

Woodhead Primary School and Nursery Class

Newsletter October 2019



Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the October 2019 edition of the Woodhead Newsletter.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers to our 'P1-7 Target Setting Open Day' on Wednesday 2nd October 2019. This will be an opportunity to visit your child(ren) in class and participate in some self-evaluation and target setting of their learning. There will also be an opportunity to hear about the school improvement plan for this session. Doors will open at 9am or 1.15pm with visits to classes taking place around 9.30am or 1.45pm.

We understand that it can be very difficult for some parents/carers to get time away from work or other commitments to attend events during the day. If you are unable to attend, copies of the Target Setting will be sent home afterwards and other materials made available on the school website.

I look forward to seeing you at this event.

Mr. Scott Jasnosz-Clark (Head Teacher).

Working in Partnership with Parents/Carers

We are always keen to work with parents in any way that we can and encourage anyone with a concern or question to get in touch. Recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of people dropping in at the beginning of the day to speak with a member of management. Unfortunately, it is not always possible for someone to be available at this time due to supervision and teaching commitments. We ask instead that you telephone or email the office to arrange a mutually suitable time to meet.

Upcoming Learning Showcases:

- **P6/7 & P7 Showcase:** Thursday 24th October 2019 (9.30am)*
- **P5 Showcase:** Tuesday 5th November 2019 (9.30am)*
- **P5/6 and P6 Showcase:** Thursday 7th November 2019 (9.30am)

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

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PTA News

The PTA are a sub-group of the Parent Council who plan and organise Fund Raising events for the school and nursery. Recently, they donated £300 to the nursery class which was used to purchase loose-part resources.

In October, the PTA will once again host their popular Bingo Night. This takes place on Friday 4th October 2019 in the Eddlewood Bowling Club from 7pm until late. Tickets cost £5 which includes a Bingo Book, snacks and a disco. Tickets are available from the school office or from PTA members.

The annual PTA Hallowe'en Discos take place on Thursday 24th October 2019. The P1 to P3 disco is from 6.15pm-7.15pm and the P4-7 disco takes place from 7.30pm-8.45pm. Tickets are available from the school office at the cost £2.50 which includes a drink and a goody bag to take home at the end of the disco. Hotdogs are available to purchase on the night for £1 each and there will be prizes for the best Hallowe'en costumes. Entry is via the Main Door and collection is from the gym hall fire doors via the gate near the MUGA Pitch. **Please note that all pupils must be collected by a parent/carers.** The PTA will be planning how to include nursery pupils in future discos at their next meeting.

Nativity and Nursery Christmas Party

The Nursery pupils will join with the Primary 1 pupils to perform the Christmas Nativity 'Aliens at Christmas' on 10th and 11th December 2019. Tickets will be available nearer the time. The Nursery Class Christmas party will take place on the same day as the P1 party, Thursday 19th December 2019. Further details of this will be issued nearer the time.

Maths Week Scotland

This week, pupils in P1-7 will be taking part in lots of lessons and challenges as part of the national 'Maths Week Scotland'. We will post lots of photographs, links and challenges to our Twitter page. You do not need to have a twitter account as it can be viewed at www.twitter.com/woodheadprimary We would be delighted to see any examples of pupils taking part in maths themed learning at home. Please post any photos to Twitter (tag them @woodheadprimary or we won't be able to see them) or email gw14woodheadpsoffice@glow.sch.uk

Lockerbie Manor – 23rd to 26th September 2019

Primary 7 had a wonderful time at Lockerbie Manor residential visit last week. They took part in lots of outwards bounds activities including paddle boarding, climbing, archery, canoeing and lots more. They had a wonderful time and demonstrated the school values in their excellent behaviour and determination in the challenging activities. Some photographs from the week are available on our Twitter page.

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Upcoming Diary Dates.

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

Date	Event
Wed 2 nd October 2019	Target Setting Open Day – 9.30am and 1.45pm
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 - P3 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 18 th & Tue 19 th Nov 19	INSET DAY 3 and 4 (School and Nursery 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 (6pm-8pm)
Wednesday 4 th Dec 2019	Pantomime Performance in school
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	Nursery and P1 Nativity Performance (1.30pm)
Wed 11 th Dec 2019	Nursery and 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)
Mon 16 th Dec 2019	Primary 4 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
Tue 17 th Dec 2019	Primary 3 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
Wed 18 th Dec 2019	Nursery to P3 Christmas Service (9.30am)
Wed 18 th Dec 2019	P4 to P7 Christmas Service (11am)
Wed 18 th Dec 2019	Primary 2 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
Thu 19 th Dec 2019	Nursery Christmas Party
Thu 19 th Dec 2019	Primary 1 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
Fri 20 th Dec 2019	Non-uniform Day (Free)
Fri 20 th Dec 2019	School closes at 2.30pm for the Christmas holidays.

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Adverse Weather Plan

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, the school website and text message (*if possible as the text messaging system can only be accessed in school*).
- The janitor will unlock the pedestrian gates beside the car park entrance only.
- The janitor will create a safe pathway from this gate to the Main Entrance and ensure all fire doors are clear.
- All P1-7 pupils and staff will enter via the Main Entrance.
- Nursery pupils will enter via the Nursery entrance as normal.
- 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.
- If the adverse weather plan remains in place at the end of the day, we will inform parents/carers of this around 2.30pm 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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Woodhead Primary School and Nursery Class 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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