



'the pathway to success'

Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER Autumn 1 Week 5 5/10/18



Thank you! I would like to start this week's newsletter by thanking everyone who responded so promptly to our emergency evacuation due to the burst water pipe this week. Obviously, such incidents are rare and completely beyond our control and closing the school is always a last resort. However, such incidents also highlight the importance of parents / carers ensuring they inform the school of any changes to contact telephone numbers as we had a few children whose parents we were unable to contact: please call into the office to update your contact information if you have not done so for a while.

MacMillan Coffee Morning: A massive thank you to everyone who attended our Coffee Morning last Friday in aid of Macmillan .The grand total we raised was £78.45

Harvest Festival and Soup Kitchen: We have changed the day for our soup kitchen to **Wednesday 17th October**. Sarah McAllister, our Family Learning chef, will be working with the children to make vegetable soup, which they will then serve from 2.15pm in the school kitchen. We will be asking £1 a cup, with some freshly baked bread and all proceeds will go to Woodhouse Close Church Foodbank.

Curriculum Activities: What an exciting week of learning we have had in school! This week, children have participated in a Handball Festival where they showed excellent team skills. Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic Viking day where they experienced life as a Viking. We then had a 'Hands on Science' day, where every class got the chance to do an exciting practical science investigation, with Year 6 even dissecting real hearts!

Headlice: we have had several reports of children with headlice in school this week. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat with a headlice comb and lotion to ensure any eggs / live lice are cleared fully. Thank you.

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	96.8	92 ☺	1 child 10 mins
Year 1	91.7	80	4 children 8 mins
Year 2	94.2	87.5	4 children 14 mins
Year 3	98.0 ☺	90	1 child 3 mins
Year 4	92.2	81.5	1 child 3 mins
Year 5	91.3	76.7	4 children 43 mins
Year 6	97.7	86.7	2 children 11 mins
Total	94.6% Much better ☺		92 mins lost this week

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 = 94.6%

Lateness: 92minutes lost due to 17 children being late this week: **this is lost learning time, please and improvements for those children must be seen next week.** We are monitoring attendance and punctuality on a weekly basis and letters to invite parents and carers to attendance meetings with Kirsty and Mrs Page 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 11 th October	9-10: Reception phonics workshop for parent / carers
W/C 15 th October	EYFS Stay and Play sessions for parents / carers (letter to follow)
Monday 15 th October	Harvest Festival in Woodhouse Church: Y4, 5 & 6 9.30-10.30 Y1, 2 & 3: 11.00- 1200
** Wednesday 17 th October	2.15-3.00 Harvest Soup Kitchen: everyone welcome! <i>** this is a change of date from last week's newsletter</i>
19 th October 2018	Break up Half Term
Monday 29 th October	Children return to school
Wednesday 31 st October	Halloween Disco Little Rainbows & Nursery 1-2pm in Unit; 1-2pm: Rec –Y2 2-3pm: Y3-Y6 Children to bring costumes in a named bag to get changed at lunch time please
Friday 2 nd November	Flu Immunisation Y1-Y5
Friday 9 th November	Y5 Visit Durham Cathedral (morning only)
Sunday 11 th November	10am Remembrance Service St Annes Church
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need Day: dress in yellow / spots for £1.00 donation
Thursday 22 nd November	Individual School Photographs EYs – Y6 SEND Drop in for advice / support for parents / carers with Mrs Byrne 2.30-3.30
Tuesday 4 th December	Dick Wittington Christmas Pantomime (morning)
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Fayre 1-3pm
Monday 17 th December	Church Service @ Woodhouse Church: 9.30-10.30 Y4-6 11.00 – 12.00 Y1-3 Y5 & 6 Christmas Party afternoon
Tuesday 18 th December	EYFS Christmas Performance Parents (of EYs children only due to space constraints) Y3 & 4 Christmas Party afternoon
Wednesday 19 th December	KS 1 & 2 Christmas Performance Parents (of KS1 /2children only due to space constraints) Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day £1.00 donation
Thursday 19 th December	EYFS Christmas Party Morning Y1 & 2 Christmas Party afternoon BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
Monday 7 th January 2019	Children return to school

Mrs Page
Headteacher