

Woodhead Primary School

# Newsletter

May 2018



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the May edition of the Woodhead Primary School Newsletter and my first since taking up my new post. I am proud and privileged to be appointed as the new Head Teacher of this wonderful school and I look forward to leading it forward over the coming years.



It is very important to me that parents/carers feel involved in the life of the school and play a key role in our community. I look forward to seeing you at one of our future events but before then, I aim to be available at the school gates before/after school as often as possible.

Our new Twitter page is live and will be used to share information about the life and work of the school. Follow @woodheadprimary if you have a Twitter account or visit [www.twitter.com/woodheadprimary](http://www.twitter.com/woodheadprimary) if you prefer not to use an account.

In coming weeks, the staff will be working on the School Improvement Priorities for 2018/19. Parents/Carers will have an opportunity to contribute to this by completing a School Improvement Questionnaire during the Parents' Nights in May.

For now, if I can be of any help or assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With kind regards, Mr. Clark (Head Teacher)

## EXTENSION AND NURSERY CLASS UPDATE

As you may be aware, work is set to begin during the summer holidays on the second phase of the school building which will incorporate additional classrooms and nursery class. During these works, part of the car park will be restricted to allow access to the building site. When the school re-opens after the holidays in August 2018, the entrance and exit of the car park will be swapped and the flow of traffic will operate in the opposite direction from the way it is now. This change will be permanent. We ask for your co-operation to keep our car park as safe as possible for the children by using it as a drop-off only in the morning and making other arrangement at 3pm if you can. As a health promoting school, we encourage children to walk to school where possible.

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## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Each class showcases their learning once per year in an educational assembly which parents/carers and relatives of the class are invited to attend.

Please join us for the remaining class assemblies this year – doors open twenty minutes before the assembly begins with complimentary tea and coffee available.

- **P1a: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am**
- **P3/4: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15am**
- **P1/2: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am**
- **P2a: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am**
- **P2b: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15am**

The Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 9.30am in the school hall. Places are limited to two adults per P7 pupil – letters will be issued soon.

Following the assembly, all parents/carers of P7 pupils are invited to join their child for light refreshments to mark their commencement to secondary school.

## SCOTTISH NATIONAL STANDARDISED ASSESSMENTS

Over the next few weeks, pupils in Primary 1, 4 and 7 will complete online standardised assessments in literacy and numeracy.

The assessments help to identify children's progress to support teachers' professional judgement. Children do not have to revise or prepare for these assessments. More information will be sent home with pupils who will participate in these assessments and you can find out more at <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot>

## REMINDERS

- Our school is a nut free environment due to severe allergies. This includes items that may contain nut traces including all Nutella products and other chocolate spreads which often are made with hazelnuts.
- The playground is supervised from 8.50am each morning. Unfortunately, it is not possible for children to be supervised any earlier and we request that children do not arrive prior to this time.
- Payment for Lockerbie Manor for next year's P7 pupils should be sent to school by Monday 14th May 2018.

## **PARENT COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6.45pm** in the school multi-purpose room. All parents/carers are invited to attend this meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Parent Council, why not come along to find out more?

**What is the role of Parent Councils?** (Adapted from Parentzone Scotland (<https://education.gov.scot>))

Parent Councils help parents and carers to become more actively and effectively involved in their children's learning.

Parent Councils can:

- provide a voice for parents, in schools and in their local authority, on issues that are important to them and their children
- help the school to understand how to most effectively involve parents in their children's learning and in the life of the school
- support the school and headteacher in developing strong home/school partnerships
- support the school in its development and improvement, and in understanding and making links with the wider community
- capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents can offer.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

SLC have authorised the permanent advertisement of the second depute head post at Woodhead Primary. Currently, this post is filled on an acting basis by Mrs. McCleneghen. Members of the management team, the Parent Council and the senior leadership at SLC will be involved in the recruitment of this post and the outcome will be shared with all parents/carers at a later date.

## **CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS**

At Woodhead Primary, we are proud of the long history of participation and achievement in events across the authority, as well as the high standards of behaviour from our pupils when they represent the school. In the coming weeks, children will participate in a wide range of events:

- Primary 5s and 6s are participating in the Hamilton Rugby Club festival.
- The football team will play in the Davie Cooper Soccer Sevens tournament.
- Senior pupils will take part in the Swimming Gala at Larkhall Leisure Centre.
- 4 pupils from P6 and P7 will take part in a Music Festival at Woodside Primary.
- Primary 5s will participate in the 'South Lanarkshire Games'.

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## Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	P5s and P6s attending Hamilton Rugby Club Festival
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	P7 Hamilton Grammar pupils attending Sports Challenge
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018	P1a visit to Fairhill Library (9am)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018	P1b visit to Fairhill Library (1.15pm)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	P1/2 visit to Fairhill Library (9am)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	May Day Holiday – School closed to all
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	In-service Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	P1 Health Checks with School Nurse Team
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Davie Cooper Football Tournament, Palace Grounds (9am)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Payments for Lockerbie Manor 2018/19 due.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	P1 Induction Day 1 (9.30am or 11.15am)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	PTA Meeting (7pm)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Pupil Progress Reports issued
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Swimming Gala, Larkhall Leisure Centre (6pm)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	P6 input from Maths staff from Calderside Academy
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018	P1 Induction Day 2 (9.30am or 11.15am)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	P1 and P2 Fluoride Varnishing
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	Parent/Teacher Consultations (6.30pm-8.30pm)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	May Holiday Weekend – School closed to all
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	May Holiday Weekend – School closed to all
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	P7 two-day visit to Hamilton Grammar School (Day 1)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	P1 Induction Day 3 (11.15am-12.15pm)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Parent Council Meeting (6.45pm)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	P7 two-day visit to Hamilton Grammar School (Day 2)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	P5s attending South Lanarkshire Games at Palace Grounds
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	P7 Transition Parents' Evening at Hamilton Grammar
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	Parent/Teacher Consultations (3.30pm-5.30pm)
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June '18	'Fit Planet' Health Week
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Infant Sports Day (1pm-3pm)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Senior Sports Day (1pm-3pm)
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	PTA Summer Fete (11am-1pm)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P7 two-day visit to Calderside Academy (Day 1)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P7 two-day visit to Calderside Academy (Day 2)