



Woodhead

Primary School
and Nursery Class

Friendship

Determination

Respect

Honesty

Excellence

Equality



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Promoting Positive Relationships

Over the past few months, we have been reviewing our procedures for recognising and rewarding pupils when they demonstrate the school values of friendships, determination, respect, honesty, excellence and equality. We have collected the views of parents/carers through a questionnaire at Parents Evening in November 2018 and the views of pupils through class lessons led by Mr. Clark last year. The overall feedback indicated that parents and pupils are happy that children's efforts are rewarded but this would be improved through a more consistent approach across the school.

In response to this, we launched the "Head Teacher's School Values Tea Party" last year. Every week, the pupil who has successfully demonstrated the school values in each class is awarded an invitation certificate to the tea party at assembly. This year, we have introduced a 'Secret Student' award to recognise pupils who display the school values during assembly.

The next phase of our new Promoting Positive Relationships approach is the launch of our new House System on 1st November 2019. Every pupil in P1-7 will be sorted into a 'house' and will be able to earn house points for effort in their learning, kindness to pupils and staff and displaying the school values.

During the Target Setting Open Day in September, parents/carers voted for the theme of the Houses. The clear majority was for the theme of 'Owls'. The Pupil Council then voted on six house names for this theme. They decided upon:

Barn Owl Eagle Owl Elf Owl Night Owl Snowy Owl Tawny Owl

Each week during assembly, the house points total will be announced and the winning house will have their colours displayed on the House Trophy. At the end of each term, the house with the most points will receive a special reward.

More detailed information about the School House System will be sent home in the coming weeks. We are confident the house system will add to the positive ethos within the school and create a consistent approach to the visible recognition of pupils who demonstrate the school values.

Breakfast Club – Car Park Safety

Parents/Carers using the car park for breakfast club should use the drop-off point on the hill and are asked not to stop in front of the school entrance.

Learning Showcase

Primary 6/7 and Primary 7 would like to thank all of the parents/carers and relatives who were able to come along to their Learning Showcase all about America on Thursday 25th October 2019. The feedback for the event was overwhelmingly positive, recognising the hard work of the children over the past few months. Photographs of the event are available on the school twitter page. Primary 5 look forward to hosting their showcase on Tuesday 5th November 2019. P.5/6 and P.6 will then welcome their parents/carers and relatives to their showcase on Thursday 7th November 2019. Doors open at 9am for tea/coffee with the showcase starting at 9.30am.

Aldi Sports Kit Vouchers

We are delighted that we have collected enough Aldi vouchers to fill two posters. Thank you to everyone who collected these for the school. We will receive a sports kit for each poster as will be entered into a competition to win £20,000. We have quite a few spare vouchers which we would like to donate to our nearby schools. If you still have vouchers to hand in, we will be happy to pass these on as well.

PTA Hallowe'en Discos

We had an excellent turnout to both the P1-3 and the P4-7 Hallowe'en Discos last week, which were organised and managed by our wonderful PTA. The effort that went into the children's costumes was amazing. We received some useful feedback about the discos which will be passed to the PTA to make future discos even better.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

You should have received your appointment time for the Parent/Teacher consultations at the start of this week. Please contact the office if you are unable to attend.

The Book Fayre will be in school in the week leading up to Parents' Night and will be open for purchases during both Parents' Night sessions. The school receives 60% commission for all books sold in the form of Scholastic Book Vouchers. We use this commission to purchase new books for the school and class libraries.

Upcoming Diary Dates - November 2019

Fri 1st November 2019	Non-Uniform Day – Backwards Clothes day (Donations to CiN)
Tue 5th November 2019	P.5 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Thu 7th November 2019	Primary 6 & P.5/6 Learning Showcase (9.30am)
Mon 11th November 2019	P1-7 Flu Immunisations
Tue 12th November 2019	Parent Consultation Meetings (3.30pm-5.30pm)
Thu 14th November 2019	Parent Consultation Meetings (6pm-8pm)
Mon 18th & Tue 19th Nov 19	INSET DAY 3 and 4 (School and Nursery closed to pupils)
25th to 29th November 2019	World of Work Week
Fri 29th November 2019	Non-Uniform Day (Maximum donation £1 per family) Rainbow Theme
Fri 29th November 2019	PTA Christmas Fayre (6pm-8pm)

Upcoming Diary Dates - December 2019

Wed 4th December 2019	Pantomime Performance in school
Fri 6th December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 9th December 2019	Primary 7 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
Tue 10th December 2019	Nursery and P1 Nativity Performance (1.30pm)
Wed 11th December 2019	Nursery and P1 Nativity Performance (9.30am)
Wed 11th December 2019	Christmas Lunch
Wed 11th December 2019	Primary 6 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
Thu 12th December 2019	School may be used as a Polling Place for General Election - TBC
Fri 13th December 2019	Primary 5 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
Mon 16th December 2019	Primary 4 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
Tue 17th December 2019	Primary 3 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
Wed 18th December 2019	Nursery to P3 Christmas Service (9.30am)
Wed 18th December 2019	P4 to P7 Christmas Service (11am)
Wed 18th December 2019	Primary 2 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
Thu 19th December 2019	Nursery Christmas Party
Thu 19th December 2019	Primary 1 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
Fri 20th December 2019	Non-uniform Day (Free) - No theme
Fri 20th December 2019	School closes at 2.30pm for the Christmas holidays.

Please note that the 'Suggestion Box' will no longer be included in the newsletter as it was not being used. We welcome any feedback/comments can be emailed or handed in to the school office where they will be passed to the appropriate member of the team.