

Woodhead Primary School

# Newsletter

January 2019



## Head Teacher's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and peaceful New Year. It has been wonderful to welcome the children and staff back to Woodhead this week and hear how everyone celebrated and about the lovely gifts they received.

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity at Christmas. We were overwhelmed by all of the beautiful cards, lovely presents and much appreciated treats and goodies. These were not necessary but very much appreciated.

January and February are times of the year where we often have adverse weather and snow. Whilst the short-term forecast seems to be fair for now, I would ask you to ensure the school has accurate and up-to-date emergency contact information for your child in the unlikely event of school closure. It is important we have a mobile number on record for the main contact of every pupil so that we can make use of our text messaging system in these circumstances.

Information about our Adverse Weather plan has been included once again in this newsletter to ensure everyone is aware of the steps we are required to follow in the event of heavy snow.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mr. Scott Clark (Head Teacher).

## 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.

### Twitter

@woodheadprimary

### Phone

01698 457669

### Website

[www.woodhead-primary.org.uk](http://www.woodhead-primary.org.uk)

### Email

[gw14woodheadpsoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14woodheadpsoffice@glow.sch.uk)

### **School Dress Code**

We work hard as a school to create excellent conditions for learning and believe that a high standard of presentation creates an appropriate ethos.

In order to help achieve this, children are discouraged from wearing make-up to school and this includes false nails or extensions as these can pose a possible health and safety issue.

For the same reason, we place a huge importance on adhering to our school uniform dress code. Our uniform includes grey V-neck jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan. We ask that when you are purchasing new items of uniform, you avoid buying other colours as these are not part of our dress code. Items of school uniform can be purchased from any shop that sells school uniform items and do not need to have the school badge on them.

We have a number of nearly-new items of school uniform which we are delighted to pass on to anyone for a small donation to school funds. Please pop in to the office if you would like to have a look.

### **Mobile Telephones and Personal Electronics**

Children are encouraged not to bring mobile telephones to school. However, we recognise that there will be circumstances where a child needs their phone before or after school. In this instance, pupils must have their phones switched off and kept in their school bags at all times during the school day. This includes in the playground before and after school.

We discourage children from bringing electronic watches such as Apple Watches, Fitbits etc to school especially if these can connect to the internet or receive/send messages etc. Pupils are not permitted to bring personal electronic devices to school such as computer games, tablets, book readers etc. It is also prohibited for any member of the school community (staff, pupils or visitors) to use their personal devices to take photos or videos in and around the school.

The school cannot accept any liability for the loss or damage of any personal items brought to school by pupils.

### **P4 to P7 Mandarin Lessons**

As part of the 1+2 Language initiative, pupils in Primary 4 to 7 will receive Mandarin lessons this term. Each class will receive a six-week block of lessons starting with Primary 6 to link in with their 'China' topic. You can read more about the Scottish Government's 1+2 Language approach at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/language-learning-scotland-12-approach/>

### **School Holiday in February 2019**

School will be closed to staff and pupils on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 for the February long weekend. School will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 for a staff in-service training day.

### **P7 Transition to Secondary School**

Primary 7s have been issued with letters about transferring to secondary school. These should be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Please note that all Primary 7s will participate in the general 'Transition to Secondary' programme at Calderside Academy even if a placing request is being submitted for another secondary school. The first session of this was scheduled to have taken place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 but was postponed by Calderside until later in the term.

### **Parking Congestions in the local area**

Please continue to support the safety of pupils/staff throughout the duration of the building works by not using the school car park. However, we ask that you are considerate to the local residents of the streets surrounding the school by not obstructing access.

### **Parent Teacher Consultations**

The second Parent/Teacher consultation sessions will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March (3.30pm-5.30pm) and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (6-8pm). Letters will be issued after the February long weekend to allow parents to identify the day that they would prefer. In a change from previous parents' evenings, we intend to host the meetings in the gym hall and dining hall. There will still be an opportunity for parents/carers to view their child's work.

### **Easter Service- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

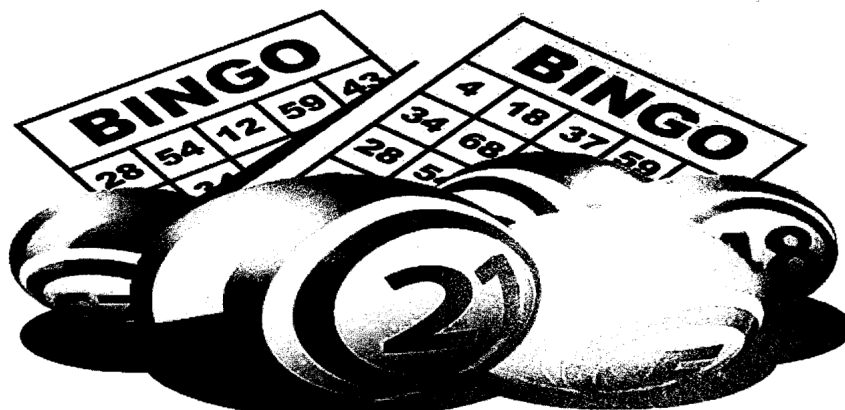
Following the excellent attendance at the Christmas Service in December 2018, parent/carers will once again be invited to attend the Easter Service on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Times will be confirmed nearer the time (depending on uptake) but it is likely to be 9.30am for P1-3 and 11am for P4-7.

## **WOODHEAD PTA PRIZE BINGO NIGHT**

FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 7PM - LATE

EDDLEWOOD BOWLING CLUB

Tickets are £5.00 which includes your Bingo Book,  
Snacks & DISCO! ADULTS ONLY. Tickets available at  
the door or from the School Office



**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:

### Upcoming Diary Dates.

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

| Date                                   | Event   |
|--|---|
| WB Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019    | P1 'Registration for August 2019' Week                |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019      | P3/4 Learning Showcase (9.30am)                       |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2019  | Parent Council and PTA Meetings (6.45pm-8.30pm)       |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019  | February Long Weekend – School closed                 |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 | February Long Weekend – School closed                 |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019    | INSET Day 4 – School closed to pupils                 |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 | P6 Learning Showcase (9.30am)                         |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019    | P2 Learning Showcase (9.30am)                         |
| WB Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019      | Literacy Week   |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2019     | PTA Movie Night (6.30pm-8.30pm)                       |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019    | World Book Day  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019   | PTA Easter Disco                                      |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2019     | Easter Craft Day                                      |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2019    | Parent Teacher Consultations (3.30pm-5.30pm)          |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2019   | Parent Teacher Consultations (6pm-8pm)                |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019     | Easter Service (Times to be confirmed)                |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019     | School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Holidays           |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2019     | School re-opens                                       |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2019     | Good Friday – School closed to staff and pupils.      |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019     | Easter Monday – School closed to staff and pupils.    |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2019    | Parent Council and PTA Meetings (6.45pm-8.30pm)       |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019        | May Bank Holiday – School closed to staff and pupils. |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019        | INSET Day 5 – School closed to pupils                 |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019       | Pupil Report Cards issued to parents/carers.          |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019    | Primary 1a and Primary 1b Learning Showcase (9.30am)  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019       | May Long Weekend – School closed to staff and pupils  |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2019       | May Long Weekend – School closed to staff and pupils  |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019      | Parent Council and PTA Meetings (6.45pm-8.30pm)       |
| WB Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019   | Fit Planet Health Week                                |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019     | P1-3 Sports Day (pm)                                  |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2019   | P4-7 Sports Day (pm)                                  |