

Woodhead Primary School

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Newsletter

April 2019



Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the April edition of the Woodhead Primary School newsletter.

I hope you had a lovely Spring Break and made the most of the brighter weather over the past few days. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to hear all about their holiday.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Consultations last month. I hope you enjoyed our new approach to these meetings and found the atmosphere welcoming and relaxed. If you have any feedback about these meetings being held in this communal environment, please get in touch. I am always grateful for your feedback.

If you were unable to attend, please get in touch via the school office to make an alternate appointment. If your meeting was rearranged for another time, you will not have had the opportunity to take part in our School Improvement Questionnaire. If you would like to participate, please contact me via the school office and I will provide a link to access the survey.

Mr. Scott Clark (Head Teacher).

Core Values & Shared Vision Postcard

All parents/carers who attended our Parents' Consultations in March were issued with a handy 'Core Values' and 'Shared Vision' postcard to keep. If you did not receive one, please contact the school office for your copy.



Parent Pay

This system for parents/carers to pay for school meals, trips etc. goes live at Woodhead on Monday 29th April 2019. Activations codes have been sent home with pupils and it is important that you activate your account as soon as possible. We will be unable to accept cash for school meals, etc. from 29th April.

Even if your child is entitled to a free meal, you should still activate your account as it will be required for other payments. If you need any assistance with your account activation, do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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School Milk

Pupils can order milk every day for 20p. Please note that this cannot be ordered through Parent Pay for now and cash will be required for this until further notice.

Can you Help?

We are looking for any spare balls of wool (any colour) for our art room. If you have any you could donate, please send them in to school with your child or hand them in to the office.

Educational Excursions

Every class attends a minimum of one educational outing each year. This year, every trip has been subsidised using contributions from the PTA and also from the non-uniform day donations. This has made the following trips possible:

- Primary 1a and Primary 1b will visit 'Weanz World' in May 2019 as part of their play-based learning approach.
- Primary 2 and Primary 2/3 visited the Dinosaur Exhibition at Kelvingrove Museum as part of their Dinosaur topic in February 2019.
- Primary 3a and Primary 3b visited New Lanark as part of their Victorians Topic in December 2018.
- Primary 3/4 are planning an excursion this term linked to their topic of 'The Celts'.
- Primary 4 visited Amazonia in October 2018 as part of their Rainforest Topic.
- Primary 5 are planning an excursion this term linked to their topic about Land Development.
- Primary 5/6 will visit Burns Cottage in Alloway in May as part of their Scottish Heritage topic.
- Primary 6 will visit the Scottish Parliament in May as part of their Elections topic.
- Primary 6/7 and Primary 7 will visit the Edinburgh War Museum in May as part of their Worlds War I/World War II topics.

We are very grateful to everyone who has supported the fund-raising which has allowed us to keep the cost per pupil to a minimum.

Nursery Admissions

Our nursery class is planned to open in August 2019. If your child will be 3 by August 2019 to February 2020, they should be enrolled for nursery by the end of April 2019. If you would like to make an application to attend Woodhead Nursery Class, please contact the office to make an appointment. If your child is already enrolled for a 3-5 year old place at another SLC nursery and you wish to apply for a transfer to Woodhead, please contact the current nursery and request a Transfer Application Form.

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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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School Uniform

It is coming to the time of year where parents begin to think about topping up school uniform items. We have lots of brand new and pre-loved uniform items that we would be delighted to see being used. If you would like to browse what we have, pop in to the office.

Please remember that our school uniform consists of a grey cardigan or jumper, **not** green or black. Trousers/skirts/pinafores etc. should be grey or black and **not green**. Thank you for your support in ensuring our pupils look 'uniform' in their uniform.

PTA Summer Fete

The PTA have decided to change the date of the annual summer fete to the evening of Friday 7th June 2019. Information about the times, tickets etc. will be issued soon.

PTA/Parent Council Meetings

Our Parent Council and the Parent Teacher Association sub-group meet regularly throughout the year and both groups are always keen to welcome new members. The PTA focus on fund-raising while the Parent Council discuss school business and school improvement. If you would like to come along to find out more about being a member and what it involves, the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 30th April 2019 from 6.45pm-8pm.

Medicines

If a pupil requires medicine (either prescribed or over-the-counter) during the school day, parents/carers must speak to a member of office staff to complete an administration of medicine form. Pupils should not be sent to school with ANY medicines that we are not aware of. If your child's medical information changes (even temporarily) please inform us as soon as possible.

School Lunch Menu – Summer 2019

The Summer lunch menu begins on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 (with the new price of £1.70). Children have been issued with a menu to keep at home. A copy can also be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/summermenu2019>. **Don't forget that Parent Pay goes live on 29th April 2019!**

Promoting Positive Relationships

We are continuing to plan and prepare for the changes to our procedures for promoting positive relationships in school. We intend to move away from our certificate system and introduce a new house system in the coming weeks. At present, children are still earning personal points towards their Achievement Certificates and we still intend to award these this year. However, pupils who achieve a Gold or Platinum award this year will not be presented with a trophy. This is partly due to the cost to the school – in June 2018, the cost of the trophies was almost £1000! We have lots of alternative ways to recognise when pupils go 'above and beyond' in school planned and will share these in due course.

Non-Uniform Day

Our third non-uniform day of the year took place on Friday 29th March 2019. For a suggested maximum donation of £1 per family, pupils may come to school in appropriate casual clothes or dress for the planned theme. The next non-uniform days will take place on:

- Friday 26th April 2019: Happy Feet (footwear that makes you feel happy/special)
- Thursday 23rd May 2019: Comfy Day (e.g. pyjamas, shorts, onsies etc.)
- Friday 28th June 2019: Casual Clothes (no theme) – Free: no donations please!

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Upcoming Diary Dates

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

Date	Event
Friday 19 th April 2019	Good Friday – School closed to staff and pupils.
Monday 22 nd April 2019	Easter Monday – School closed to staff and pupils.
Friday 26 th April 2019	Non-uniform Day (Happy Feet theme)
Tuesday 30 th April 2019	Parent Council and PTA Meetings (6.45pm-8.30pm)
Thursday 2 nd May 2019	P6/7 and P7 excursion to National War Museum, Edinburgh
Friday 3 rd May 2019	P6 excursion to Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh
Monday 6 th May 2019	May Bank Holiday – School closed to staff and pupils.
Tuesday 7 th May 2019	INSET Day 5 – School closed to pupils
Monday 13 th May 2019	Primary 6/7 and 7 Travelling War Workshop (in school)
Thursday 16 th May 2019	Primary 5/6 excursion to Burns Cottage, Alloway.
Friday 17 th May 2019	Pupil Report Cards issued to parents/carers.
Tuesday 21 st May 2019	Primary 1a visit to 'Weanz World'
Wednesday 22 nd May 2019	Primary 1a and Primary 1b Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Thursday 23 rd May 2019	Primary 1b visit to 'Weanz World'
Thursday 23 rd May 2019	Non-uniform Day (Comfy Day e.g. pyjamas, onesies, shorts etc.)
Friday 24 th May 2019	May Long Weekend – School closed to staff and pupils
Monday 27 th May 2019	May Long Weekend – School closed to staff and pupils
Tue 28 th and Wed 29 th May	P7 two day visit to Hamilton Grammar School
Tuesday 4 th June 2019	Parent Council and PTA Meetings (6.45pm-8.30pm)
WB Monday 10 th June 2019	Fit Planet Health Week
Tuesday 11 th June 2019	P1-3 Sports Day (pm)
Wednesday 12 th June 2019	P4-7 Sports Day (pm)
Wed 19 th and Thu 20 th June	P7 two day visit to Calderside Academy
Thursday 20 th June 2019	P7 Leavers' Ball (6.30pm-8.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th June 2019	P7 Leavers' Assembly (9.30am-10.30am)
Friday 28 th June 2019	Free non-uniform day (no theme)
Friday 28 th June 2019	School closes at 1pm for summer
Tue 13 th & Wed 14 th Aug 2019	In-service Day 1 and In-service Day 2
Thursday 15 th August 2019	School reopens to pupils