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## Woodhouse Community Primary School

# NEWS LETTER

Autumn 2 Week 4: ending 23.11.18



Apologies for the late newsletter this week ☹️

**OPAL Award:** On Tuesday, Mrs Byrne and myself were involved in a 3 hour OPAL assessment which was extremely thorough. This was to ascertain how well the school are doing on their OPAL journey, which has been in place now for 13 months. We were delighted to be awarded the highest possible level of certificate, which is Platinum! Only 10% of OPAL schools in the country have are judged as Platinum and none in Bishop Auckland so this is an amazing achievement and well-deserved. My special thanks go to the Lunchtime Supervisory staff, without whom we would not be able to provide such a rich and varied OPAL offer. Massive thanks also to Mrs Byrne who had led the programme and the OPAL working group (Mrs Oldfield, Mr Walker and Miss Blenkinsopp) for their enthusiasm in driving it forward across the whole school. Finally, to you, the parents and carers, who are so fabulous at providing equipment for the children to use in OPAL. We really do appreciate it! Well done to everyone!

**Mud!** ...and on the subject of fabulous play provision, one of the areas we have as part of OPAL is the Mud Kitchen. Understandably, this is one of the favourite areas (and dirtiest!) for the children to access. If you don't want your child to be dirty, please provide an old pair of jogging bottoms / old coat for play in this area. We are putting waterproof clothing in from next week and this area will be on a class rota for those wanting to play in it.

**School Photos:** thanks to everyone who came along for their family school photos last week. All orders including payment must be returned to the school office by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, please.

**Christmas Lights Event:** Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the choir were unable to perform in the Christmas Light switch on in the Market Place on Friday. Although very disappointed, the children and parents understood the reasons for our withdrawal from the event. However, the news has spread about how fabulous our choir are and they already have several bookings to sing in the community over the coming few weeks!

**Christmas Concerts:** Due to our high class numbers, we need to put on 2 performances of our KS1 & 2 Christmas Concert this year. Parents of pupils in Y1, 2 & 3 are invited to come along at 9.30am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and parents of pupils in Y 4, 5 & 6 are invited to attend at 9.30am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately, due to fire regulations, we have to limit tickets strictly to be 1 per family. If spare tickets become available, we will try our best to accommodate but can't promise. EYFS Christmas Performance is at 9.30am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Again, tickets will be limited to comply with strict fire regulations.

**Reminder:** Just to remind all parents and carers that for health and safety reasons, please DO NOT bring dogs onto the premises when collecting or dropping off your children. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Library:** A reminder that the library is open every morning from 8:15 for extra chance to read/ share a book with parents/carers. Every child that attends gets a 5 dojo ticket to give to their teacher.

**Children's Comics/Magazines :** On the note of the library, if you have any spare or unwanted children's annuals (one or two years old), or children's comics and magazines suitable for children (Beano, Lego etc) that are in good readable condition, we would be most grateful for them to help further stock our library. Please hand them into the office and we will make sure they can be enjoyed by our library users.



### Astronomical Attendance:

<b>WEEK 4</b>	Average Attendance this week	% of class with 100% attendance this week	Minutes late lost per class (number of children and minutes late)
Reception	96.7	83.3	2 x 50
Year 1	95.0	80.0	1 x 49
Year 2	98.8	91.7	5 x 53
Year 3	96.0	83.3	2 x 39
Year 4	95.6	88.9	4 x 39
Year 5	94.7	86.7	3 x 12
Year 6	98.0	90.0	7 x 71
	96.4% ☺		313 minutes late ☹

#### **Average attendance this week for Rec- Y6 = 96.4%**

**Lateness:** 313 minutes lost this week due to 17 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:

<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 11-12 Y1-3 Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Christmas Performance for Parents of EYFS children Y3 and 4 Christmas Party (afternoon)
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 and 2 Christmas Performance for parents Christmas lunch/Christmas Jumper day (£1.00 donation)
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Christmas Party (morning) Y1 and 2 Christmas party (afternoon) <b>BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Children return to school

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