

**Woodlands Primary and Nursery Newsletter**

**May and June 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally after 2 very long years I am delighted that life in school is starting to return to some semblance of normal and that this newsletter will share with you some of our plans for the term ahead which I am delighted to say we can now share with parents in person rather than online.

**School Hours**

As you are aware, this week we have returned to our normal 9am to 3pm school day for all children from nursery to primary 7. We would ask that parents continue to drop their children at the gate in the morning, this has been working very well and allows children to settle quickly and enter their classes promptly at 9am and therefore this will be our policy going forward. Gates and playgrounds are supervised from 8.45am so that you can be reassured that all children are safe. At the end of the school day you are welcome to enter the playground to collect your child from their class.

**Sports Day**

Our whole school sports day, including children in the nursery will take place on Thursday 26th of May. In the morning the children will take part in a range of indoor activities. In the afternoon they will enjoy some potted sports outdoors in their own designated playgrounds. Parents are welcome to come along in the afternoon to cheer them on. **Please ensure that children come dressed appropriately in school polo shirt/sweatshirt and joggers or leggings. They should also have a water bottle and waterproof jacket as they will be outdoors in all weathers.**

**Health and Wellbeing – Sexual Health and Relationships**

Over the coming weeks the children in all classes will be learning about relationships as part of their health and well-being curriculum. This includes aspects of sexual health. A brief outline of what will be covered will be available on the class blog to allow parents to be able to support any discussion or questions at home. In all classes staff are very sensitive in answering questions and supporting discussion around relationships, stereotypes and diversity.

**Jubilee Coffee and Cakes**

We will be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee on Monday 30th of May. We would like to invite you to come along and enjoy a performance by your child’s class while indulging in tea and cakes. Parents are welcome to come for any performance which includes their child/children however we would kindly ask that you only attend your own child’s time slots to ensure there is enough space for everyone. Although COVID restrictions have eased we want to make this as safe as we possibly can therefore all parents must leave the hall in between performances to allow the room to be cleaned. We look forward to welcoming you back and hope that this is the first of many events to come.

Timetable for performance is:

9.15 – 9.35 Nursery welcome you to the 50’s

9.45 – 10.05 Primary 1 welcome you to the 60’s

10.15 – 10.35 Primary 2 welcome you to the 70’s

11.00 – 11.20 Primary 3 welcome you to the 80’s

11.30 – 11.50 Primary 4 welcome you to the 90’s

1.10 – 1.30 Primary 5 welcome you to the 00’s

1.40 – 2.00 Primary 6 welcome you to the 10’s

2.20 – 2.40 Primary 7 welcome you to the 20’s

We will record the performances and a full version will be available to watch online.

**Pupil Report Cards**

End of year report cards will be issued to all children on Friday the 17th of June, should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child’s report or progress then please contact the school office to make an appointment to chat with either your child’s class teacher or any member of the management team.

**Whole School Trip**

We are delighted that the whole school from nursery to primary 7 will be enjoying a trip to Edinburgh Zoo on Monday 27th of June. Children should wear their school jumper and polo shirt and should bring their packed lunch and a small snack in a disposable bag. All children who receive a free school meal can order a packed lunch in advance from the school kitchen, forms will be distributed nearer the time. The trip will be fully funded by the school and there is no cost to parents. Children should not bring any money with them on the day as they will not be visiting the shop. All school staff will be attending on the day along with our teaching students.

**Nursery Graduation**

Our nursery graduation will take place on Thursday 23rd of June at 1.30pm. While it will only be our preschool children who graduate, our anti preschool children will also participate in the celebration therefore all parents are invited to attend. We would stress that only 2 adults are permitted per child to ensure that there is space for everyone.

**Primary 7 Graduation**

Our primary 7 pupils will be enjoying a special week of activities commencing on Monday 20th of June, this will culminate in their graduation on Friday 24th of June at 10am. We would like to invite parents and carers of our P7 pupils to join us at 10am for their celebration followed by some refreshments. To ensure that we have enough space in the hall we would ask that 2 adults per child attend this event. Full details of the week’s events will be issued to P7 parents in the coming days.

**New Classes**

Children will return to school on Wednesday 17th of August at 9.00am for all children in primaries 2-7 and 10am for children starting in primary 1. Children will meet their new class teacher on Tuesday 28th of June and will visit their new class. Information on classes and teachers for next session will be issued the same day by text. **Please note that classes are made based on the best interests of the children to ensure their academic progress, all classes and teachers are subject to change both prior to and throughout the school year.**

**Final Day**

School and nursery will close for the holidays on Wednesday 29th of June at 1pm. There will be no lunch break however all children who are entitled to a free school meal will be able to order a snack to go. The children in the nursery will enjoy a picnic lunch that day. We will be assembling our guard of honor to bid farewell to our P7 pupils, classes will gather in the junior playground (where the outdoor class and nursery outdoor area are) at 12.55 and parents are welcome to come along to join the celebration. The Woodlands Water fight is back!!!

**Holiday Arrangements**

The school will be closed on the following dates:

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| Monday 2nd of May | Closed - Holiday |
| Thursday 5th of May | Closed - In-Service Day |
| Friday 27th of May | Closed - Holiday |
| Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of June | Closed – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee  |
| Wednesday 29th of June | School closes at 1pm |
| Wednesday 17th of August | School reopens |

As always, if you have any concerns or queries then please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the management team.

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