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## Woodhouse Community Primary School

# NEWS LETTER

Autumn 2 Week 7&8: ending 20/12/18



**Parent / Teacher Consultations:** Thank you very much to everyone who attended our termly parent & teacher consultation meetings. As well as the obvious fun in sharing a Christmas activity with your child, it is very important that we share with you your child's progress and how we can continue to work together to make further progress.

**Choir Performances:** The WCPS Choir once again were in great demand to perform within the community this year, singing at both Cumbria Lodge and Eden House for their residents. The children did a magnificent job and were gratefully received. Well done, everyone!

**Christmas Fayre:** Unfortunately, I missed this year's Fayre but believe it was another huge success: we raised a fabulous £1235 to go towards our School Fund, which is incredible! We are in the process of needing to replace our class interactive whiteboards, which are very expensive so we are using School Fund in order to help us achieve this goal. Thank you to everyone who came along, donated prizes and bought tickets – we could not do it without your wonderful support.

**Church Carol Service:** We started the week's festive activities by singing traditional carols in Woodhouse Close Church, which is always a highlight of our year. Thank you to Year 2 who made some wonderful Christingle's for our service: thanks to all parents and carers who came along to support us.

**Christmas Performances:** Once again, our Christmas Performances have been an amazing success. 'Our Very Own Nativity' was the show for EYFS and 'Superstar' was the show for KS1 & 2. I never cease to be amazed at how beautifully our very youngest children perform on stage: every child from Little Rainbows to Reception looked magnificent, spoke beautifully and sang with all their hearts! From the comments in the audience, it was clear to see that the hard work and many hours of preparation were worthwhile. Again, in KS1 & 2, the singing was absolutely outstanding. We were lucky enough to receive a visit from the Mayor of Bishop Auckland, David Fleming to watch Wednesday's performance and he was extremely impressed. Massive thanks to all the wonderful children and also to your amazing staff who have worked so hard to put it all together. Brilliant!

**Christmas Parties:** The children have had some fantastic parties all week, with lots of games, food and dancing to be had. As always, Santa dropped off some selection boxes for the children to have a little Christmas treat, with love from us to them! x

**Christmas Dinner:** Another highlight of year was Christmas Lunch! The ladies who work in our kitchen spend weeks planning and preparing for this very important event and once again, this year they excelled themselves! Over 250 children and almost 50 staff enjoyed a stunning Christmas Dinner and we would like to say a big THANK YOU, ladies for all your hard work!

**Behaviour Treat:** 57 children enjoyed an afternoon on the AYCC Purple Play Bus as a reward for Outstanding Behaviour this term. Many thanks to Graeme from the AYCC, who organised for us to borrow the bus and facilities for free! The children had a great time and we can't wait to do it next term!

**Goodbye and thank you!** We would like to say a fond farewell and thank you to Mrs Stephenson, who will be hanging up her Lunchtime Supervisor's coat at the end of this week. We wish her a well-deserved rest and lots of luck and happiness for the future!



**And finally...** I would like to thank all of the staff and governors who have worked so relentlessly this term to ensure every child enjoys the very best experiences and opportunities in our school. I am very fortunate to be able to lead such an amazing team of dedicated professionals and I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and the very best for 2019: see you in January to do it all again! xx

**Astronomical Attendance:**

<b>WEEK 7&amp;8 10.12.18 – 19.12.18</b>	Whole Class Attendance % 2 week	% of class with 100% attendance 2 week	No.children / minutes late
Reception	95.8	66.7	3 x 65
Year 1	90.8	70.0	3 x 15
Year 2	94.8	66.7	7 x 98
Year 3	92.9	70.0	2 x 7
Year 4	92.1	63.0	6 x 28
Year 5	95.4	83.3	4 x 60
Year 6	96.5	80.0	5 x 37
<b>Total</b>	<b>Weekly Ave. = 94.0%</b>		<b>Mins 310</b>

**Average attendance this/last week for Rec- Y6 =94% lets aim for 95% please!**

**Lateness: 310 minutes lost this/ last week due to 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>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Children return to school
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