed an exciting day

Uniform Orders: We have some uniform stock ready for September: please get any orders in by next Friday to ensure your child has full uniform for starting back in September. Forms can be collected from the office. Thank you.

Summer sun! Please ensure that all children have sun-cream on before coming to school, caps and a water bottle.



Year 6 Leavers Assembly: PLEASE NOTE: the time has been changed due to unforeseeable circumstances. **This will now be held at 1.15pm on Thursday 19th July** and is for parents / carers of Y6 pupils ONLY.

Astronomical Attendance:

WEEK 5	Whole Class Attendance % this week	% of class with 100% attendance	Minutes late lost per class
Reception	94.3	80	0
Year 1	93.2	80	48
Year 2	96.7	93.1	20
Year 3	92.1	85.7	39
Year 4	95.2	82.8	20
Year 5	86.0	63.3	53
Year 6	96.8	85.7	146

Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 93.5 %: this is poor this week: please improve next week!

Lateness: minutes lost due to being late: this is the worst punctuality this term and unfortunately, it is due to the persistent lateness of only a handful of children across the school: please arrive 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: 2.9%

Absence due to illness: 3.2%

OPAL Play Ambassador: This week, we have had such a busy week, we have not chosen a lay Ambassador. We will next week!

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 11th July – Friday 13th July	Y6 Transition to Bishop Barrington
Thursday 12th July	Moving Up morning in school (to new classes)
Friday 13th July	EYFS Sports Day (weather permitting)
Monday 16th July	KS1 & 2 Sports Day 9.30- 1.30 = Y3&4 11.00-12.00 = Y5&6 1.30-2.30 = Y1 & 2
Wednesday 18th July	EYFS Graduation 9.15am
Thursday 19th July	Y6 Leaver's Assembly <u>1.15pm</u> BREAK UP FOR SUMMER
Wednesday 5th September: CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	

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