

Woodhead Primary School

# Newsletter

June 2018



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the June edition of the Woodhead Primary School Newsletter and the final one before the summer holidays. It has been a very quick term filled with wonderful learning experiences for the children and lots of achievements in learning and at local events too.

As we head towards the end of term, I know everyone is keen to find out about classes for 2018/19. We hope to be able to finalise this in the coming weeks and will endeavour to inform pupils and parents/carers of this as soon as possible. It is a complex task to ensure the children are placed in the most suitable class. This involves a number of factors including pupil progress in learning, peer groupings and ensuring appropriate working groups. We are also bound by national guidelines around class sizes and staff ratios. We work hard to ensure all pupils are in the most appropriate class to maximise their progress.

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)

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES

May was a very successful month for Woodhead as we took part in a wide range of sporting events in the local community.

### Davie Cooper Football 7s

Pupils from P6-7 participated in the annual Davie Cooper tournament at the start of the month. The girls' team progressed to the semi-finals and all children displayed excellent sportsmanship and determination. Well done to all involved.

### Hamilton Swimming Gala

Pupils from P3-7 participated in the Hamilton Schools Swimming Gala two weeks ago. The children cheered their team mates to victory which included a bronze for freestyle breadth, a silver in the 25m freestyle, a gold in the 50m breaststroke and bronze in the girls' 100m relay.

### Athletics Event

Our athletics team had an outstanding result at the Track and Field event last week. They brought home 24 medals – our relay teams all won gold! An excellent result for our young athletes.

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## Self-Evaluation and School Improvement

As part of our ongoing involvement of parents/carers, pupils and staff in the School Improvement process, we have been collecting views and feedback in new ways this term.

- Parents have been invited to complete a School Improvement Questionnaire during Parents' Night (there will be an opportunity for those who have yet to attend a rescheduled meeting to complete this).
- Pupils in P4-7 have completed a feedback form based on 'How Good is OUR School?' which is a new resource from Education Scotland. You can find out more about this at [education.gov.scot/improvement/Documents/HGIOURS-Part1.pdf](http://education.gov.scot/improvement/Documents/HGIOURS-Part1.pdf)
- The Parent Council have undertaken a 'SWOT' analysis of the school which focusses on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of School Improvement.

The information from these will be collated and added to the staff self-evaluation work which will be used to inform our School Improvement priorities for session 2018/19. A copy of this will be issued to all families in the new school term.

## REMINDERS

- Dogs are not permitted into any part of the school grounds (Except assistance dogs). Please ensure all relatives and grandparents who may collect children at 3pm are aware of this too.
- Please check your child's hair regularly for Head Lice and consult your pharmacist for advice on the proper treatment of lice and their eggs. The school is unable to inform parents/carers if there is an outbreak so please support us to minimise this by checking heads weekly. Information can also be downloaded at <http://www.healthscotland.com/uploads/documents/25-Head%20Lice-Facts%20Detection%20Treatment-April18-English.pdf>
- Don't forget that the one-way system in the car park will be swapped around during the summer holidays and this will remain in place thereafter. The entrance and exit gates will also be switched around.
- Don't forget to visit our school website for up-to-date information and details of what's on each week. ([www.woodhead-primary.org.uk](http://www.woodhead-primary.org.uk))
- Mr. Clark will be out of school from 4<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to undertake Associate Assessor (School Inspection) duties for Education Scotland. Mrs. Fox will be deputising in his absence.

## **PTA News**

The PTA will hold their annual Summer Fete on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 from 11am-1pm. Please come and join us for lots of fun activities, stalls and games.

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 6.45pm in the school. This will be a join meeting with the Parent Council and we hope lots of new members will come along to join.

The PTA work very hard to raise funds for the school and are delighted to contribute to the P7 Leavers' Ball for another year and will also gift each Primary 7 pupil with their secondary school tie. They also hope to support the school in purchasing new AV equipment for the hall.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

At the time of writing, the advert for the second permanent Depute Head Post is still open to applicants and will close on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018. In the coming weeks, we hope to be able to proceed with the interviews. News about the appointment will be shared via letter once it has been confirmed.

Teaching student, Mrs. Kane, who was on placement in P2b (and P7 earlier in the year) has successfully completed her post-graduate qualification in Primary Teaching and will begin her probationer year in a South Lanarkshire School next year. We wish her all the best from everyone at Woodhead.

## **PRIMARY 7 LEAVERS' EVENTS**

The Primary 7 Leavers' Ball will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at 7pm. The children have chosen a 'Brit Awards' theme.

The Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 from 9.30am with refreshments served afterwards. 2 tickets have been issued to each Primary 7 for this event. If you do not require these, please send them back to the office. If you would like to be considered for any spare tickets, please contact the office staff.

## **UPCOMING CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

Parents/Carers are invited to attend the remaining class assemblies this year. Doors will open approx. 20 minutes before the assembly begins with tea/coffee available. We look forward to seeing you there.

See overleaf for dates/times of the remaining assemblies.

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## Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June '18	'Fit Planet' Health Week
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P4/5 Visit to Longlea Farm, Netherburn.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P1a Class Assembly (9.30am)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P3/4 Class Assembly (11am)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P1-3 Sports Day (1.30pm-3pm)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P4-7 Sports Day (1.30pm-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)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P1/2 Class Assembly (9.30am)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P1/2, P2a and P2b visit to Glasgow Science Centre
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P2a Class Assembly (9.30am)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P1a and P1b visit to Almond Valley
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P2b Class Assembly (9.30am)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	P7 Leavers' Ball (7pm)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	P7 Leavers' Assembly (9.30am)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	School Closes for Summer Holiday (1pm)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	In-service Day 1
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	New P1 Teddy Bears' Treasure Hunt (1.30pm-2.30pm)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	In-service Day 2
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	School re-opens to pupils
WB 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2018	P7 Residential Excursion to Lockerbie Manor
21 <sup>st</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2018	September Weekend Holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	'Meet the Teacher' event

School closes on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 1pm for summer.

We re-open to pupils on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 9am.

**From all at Woodhead Primary School, have a wonderful summer and a relaxing holiday.**