



'the pathway to success'

Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER

Autumn 1 Week 3 21/9/18



Box2Bfit: This week, all children and staff enjoyed a session learning how to improve physical fitness and resilience using Box2Bfit resources. Don't worry! This does not mean children are actually boxing! Rather, they used pads and gloves to do lots of circuit type activities to have fun and get firt. I am looking to see whether we may be able to use some of our school funds to purchase a pack and perhaps run as an after school club in Spring Term.

Y6 Beamish Trip: Well done to all of our Y6 pupils who were an absolute credit to the school on their visit to Beamish earlier this week. Several members of the public commented on how attentive, polite an well-behaved the children were, which is superb!

Mini Police: I have had a meeting with Durham Police this week, to discuss the possibility of our training some children to become Mini Police. This is an initiative used by many schools in Durham and is highly successful in engaging children in a positive way. Some of our Year 5 children will be invited to join the training in school after half term.

Uniform: Please can you ensure ALL items of uniform are labelled with your child's name / class. Already, we have lost jumpers beginning to appear and as a parent myself, I know how frustrating (and expensive) this can be. Thank you.

Super Maths! Mrs Connor was delighted to be asked by the Local Authority to use some of children's maths books as examples of good practice across the Local Authority, in training maths teachers. We were delighted to oblige, proud to show the excellent standards of work throughout our school. Well done, everyone!

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.



Astronomical Attendance:

| WEEK 3 14.9.18 | Whole Class Attendance % this week | % of class with 100% attendance this week | minutes late No.children / |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Reception | 93.2 | 80 | 16 x1 |
| Year 1 | 98.7 | 96.7 | 10 x3 |
| Year 2 | 94.2 | 79.1 | 5 x1 |
| Year 3 | 88.3 | 76.7 | 10 x1 |
| Year 4 | 93.3 | 81.5 | 27 x2 |
| Year 5 | 89.3 | 72.4 | 0 |
| Year 6 | 94.7 | 86.7 | 3 x1 |
| Total | Weekly Ave. = 93.1 | | 71 mins |

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 = 93.1%

Lateness: 71 minutes lost due to being late: this is a big improvement on last well, keep it up!"

Diary Dates:

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| Friday 28th September | 8.45-10.00 MacMillan Coffee Morning: everyone welcome! |
| Monday 15th October | Harvest Festival in Woodhouse Church: Y4, 5 & 6 9.30-10.30 Y1, 2 & 3: 11.00- 1200 |
| Friday 19th October | 1.30-3.00 Harvest Soup Kitchen: everyone welcome! |
| 19th October 2018 | Break up Half Term |
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