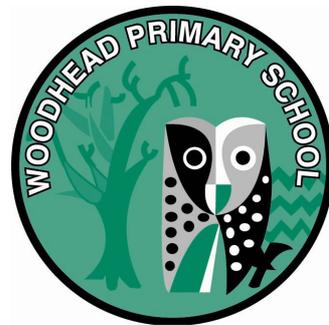


Woodhead Primary School

Newsletter

Winter 2018



Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the Winter 2018 edition of the Woodhead Primary School Newsletter. As we head into the festive period, there are lots of events planned to celebrate Christmas. You should have received your copy of the 'Christmas Events 2018' guide a few weeks ago and can also download it on the school website.

This year, we are delighted to include parents/carers and families further in our Christmas events by inviting you to our Christmas Service on Wednesday 19th December or joining your child in P1 and P2 at their Christmas party (in case we are lucky enough to have a visit from a special someone!)

It is important to me that parents/carers and extended family members feel welcome at Woodhead. Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. McCleneghen and I try to be at the gates as often as possible and are delighted to have a chat or answer any quick question you may have.

Just in case you are unable to make it to the school in the coming weeks, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mr. Scott Clark (Head Teacher).

Please inform the office if your contact details have changed

Adverse Weather Plan (Reprinted from October 2018 Newsletter)

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.

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Learning Showcases

Our recent Learning Showcases have been a great success and we've been very grateful for the positive feedback commenting on the hard work and preparation, the welcoming and interactive atmosphere and the amount of time visitors get to spend with the children compared to a traditional assembly. We also appreciate the tips and suggestions for improvement around the amount of space in the classrooms – some of the showcases have been particularly well attended. We will take this into account when planning future events. Photographs of the most recent showcases can be viewed on our Twitter page (www.twitter.com/woodheadprimary). You do not need an account to view these. Dates of the upcoming showcases are included in the 'Upcoming Dates' section of this newsletter.

Parents' Night

Our first Parent/Teacher consultations of 2018/19 took place on 13th and 15th November 2018. There was an excellent turnout of 93% (see below for details of each class). If you were unable to keep your appointment, please get in touch to make an alternate arrangement. Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire about our procedures for Promoting Positive Behaviour when you attended. These are still being analysed and will be shared in the new year.

Percentage attendance of Parents at November Parents' Night			P1a - 100%
P1b - 96%	P2 - 100%	P2/3 - 88%	P3a - 92%
P3b - 96%	P3/4 - 100%	P4 - 87%	P5 - 91%
P5/6 - 88%	P6 - 94%	P6/7 - 96%	P7 - 91%

PTA News

The annual Christmas Fayre took place on Friday 30th November 2018 and was a huge success. The school would like to thank the PTA for their hard work and dedication in organising the event which raised an amazing **£1250**. All monies raised by the PTA go towards the children. The most recent contribution of £3000 to school funds has paid for the Pantomime performance, Christmas Party snacks and prizes, the Science Workshops during STEM Week, transport to various sporting tournaments as well as some resources for Primary 1.

Another way to support the PTA fundraising is by donating unwanted clothing in the new clothing bin beside the car park entrance. The PTA receive a small contribution to their fundraising for every kg of clothing collected. This has been placed outside the school gates to allow members of the community to donate too, so please support us by spreading the word to your friends/neighbours.

Building Works

The school extension continues to progress on schedule with the steel framework almost completed. In the coming weeks, the roof and concrete base are planned to be finished and work will begin to construct the external cladding and make the structure weatherproof. A representative of Morrison's Construction has met with the school to plan opportunities for the children to learn more about the work. Details of this will be shared once they have been finalised.

Safe Car Parking

Please continue to support the safety of pupils/staff throughout the duration of the building works by not using the school car park. We also ask that you are considerate when parking on the surrounding streets by not stopping to drop off pupils directly in front of the school gates. Thank you for your understanding during this temporary restriction.

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Parent Council Annual General Meeting

The PC AGM was held on Tuesday 20th November 2018 where the post holders for the coming year were elected. There are currently vacancies on the Parent Council. If you would like to join, please contact Mr. Clark or a PC member for details. The remit of the PC is to discuss school matters and to represent the views of the Parent Forum. Mr. Clark also reports on the progress and work of the school at each meeting. The next meeting takes place on Tue 5th February 2019.

Chair of the Parent Council: Elaine Ferguson. **Secretary:** Caroline Sneddon & Pamela Shearer
Staff Member: Rachel Miller **Members:** Rita Cowan, Freya Kennedy, Sheila Moore, Steven Lennox

P1 Registration for August 2019

Children who reach the age of 5 years between 1 March 2019 and 29 February 2020 should be registered for Primary 1 between Monday 14th January to Friday 18th January 2019.

Parents/Carers with children of this age must register their child at the catchment area school. When enrolling a child, their full birth certificate should be presented and two forms of recent official documentation are required as proof-of-address. Parents wishing to make a placement request to another primary school should still register their child at the catchment school.

At Woodhead Primary School, parents are invited to drop-in at the times outlined below:

Monday 14th January 2019:	11am-12.15pm
Tuesday 15th January 2019:	1.30pm-3pm
Wednesday 16th January 2019:	2.30pm-5pm
Thursday 17th January 2019:	9am-10.30am
Friday 18th January 2019:	11am-12.15pm

Celebrating Success

We are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities and our teams/groups regularly represent us at events and tournaments in the local community:

- The Boys' football team reached the finals of both the Andrew Edwards Shield and James Nesbit Shield tournaments.
- The athletics team achieved great success at a recent festival at Blantyre Sports Centre.
- The Girls' football team played very well in a tournament at Hamilton Palace Grounds.
- The Netball Team played in a friendly tournament at the Jock Stein Centre.
- The Pupil Choir performed at the PTA Christmas Fayre.



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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 may be subject to change.

Date	Event
Tue 4 th December 2018	Pantomime for P1-7 (Visiting school)
Fri 7 th December 2018	Christmas Jumper Day (Donations to Cash for Kids)
Mon 10 th Dec 2018	P3a and P3b Assembly/Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Monday 10 th Dec 2018	P7 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Tuesday 11 th Dec 2018	P1 Nativity (1.30pm)
Wednesday 12 th Dec 2018	P1 Nativity (9.30am)
Wednesday 12 th Dec 2018	P6 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Thursday 13 th Dec 2018	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Thursday 13 th Dec 2018	PTA Movie Night (6pm for 6.30pm start)
Friday 14 th Dec 2018	P5 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Monday 17 th Dec 2018	P4 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Tuesday 18 th Dec 2018	P3 Christmas Party (1.15pm)
Wednesday 19 th Dec 2018	P1 to P3/4 Christmas Service (9.30am)
Wednesday 19 th Dec 2018	P4 to P7 Christmas Service (11am)
Wednesday 19 th Dec 2018	P2 Christmas Party (1.15pm) <i>Parents invited to join us at 2.15pm</i>
Thursday 20 th Dec 2018	P1 Christmas Party (1.15pm) <i>Parents invited to join us at 2.15pm</i>
Friday 21 st Dec 2018	School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 7 th January 2019	School re-opens at 9am
WB Monday 14 th Jan 2019	P1 'Registration for August 2019' Week
Tuesday 29 th Jan 2019	P3/4 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Tuesday 5 th February 2019	Parent Council and PTA Meetings (6.45pm-8.30pm)
Monday 11 th February 2019	February Long Weekend – School closed
Tuesday 12 th February 2019	February Long Weekend – School closed
Wednesday 13 th February 2019	INSET Day 4 – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 26 th February 2019	P6 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Wednesday 27 th February 2019	P2 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
WB Mon 4 th March 2019	Literacy Week
Tuesday 5 th March 2019	PTA Movie Night (6.30pm-8.30pm)
Thursday 7 th March 2019	World Book Day
Thursday 21 st March 2019	PTA Easter Disco
Friday 22 nd March 2019	Easter Craft Day