

Woodhead Primary School and Nursery Class

Newsletter

September 2019



Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the September 2019 edition of the Woodhead Newsletter.

The children and staff have all settled back into the routines of school over the last few weeks. We are making the most of the additional space our wonderful extension has provided. Any changes to our daily routines as a result of the new layout of the school building have quickly become a normal part of the school day. I'm very grateful to all parents/carers, staff and pupils for their part in making this all go smoothly.

I am aware some parents/carers are concerned that the restrictions to our car park are having a detrimental impact on the streets surrounding the school. I appreciate your understanding that these restrictions have been necessary, and I would ask you support us by walking to school whenever possible.

The local authority has agreed to conduct a traffic audit with a view of finding ways to improve the congestion in the nearby streets. I will let you know the outcome of this in due course.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mr. Scott Jasnosz-Clark (Head Teacher).

Flu Vaccination Programme

Flu immunisation permission slips were issued last week. 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>

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Annual Data Check

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

School Photographs

Maze Photography will be in school on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September 2019. All school and nursery pupils will have individual photographs taken. Group photographs will be taken for families who have returned a request form. Please note that only children who attend Woodhead Primary or Woodhead Nursery can be included in family groups due to time constraints.

There will be no PE lessons on Thursday/Friday as the photographer will be using the hall (and to help keep uniforms looking smart!)

Pupil Dress Code

School Uniform is an important part of a positive school ethos and helps promote high standards for learning. An increasing number of pupils are wearing items which are not the correct colours of the uniform dress-code. We ask that when you next purchase items of uniform, to adhere to the correct colours:

- Grey v-neck jumpers/cardigans (no green or black jumpers/cardigans)
- White polo-shirts (no green polo shirts)
- Grey or Black skirts/trousers/pinafores (no green skirts/trousers/pinafores)
- Black outdoor shoes or trainers (no coloured trainers)

Shared Pupil Target Setting

Our second annual 'Shared Target Setting' event at Woodhead will take place on Wednesday 2nd October 2019. 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 Vision and Values as well as the Improvement Priorities for the year ahead.

Please note that there will not be an opportunity for you to meet with the class teacher during this event.

Nut Free School

We are a "nut free" school because we have children who have severe allergies to nuts. Please help by checking that any snack/packed lunch items you provide for your child do not include any kind of nuts.

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

| Date | Event |
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| Tue 3 rd September 2019 | Lockerbie Manor Info. session for P7 parents. (6.30pm) |
| Tue 3 rd September 2019 | Parent Council AGM and PTA Meeting (6.45pm-8.30pm) |
| Thu 5 th & Fri 6 th Sep 2019 | School and Nursery Photographs |
| WB 9 th September 2019 | Scottish Maths Week |
| Wed 11 th September 2019 | Primary 1 Parents Workshop/P1 Disco (5.45pm-6.45pm) |
| 23 rd -26 th September 2019 | P7s attending Lockerbie Manor Residential Outing |
| Thursday 26 th Sep 2019 | P1-6 Non-Uniform Day (Maximum donation £1 per family) |
| Fri 27 th September 2019 | School closed for September long weekend. |
| Mon 30 th September 2019 | School closed for September long weekend. |
| Wed 2 nd October 2019 | Target Setting Open Day – 9.30am and 1.30pm |
| Tue 8 th October 2019 | Parent Council and PTA Meetings (6.45pm-8.30pm) |
| 14 th -18 th October 2019 | School closed for October Week Holiday |
| Thu 24 th October 2019 | Primary 7 and P.6/7 Learning Showcase (9.30am) |
| Thu 24 th October 2019 | P1-3 Hallowe'en Disco (6.15pm-7.15pm) |
| Thu 24 th October 2019 | P4-7 Hallowe'en Disco (7.30pm-8.45pm) |
| Friday 1 st November 2019 | Non-Uniform Day (Maximum donation £1 per family) |
| Tue 5 th November 2019 | P.5 Learning Showcase (9.30am) |
| Thu 7 th November 2019 | Primary 6 & P.5/6 Learning Showcase (9.30am) |
| Mon 11 th November 2019 | P1-7 Flu Immunisations |
| Tue 12 th November 2019 | Parent Consultation Meetings (3.30pm-5.30pm) |
| Thu 14 th November 2019 | Parent Consultation Meetings (6pm-8pm) |
| Mon 19 th & Tue 20 th Nov 19 | INSET DAY 3 and 4 (School closed to pupils) |
| 25 th to 29 th November 2019 | World of Work Week |
| Friday 29 th Nov 2019 | Non-Uniform Day (Maximum donation £1 per family) |
| Friday 29 th Nov 2019 | PTA Christmas Fayre (6.30pm-8.30pm) |
| Friday 6 th December 2019 | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Mon 9 th Dec 2019 | Primary 7 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm) |
| Tue 10 th Dec 2019 | P1 Nativity Performance (1.30pm) |
| Wed 11 th Dec 2019 | P1 Nativity Performance (9.30am) |
| Wed 11 th Dec 2019 | Primary 6 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm) |
| Thu 12 th Dec 2019 | Pupil Christmas Lunch (Date to be confirmed) |
| Fri 13 th Dec 2019 | Primary 5 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm) |

Learning Showcases

Last year, we replaced our class assemblies with a 'Learning Showcase' to make them more engaging, interactive and informative for parents/visitors. We have decided to continue with this format due to the overwhelmingly positive feedback.

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. Staff will use school equipment to take photos and/or videos which will be shared on our Twitter page or website for all children who have consent.

Dates of Learning Showcases

Thursday 24th Oct 2019: P6/7 and P7*

Thursday 7th Nov 2019: P5/6 and P6*

Tuesday 24th March 2020: P3 and P3/4

Thursday 28th May 2020: P1a and P1b

Tuesday 5th Nov 2019: P5*

Tuesday 21st Jan 2020: P4a and P4b

Tuesday 28th Apr 2020: P2a and P2b

**Dates changed from the Annual Calendar issued in August 2019.*

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.



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: