



'the pathway to success'

Woodhouse Community Primary School

NEWS LETTER Autumn 1 Week 6&7 19/10/18



This half-term our focus UNICEF Article for the Rights of the Child is Article 15: 'Children have the right to meet with other children and young people and to join groups and organisations'

Goodbye, Miss Fitch: Unfortunately, I was out of school on Friday last week (hence the double newsletter) so I was unable to write our goodbye's to Miss Fitch. She is moving on to an exciting new role down in Truro and we wish her every success and happiness for her future.

Reception Phonics workshop / Stay & Play session: thanks to everyone who attended the Phonics sessions in EYFS last week and this. It is so important that we work together to ensure your children make the best possible progress they can. Thanks for your continued support!

Rainbow Flag Staff Award: The staff were proud to receive the Rainbow Flag Skilled Teacher Award this week, as a result of some staff training delivered by Miss Gilmour. This is to ensure we are proficient in addressing sensitive LGBT issues in school and we will be developing this much more over the coming months, keeping you fully informed.

Harvest Festival: It was wonderful, as ever to visit Woodhouse Close Church on Monday for our Harvest Festival celebration. Thank you so much for your generosity in sending donations of food for the Woodhouse Foodbank: they are always very gratefully received.

Soup Kitchen: On Wednesday, our Family Learning group did a fantastic job of making 2 types of soup and freshly baked bread for our Harvest Soup kitchen fundraising event. Everyone was so impressed with the delicious flavours (and I've pinched the recipe to make at home!) Thanks to Sarah who, as ever, does an amazing job with our Family Learning cookery! We raised £37 which will be contributed to the Church for their Christian Aid / Tsunami appeal.

Maths Magician As well as making soup, the children also enjoyed a fantastic Maths Magician workshop, which involved learning about maths in a creative and exciting way (balloons to teach maths: who knew?!). Hopefully we may see Maths Magician again in the future...

Halloween Disco: Just a reminder that on Halloween, we will be having a school disco in the afternoon. Children can bring a costume in a named carrier bag to get changed at lunchtime: costumes are not to be worn for school, please as it's business as usual on the morning.

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.

Astronomical Attendance:

WEEK 5 & 6 19.10.18	Whole Class Attendance % this week and last week	% of class with 100% attendance this week and last week	minutes late No.children /
Reception	96.6	84.0	3 x 244
Year 1	93.8	70.0	5 x 40
Year 2	92.9	62.5	4 x 56
Year 3	95.7	80.0	0
Year 4	91.7	74.1	3 x 33
Year 5	91.3	63.3	4 x 254
Year 6	90.7	56.7	5 x 38
Total	2 Weekly Ave. = 93.2		TOTAL:665mins ☺ (23 children over 2 weeks)



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.

Lateness: 665 minutes lost due to children being late this last fortnight: **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.

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