

Woodhead Primary School

Newsletter

September 2018



Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the September 2018 edition of the Woodhead Newsletter.

Work on Phase 2 of the school building is well underway with the removal of the feature wall and its foundations. Over the next few weeks, site surveys and preparation will be carried out before the steel structure is assembled towards the end of September/beginning of October.

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to all parents/carers, family members, staff, pupils and visitors to Woodhead for their co-operation and understanding about the necessary changes to school access. I am delighted that the new arrangements have been implemented with very little difficulties – thank you for your support with this. The work crew and the site manager have been extremely considerate and approachable and have made any adjustments I've asked of them. Please let me know if this is not always the case.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mr. Scott Clark (Head Teacher).

Staffing Update

We officially welcomed our new School Support Assistant, Ms Clare Welby, to the team on 30th August 2018. She joins our amazing team of SSA's and will support children across the school, assist with playtime/lunchtime supervision and also have some office duties. We are delighted to have her join the team.

Mrs. Keltie has taken on the role of Scottish Attainment Challenge Lead Teacher this year and will work across the school to manage our work to raise attainment. She will support pupils who require additional teaching, co-ordinate our group of PEF teachers and work in partnership with the management team to track our pupil progress in learning.

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Car Park

Please remember that parents/carers are not permitted access to the car park for drop-off/pick up of pupils or attendance at special events throughout the duration of our extension work. Please do not attempt to enter the car park at the start/end of the school day, even if the gate is open and unattended. We also ask you to be considerate of local residents when parking/walking in nearby streets.

Annual Data Check

If you have not done so already, please check, amend, sign and return the annual data forms and photograph permission slip as soon as possible.

Standards and Quality Report 2017/18

Our standards and Quality Report for 2017/18 has been published and is available to download on our school website. A summary of our Self-evaluation to inform self-improvement to date is available to view at <http://bit.ly/evalforimprovement>

We've also prepared a brief overview of our Improvement Priorities for the year in an 'easy to read' summary which is included with this newsletter.

Flu Vaccination Programme

Flu immunisation permission slips were issued last week and were due to be returned to school by 31st August 2018. Please complete it and return to school as soon as possible or contact the office if you need any assistance.

More information about the programme can be found at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/immunisation/vaccines/child-flu-vaccine#primary-school-children>

Meet the Teacher/Shared Pupil Target Setting

We are delighted to welcome parents/carers to our first 'Meet the Teacher/Target Setting event' on Wednesday 26th September 2018. Parents/carers are invited to attend at 9.30am or 1.45pm and will have an opportunity to visit their child/children in class and help to shape their learning targets for the year ahead.

Doors will open at 9am or 1.30pm with tea/coffee available. Mr. Clark will also give a brief overview of our School Improvement Priorities for the year ahead. There will also be an opportunity to contribute to the review of the school's Vision, Values and Aims.

Enclosed with this newsletter is an information leaflet with a tear off slip to reserve your place. We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school.

Upcoming Diary Dates. All dates are correct at the time of writing and are subject to change.

Date	Event
Tue 4 th September 2018	Lockerbie Manor Information Meeting for P7 parents (6pm)
Tue 4 th September 2018	Parent Council and PTA Joint Meeting (6.30pm-8.30pm)
WB 10 th September 2018	Scottish Maths Week
17 th -20 th September 2018	P7s attending Lockerbie Manor Residential Outing
Fri 21 st September 2018	School closed for September long weekend.
Mon 24 th September 2018	School closed for September long weekend.
Tue 25 th September 2018	Hand Hygiene Awareness Workshops (P1-7)
Wed 26 th September 2018	'Meet the Teacher' Event – 9.30am and 1.45pm
Tue 2 nd October 2018	Parent Council/PTA Meeting (7pm-8.30pm)
Wednesday 10 th Oct 2018	Primary 7 and 6/7 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
15 th -19 th October 2018	School closed for October Week Holiday
Wed 24 th October 2018	Primary 5/6 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Thu 25 th October 2018	P1-3 Hallowe'en Disco (6.15pm-7.15pm)
Thu 25 th October 2018	P4-7 Hallowe'en Disco (7.30pm-8.45pm)
Wed 31 st October 2018	P1-7 Flu Vaccinations
WB 5 th -9 th November 2018	STEM Focus Week
Tue 6 th November 2018	Parent Council/PTA Meeting (7pm-8.30pm)
Tue 13 th November 2018	Parent Consultation Meetings (6pm-8pm)
Thu 15 th November 2018	Parent Consultation Meetings (3.30pm-5.30pm)
Mon 19 th November 2018	INSET DAY 3 (School closed to pupils)
Tue 20 th November 2018	Parent Council/PTA Meeting (7pm-8.30pm)
Wed 21 st November 2018	Primary 2/3 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Tue 27 th November 2018	Primary 5 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Wed 28 th November 2018	Primary 4 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Fri 30 th November 2018	PTA Christmas Fayre (6pm-8pm)
Tue 4 th December 2018	Pantomime for P1-7 (Visiting school)
Fri 7 th December 2018	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 10 th Dec 2018	P3a and P3b Assembly/Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Monday 10 th Dec 2018	P7 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Wednesday 12 th Dec 2018	P6 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Friday 14 th Dec 2018	P5 Christmas Party (1.15pm)

Assembly/Learning Showcase

Our assemblies are a highlight of our school calendar and are always very well attended. This year, each class will lead a 'Learning Showcase' as their assembly to make them more engaging, interactive and informative for parents/visitors.

Each learning showcase will take place from 9.30am to 10.30am on the dates outlined below. Doors will open at 9am with tea/coffee being served before the showcase begins.

Please note that parents/carers are unable to take photographs at school events for Child Protection reasons but staff will use school equipment to take photos which will be shared on our Twitter page or website for all children who have consent.

Dates of Learning Showcases

Wednesday 10th October: P6/7 and P7

Wednesday 21st November: P2/3

Wednesday 28th November: P4

Tuesday 29th January: P3/4

Wednesday 27th February: P2

Wednesday 24th October: P5/6

Tuesday 27th November: P5

Monday 10th December: P3a and P3b

Tuesday 26th February: P6

Wednesday 22nd May: P1a and P1b

Showcases may involve children presenting their learning at different interactive stations, showing their writing work or art work, using ICT to share presentations, singing or acting, leading craft or family learning activities.

We are confident you will love this new approach!



Woodhead Primary School Comments/Suggestions

If you have any comments or feedback, please complete this tear-off and return it to school.

Name:

Pupil Name:

Date:

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