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# Woodhouse Community Primary School

## NEWS LETTER Autumn 2 Week 1 2.11.18



This half-term our focus UNICEF Article for the Rights of the Child is Article 31: *'Children have the right to relax, play and join in with a range of activities'*

**Halloween Disco:** The children enjoyed a Halloween treat on Wednesday, with a spooky disco. Everyone looked suitably scary and I would like to thank parents and carers for the efforts made to dress the children up.

**Firefighters Assembly:** We invited Green Watch from Bishop Auckland Fire Station to speak to the whole school about bonfire and firework safety. They delivered a fun assembly which had a serious message about the firework code and how to stay safe at this time of the year.

**Remembrance:** On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, a special service of Remembrance will be held at Woodhouse Close Church at 9.45 am. We hope to have some of our Year 6 pupils representing our school. The congregation are then invited to make their way the St Annes Church in the Market Place for a community service of remembrance and commemoration.

**Purple Bus:** This week, I met with Graeme from AYCC to organise WCPS being able to use the Big Purple Bus. This is a specially adapted soft-play activity double decker bus free to use for schools in the local area as part of the Gaunless Gateway initiative. I have booked the bus for the end of term behaviour treat, for all of the children who have never had their names put onto the Class Tracking sheet all term. Make sure you're on it!

**Flu Catch up Clinics:** A letter will go home tonight for any child who missed their flu immunisation in school today.

**Breakfast Club:** We have on average 80 children attending Breakfast Club daily which is fantastic! However, we must insist that **ONLY children paying to attend Breakfast Club are allowed to arrive between 8.10 and 8.45am.** Children who do not pay to come to Breakfast Club must not arrive before 8.45. If you pay for Breakfast Club, we expect you to eat some breakfast!

**Breakfast Club Library:** From Monday, we will be running Breakfast Library every morning from 8.15-8.45am. You are welcome to have a cuppa for 20p, whilst sharing a book with your child. Every child who attends will earn an extra 5 Dojos by receiving a Breakfast Reading Token. The timetable is as follows:

Monday	Y1
Tuesday	Y2
Wednesday	Y3 & 4
Thursday	EYFS
Friday	Y5 & 6

**OPAL:** We will be sending home another collection bag for OPAL equipment to be used at play / lunch times. Please don't send anything electronic or that requires batteries but we do welcome dolls, teddies, tea-sets, bags, cushions, small suitcases, Duplo etc. We would also like to begin a collection of large parts to add to our tyres, so any tarpaulins, ropes, pallets (no nails / screws, please) etc for den-building would be fabulous! The children MUST have wellies to be left in school on our newly - installed class welly racks so they are able to access the field and den-building materials in all weather. Please also ensure your child wears a warm, waterproof coat every day. As we now have a mud-kitchen, please send a pair of old jogging bottoms or waterproof trousers to put over the top of uniform and keep in lockers if you don't wish your child to get dirty!



### Astronomical Attendance:

WEEK 1 2.11.18	Whole Class Attendance %	% of class with 100% attendance	Minutes late No.children /
Reception	93.6	84	16 x 1
Year 1	97	86.7	0
Year 2	95.8	87.5	28 x 3
Year 3	97.7	90	4 x 1
Year 4	97.8	88.9	22 x 2
Year 5	99.3	96.7	10 x 2
Year 6	91.3	76.7	18 x 2
Total	Weekly Ave. = 96.1% ☺ Above average!	Best Class = Year 5 ☺	98 mins (11 children across school)

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:** 98 minutes lost due to 11 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 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Children return to school</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Visit Durham Cathedral (morning only)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	10am Remembrance Service St Annes Church
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day: dress in yellow / spots for £1.00 donation
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Individual School Photographs EYs – Y6 SEND Drop in for advice / support for parents / carers with Mrs Byrne 2.30-3.30
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Dick Wittington Christmas Pantomime (morning)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre 1-3pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Church Service @ Woodhouse Church: 9.30-10.30 Y4-6 11.00 – 12.00 Y1-3 Y5 & 6 Christmas Party afternoon
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Performance Parents (of EYs children only due to space constraints) Y3 & 4 Christmas Party afternoon
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Party Morning Y1 & 2 Christmas Party afternoon <b>BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	<b>Children return to school</b>

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