



'the pathway to success'

## Woodhouse Community Primary School

# NEWS LETTER

Autumn 2 Week 2: ending 9/11/18



**Remembrance:** Today, we held a one minute silence in school to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1. The children were extremely respectful and I was so proud of their maturity and attitude. Well done!

This Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> November), a special service of Remembrance will be held at Woodhouse Close church at 9:45am. Some of our Year 6 pupils will be reading at this service, to represent our school. The congregation are then invited to make their way to St Anne's Church in the market place for a community service of remembrance and commemoration.

**Record Office Workshops:** To make the 100 year anniversary since the end of World War 1, our children (R to Y6) have all taken part in workshops to learn more about World War 1 and the actual people from our region who played a part in this.

**Tag Rugby:** This afternoon, as I am typing this, our Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby team are taking part in the district final Tag Rugby competition. We know they will do us proud and we are keeping everything crossed for further success!

**Year 6 Visit to Durham University:** On Wednesday, Year 6 went to Durham University as part of their Science topic. They spent the day in the physiology department, looking at the different functions of parts of the human body. They learnt more about lung function and blood amongst other things and they thoroughly enjoyed it, with behaviour and attitude being excellent. Well done Year 6!

**Year 5 Visit to Durham Cathedral:** Today, Year 5 spent the morning at Durham Cathedral, looking at the structure and function of the building, as well as learning more about the Northern Saints as part of their R.E topic. Again, behaviour and attitude was excellent. I am always so proud to hear how fantastic our children are when they are out in the public, representing us!

### **Staffing:**

This week we held interviews for a teacher to cover in nursery/2s whilst Miss Hayes will be on maternity leave. The successful person was Mrs Emma Robson, who will be joining our team in December and will be coming into school in the next few weeks to meet everyone and become familiar with our school.

**Wellies:** Just a reminder to parents and carers that the children MUST have wellies in school to be able to access the field and den-building materials, with the ground now getting muddy and damp. Please also ensure your child wears a warm waterproof coat every day. As we now also have a mud kitchen, please send in a pair of old jogging bottoms or waterproof trousers to put over uniform and keep in lockers if you don't wish your child to get dirty!



**Astronomical Attendance:**

| <b>WEEK 5</b> |                             | <b>% of class with 100% attendance this week</b> | <b>Minutes late lost per class</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Reception     | 91.7%                       | 87.5%  | 11                                 |
| Year 1        | 96.3%                       | 83.3%  | 6                                  |
| Year 2        | 98.8% Fantastic! Well done! | 91.7%  | <b>73</b>                          |
| Year 3        | 96.7%                       | 83.3%  | 30                                 |
| Year 4        | 97%                         | 85.2%  | 38                                 |
| Year 5        | 95.3%                       | 83.3%  | 9                                  |
| Year 6        | 97%                         | 83.3%  | <b>67</b>                          |

**Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 =96.1%**

**Lateness: 234 minutes lost this week due to 19 children being late. This is lost learning time, please ensure improvements are made for these children. We are monitoring attendance and punctuality on a weekly basis and letter to invite parents and carers to attendance meetings with Kirsty and myself 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:**

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| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>    | 9:45am Remembrance Service Woodhouse Close Church   |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>    | Children in Need Day: dress in spots and/or denim for £1.00 donation  |
| <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>  | Individual School photographs EYS-Y6<br>SEND drop in for advice/support for parents/carers with Mrs Byrne 2:30-3:30 |
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>    | Dick Whittington Christmas pantomime (morning)  |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>    | Christmas Fayre 1:30-3pm  |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>    | Church Service@ Woodhouse Church 9:30-10:30 Y4-6<br>11-12 Y1-3<br>Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party (afternoon)             |
| <b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | EYFS Christmas Performance for Parents of EYFS children<br>Y3 and 4 Christmas Party (afternoon)                     |
| <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b> | KS1 and 2 Christmas Performance for parents<br>Christmas lunch/Christmas Jumper day (£1.00 donation)                |
| <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | EYFS Christmas Party (morning)<br>Y1 and 2 Christmas party (afternoon)<br><b>BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS</b>             |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>      | Children return to school   |

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