

# Woodhouse Community Primary School Newsletter



Friday 10th February 2023

Today (Friday), 2 representatives from Year 6 went up to Bishop Barrington with Mr Walker to compete in a badminton competition. They were in a competition with another 10 school who were all competitively fighting for first place. As it stands, we are awaiting confirmation of 1st, 2nd and 3rd. However, Mr Walker is quietly confident we will be celebrating with medals next week. Both boys' behaviour was fantastic, showing excellent sportsmanship! Fingers crossed!

Please can I remind all parents / carers: If you change your address or mobile number, please can you either pop into the office or Dojo Mrs Curry / Mrs Bone with your new contact details / address. It is imperative we have the most up to date contact details in the case of an emergency.

Also, if someone different is collecting your child EYFS—Y5, please ensure you send a Dojo message or ring the school. If the adult is not on the list and we haven't had verbal consent, your child will not be allowed home with that adult even if your child recognises him/her.

## Attendance

Rec - 93.6%	Year 1 - 90.4%
Year 2 - 93.6%	Year 3 - 90.74%
Year 4 - 93.0%	Year 5 - 92.3%
Year 6 - 93.3%	Overall - 92.4%

## Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week is:

Rec & Year 2 - Well done!

The class who's attendance has most improved is:

Rec - Extra playtime for you!

Attendance is everyone's responsibility.

## Red Nose Day

On Friday 17th March it is Red Nose Day. To support this amazing charity, children are encouraged to come dressed in red.

We kindly ask that you give a donation.



## A little note...

I have spoken to Mrs Nichols and she has asked me to pass on her regards and say hello to all staff, children and parents / carers.

Mrs Nichols is still off work so any questions / concerns, please contact Mrs Curry.



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## Celebration Assembly

### Our Stars of the Week:

Rec - Marley

Year 2 - Annie

Year 3 - Malachi

Year 4 - Hunter

Year 5 - Amelia

Year 6 - Reuben



**Well done to everyone. Amazing achievement!**



Energy Saving Hints and Tips.....



## Watch out for the silent killer

You can't see it, taste it, or smell it, but Carbon Monoxide (CO) can kill.

### What is CO?

Carbon Monoxide is a poisonous gas that is produced when gas, oil, solid fuels and liquid petroleum gas (LPG) do not burn fully. It can occur when an appliance has been incorrectly fitted, badly repaired or poorly maintained.

### Spotting the signs



Lazy yellow or orange flames (rather than crisp and blue) on a gas appliance



Pilot lights frequently blowing out



Dark staining or sooting around/on appliances



Increased condensation on windows

[Turn over to learn more](#)

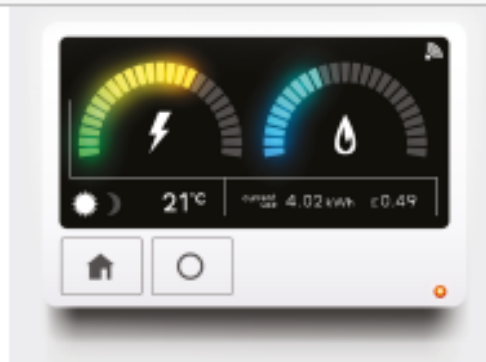


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## TOP 20 ENERGY SAVING TIPS



Here are some tips and advice to help you save energy and reduce your electricity, gas and water bills...



### Tip 1 – Monitor your energy usage

Keeping a watchful eye on your consumption can help you decide when you need to change the way you use energy.

### Tip 2 – Smart meters

Can help track your consumption with real time information.

### Tip 3 – Free and impartial advice

The council's Managing Money Better Service provides advice on your energy bills, fuel debts and Warm Homes Discount applications.

### Tip 4 – Heating thermostat

Almost half of your energy bill comes from heating and hot water usage. Turning your heating down by one degree could save up to £55\* a year.

### Tip 5 – TV, computers, mobile phones etc

Avoid leaving these on standby and don't leave them to charge unnecessarily. This could save £35\* a year.

### Tip 6 – Lights

Always turn off lights when not required. Open your curtains or blinds as wide as possible during the day to let as much daylight in as possible.

### Tip 7 – Curtains

Close curtains at dusk to stop heat leaking through windows and tuck curtains behind radiators.

### Tip 8 – Washing machines

Fill the washing machine, tumble drier or dishwasher as one full load uses less energy than two half loads and...

### Tip 9 – Wash clothes at a lower temperature

### Tip 10 – Kettles

Only heat the amount of water you really need.

### Tip 11 – Hot water

Needs to be hot but never scalding. For most people the cylinder thermostat set at 60°C is fine for bathing and washing.

### Tip 12 – Be smarter about water

Installing a more efficient shower head can save you as much as £18\* per person a year on energy bills.

### Tip 13 – Appliances

When buying a new appliance, if you can afford it, choose an appliance with a high energy-efficiency rating.

### Tip 14 – Roof Insulation

Insulating your loft can stop heat escaping from your home and could save around £150\* a year off your energy bills. Grants are available.

### Tip 15 – Cavity Wall Insulation

About a third of all the heat lost in an uninsulated home escapes through the cavity walls. Insulating walls could save around £140\* a year on your energy bills. If you have any damp problems this must be resolved before insulation is installed. Grants are available for cavity wall insulation.

### Tip 16 – Solid Wall Insulation

Houses over 100 years old usually have solid brick or stone walls. These properties can only be insulated by attaching insulation boards or sheets to the inside walls or to the external side of the wall. Grants are available.

### Tip 17 – Draught-proofing

A cold draught can cause your home to lose heat. Draught excluders or draught-proofing kits are a good way to prevent this. Seal cracks in floors and skirting boards and your letterbox.

Remember ventilation is also important, especially if you have open fires, gas fires or a boiler with a flue.

### Tip 18 – Install a new gas boiler

Upgrading to a new A-rated condensing boiler with a programmer, room thermostat and thermostatic radiator controls could save around £300\* a year. Grants are available.

### Tip 19 – Install a new Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP)

ASHPs extract warmth from the air, even when it is very cold outside and uses this warmth to heat your home and provide you with hot water. An ASHP can be a very efficient form of heating saving up to 40%\* on energy bills as compared to heating your home with oil or electricity. Grants are available

### Tip 20 – Double glazing helps insulate your home from the cold and helps reduce your heating bills

You could save as much as £110\* a year by installing A-rated double glazing. If you don't have double glazing, you can use a plastic lining for your windows to save energy and keep more heat in.

### IMPORTANT Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

You can't see it, taste it or smell it, but Carbon Monoxide can kill. According to the NHS every year there are around 60 deaths from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning in England and about 200 people are left seriously ill. Learn how to keep you and your family safe from carbon monoxide poisoning by contacting [warmhomes@durham.gov.uk](mailto:warmhomes@durham.gov.uk) and ask for a copy of the Carbon Monoxide Safety leaflet.



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## Last call for VACANCIES FOR PARENT GOVERNORS

Are you interested in supporting school improvement at Woodhouse? There are vacancies for two Parent Governor (s) at Woodhouse Community Primary School, to commence as soon as possible.

All parents (other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority), are eligible to stand for election. This includes:

- parents of children attending nursery either full-time or part-time
- any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

Parent Governors should be able to commit to attending a meeting each half term, of approx. 2 hours. Documents will be shared in advanced, for you to read. These will be discussed and challenged in the meetings and actions will be brought forward to support the school in moving forward.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor please see or drop Mrs Curry a message. Any nomination form should be returned via email to woodhouse@durhamlearning.net by Monday 13th February 2023.

If more than 2 parent nominations are received, we will have a ballot where all parents will be invited to vote via email to the school.

### Would you like to understand more about county lines?

Join our panel of experts



Lindsay Dalton  
CEO, Pace



North East  
Police Forces



Sarah Pritchard  
Barnardo's

#### Free webinar for parents & carers

- ✓ Learn what county lines and child criminal exploitation is
- ✓ Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved
- ✓ Understand what is happening in your area
- ✓ Learn how offenders groom and exploit children

**6th February** 19:00 - 20:30pm

Session 1 - Join our panel of experts and find out about county lines in your area, how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns.

[Register your place](#)

**8th February** 19:00 - 20:00pm

Session 2 - In our second webinar hear from safeguarding expert Kendra Housman talking about a real life child's experience.

[Register your place](#)

**15th February**

Under 12s 18:30 - 19:00 - Over 13s 19:15 - 20:00  
Session 3 - Join us for a fun and interactive session that you and your child can attend. We are running two different sessions for under 12s and over 13s.

[Register your place, Under 12s](#)  
[Register your place, 13 and over](#)



## County Lines

On the left is a leaflet with information about some free webinar sessions for parents. Any parents who wish to attend are more than welcome to if they have worries or want to increase understanding around exploitation.

Please don't forget, if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch.

Many thanks

Mrs Curry



*'the pathway to success'*

Respect, Kindness, Confidence, Resilience, Communication, Determination, Ambition