

Woodhead Primary School

# Newsletter

October 2018



## Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the October 2018 edition of the Woodhead Newsletter.

As we head into autumn/winter season and the possibility of adverse weather becomes more likely, it is important that the school has up-to-date emergency contact information for every pupil. Please inform the office of any changes to mobile numbers and emergency contact details.

In the event of changes to school routines caused by weather, we will use Twitter in the first instance to share updates. We will also use our text messaging system (however, this can only be accessed by staff from school so cannot be relied on if staff are unable to get to school!)

Our Adverse Weather plan has been updated and approved by Facility Services – details of this are outlined below. This will be implemented in the event of heavy snow fall.

Please ensure pupils come to school dressed for the forecasted weather with an appropriate jacket and footwear and, if possible, with a change of socks in their bag.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mr. Scott Clark (Head Teacher).

## Flu Vaccination Programme

A reminder that the administration of flu vaccinations to pupils will take place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October for children who have parental consent.

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

## Head Lice

Head Lice is a common problem in primary schools and parents/carers are asked to regularly check hair for signs of lice or eggs. We are not permitted to inform individual children or classes if there is an outbreak of lice. Further information can be found at

<http://www.healthscotland.com/uploads/documents/25-Head%20Lice-Facts%20Detection%20Treatment-April18-English.pdf>

## Pre-loved Books

We would be delighted to receive any donations of fiction and non-fiction books for our school library that are no longer needed at home. If you have any books which are in good condition and were published after 2008, please consider sending them in to school. Thank you.

### Twitter

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## Staffing Update

We welcomed Mrs. Colette Watson, the new permanent Depute Head Teacher, to the team on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Mrs. McCleneghen has returned to her substantive post of Principal Teacher.

## Senior Leadership Team (SLT) remits:

It is the role of the Senior Leadership Team to lead and manage the school affairs, to ensure high standards of learning and teaching and the pastoral care of all pupils and staff. Each member has a clear remit and responsibilities:

Mr. Clark (Head Teacher)	Mrs. Fox Depute Head Teacher	Mrs. Watson Depute Head Teacher	Mrs. McCleneghen Principal Teacher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overall leadership and management of the school.</li><li>• Quality Assurance of P6 to P7 and SLT</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Additional Support Needs</li><li>• Numeracy &amp; Maths</li><li>• Quality Assurance of P3/4 to P5/6</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Out of School Hours Learning</li><li>• Literacy &amp; Language</li><li>• Quality Assurance of P2 to P3b</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital Technologies</li><li>• Health &amp; Wellbeing</li><li>• Quality Assurance of P1a and P1b</li></ul>

See <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/woodheadprimary/files/2018/10/SLT-Remits-2018.pdf> for full details of the SLT remits.

## Open Day/Target Setting Event

Thank you everyone who attended our Open Day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018. There was a wonderful atmosphere in the school as parents/carers learned more about our school improvement work, visited classrooms and chatted with their children about target setting. We received very positive feedback and some very constructive and worthwhile suggestions about how we could make this event even better in the future. Some photographs of the event are available on Twitter and the school website. A copy of the target setting sheets will be sent home this week with a letter explaining how to complete these if you were unable to attend on the day.

## Auditing of School Fund Accounts

If you, or someone you know, is a qualified accountant and would be willing to volunteer to audit the school fund accounts for us, please contact Mrs. Primas in the office.

## Changes to Assembly and Non-Class Contact Arrangements

As you will be aware, class teachers are entitled to 2½ hrs of 'non-class contact time' a week during the school day for planning and preparation. Each class is taught Art and French by either Mrs. Arthur or Mrs. Byrne for 1½ hours per week. Until October, pupils attended an hour-long assembly once per week led by the SLT.

As we are now at our full complement of management staff, the weekly assembly will be reduced to half an hour with teachers attending. From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018, most classes will receive a weekly Digital Technologies lesson (ICT) delivered by Mrs. McCleneghen instead.

## Hallowe'en Disco

The Parent Council Hallowe'en Discos will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (see below for times). Tickets are priced at £2.50, which includes a goody bag and a drink. Hot dogs will be on sale during the disco. Tickets are available from the school office.

**Please note that all children must be collected by an adult via the Main Entrance (the gym hall doors can't be used at the moment due to the building works)**

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## Mud Madness

Well done to the staff, pupils and parents who participated in the 5k Mud Madness run at Chatelherault Country Park on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018. It was a brilliant event, organised by South Lanarkshire Leisure, and Team Woodhead was well represented! The highlight of the event was the giant waterslide back to the finish line. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

## Football Tournament

The boy's football team played in the first round of the Andrew Edwards' Shield tournament on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. While the team may have lacked wins, they played with respect, determination and an admiral sportsman-like attitude. They truly displayed the values of Woodhead and did us proud!

## Athletics Festival

The P6-7 Athletics team took part in the first SLC event at Blantyre Sports Centre on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The children performed extremely well in their events and demonstrated the sporting expertise we have at Woodhead.

## Adverse Weather Plan

In the event of heavy snow fall, the Adverse Weather Plan will be implemented. This has been developed by SLC Facility Services to take account of safe systems of work for Janitorial staff working in extreme weathers.

- The HT will make the decision that the Adverse Weather plan is to be implemented and inform parents/carers via Twitter and text message (if possible).
- The janitor will unlock the gates at the car park entrance only.
- The janitor will create a safe pathway from the gate to the main entrance and ensure all fire doors are clear.
- All pupils and staff will enter via the Main Entrance.
- No other gates will be opened and there will be no access paths created in the playground.
- Local weather conditions will be monitored and parents/carers will be kept informed via Twitter and text message.

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding in the event of any weather-related disruption. All decisions taken will be in the best interest of pupils and staff.



## 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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## Upcoming Diary Dates.

*All dates are correct at the time of writing and are subject to change.*

Date	Event
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018	Primary 7 and 6/7 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	School closed for October Week Holiday
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Primary 5/6 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	P1-3 Hallowe'en Disco (6.15pm-7.15pm)
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	P4-7 Hallowe'en Disco (7.30pm-8.45pm)
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2018	P1-7 Flu Vaccinations
WB 5 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	STEM Focus Week
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	PTA Meeting (6.45pm-8.30pm)
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Parent Consultation Meetings (6pm-8pm)
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Parent Consultation Meetings (3.30pm-5.30pm)
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	INSET DAY 3 (School closed to pupils)
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Parent Council AGM/PTA Meeting (6.45pm-8.30pm)
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2018	Primary 2/3 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Primary 5 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Primary 4 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	PTA Christmas Fayre (6pm-8pm)
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Pantomime for P1-7 (Visiting school)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	P3a and P3b Assembly/Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	P7 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	Pupil Christmas Lunch (Date to be confirmed)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	P1 Nativity (9.30am). Tickets on sale nearer the time
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	P6 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	P1 Nativity (1.30pm). Tickets on sale nearer the time
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	PTA Movie Night
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	P5 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	P4 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	P3 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	P2 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2018	P1 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018	School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays