



Woodhead

Primary School
and Nursery Class

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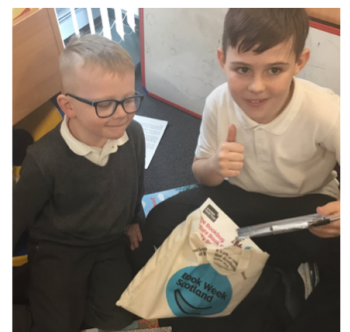
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School Houses

Barn Owl Eagle Owl Elf Owl Little Owl Snowy Owl Tawny Owl

The children have been earning lots of points for their house by displaying the school values in their work, attitude and effort. So far, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl have been winning houses and had their house colours displayed on the House Trophy at the main entrance. The Leadership Team have been delighted to award lots of special 'Gold Coins' to children who have gone 'above and beyond'. In the New Year, the house with the most points will be rewarded with a special Movie Treat to recognise their success.

Please note that the purple house has been renamed "Little Owl".

Christmas Events

Our calendar of Christmas events started on Friday 28th November 2019 with our annual PTA Christmas Fayre. Once again, this was a hugely successful event and perhaps the best attended to date. The PTA were delighted to raise a grand total of £1514! PTA Funds are used to pay for events such as the pantomime, to provide party treats and prizes as well as provide resources for the school and nursery. Thank you to everyone who attended the fayre and supported us on the night.

This year's Christmas Service will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 18th December 2019. All parents/carers and relatives are invited to join us. To accommodate everyone, the service will take place twice: Nursery to P3 will attend at 9.30am and P4-7 will attend at 11.15am. Doors will open at 9am and 10.45am with complimentary refreshments available.

Included with this newsletter is a calendar of Christmas Dates and details of arrangements for pupil Christmas Parties.

Pupil Christmas Lunch

This will take place on Wednesday 11th December 2019. Please contact the office if you have not already returned an order form. No other lunch options will be available on the day. It is assumed that any child who has not pre-ordered will bring a packed lunch on that day.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our annual charity Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Friday 6th December 2019. Pupils may come to school/nursery that day wearing a Christmas jumper or some festive sparkle. The Pupil Council have been keen to support local charities and would like to collect for a local foodbank. They have decided that instead of cash donations for Christmas Jumper Day, they would like to collect food items to donate to Hamilton District Foodbank. At the moment, the foodbank requires:

- UHT milk
- Tinned rice
- Tinned veg
- Chocolate
- Sugar
- Tinned fish
- Pasta/rice
- Toiletries
- Diluting juice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Coffee/tea
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned custard
- Biscuits

If you would like to contribute to this, please send items into school with the children on Friday 6th December 2019.

General Election

School and nursery are closed to pupils on Thursday 12th December 2019 as the school will be used as a polling place for the General Election.

World of Work/STEM Focus Week

Throughout the week of Monday 25th to Friday 29th November 2019, pupils across the school took part in lessons and activities focused on 'the World of Work' and Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). The purpose of this focus week was to help the children make connections in their learning to real life contexts and help them understand the importance of education for their future. There are lots of photographs of the special lessons on our Twitter page.

Every class took part in a six-straw challenge – to build models of local or famous buildings using just six art straws. A winner from each class has been chosen and will be revealed at the next assembly.

We also welcomed lots of special visitors to talk about their careers. The children learned all about what it takes to be able to work in emergency services, sports, health care, beauty therapy, law and engineering. We would like to thank all of the parents/carers and friends of the school who gave of their time to support us with our focus week.

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Upcoming Diary Dates - December 2019

Wed 4th December 2019	Pantomime Performance in school
Fri 6th December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 6th December 2019	Primary 6 Christmas Party (1.15pm-3pm)
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
Thu 12th December 2019	School and Nursery closed to pupils due to the General Election
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 (11.15am)
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.

Upcoming Diary Dates - January 2020

Mon 6th January 2020	School and Nursery re-open for Term 3
Tue 7th January 2020	PTA and Parent Council Meetings (6.45pm-8pm)
WB 13th January 2019	Enrolment Week for August 2020 Primary 1
Tue 21st January 2019	Primary 4a and Primary 4b Learning Showcase (9.30am-10.30am)
Friday 31st January 2019	Non-Uniform Day (Funky Hair/Hat Theme)

Upcoming Diary Dates - February 2020

Tue 4th February 2020	PTA and Parent Council Meetings (6.45pm-8pm)
Fri 7th February 2020	Inservice Day 5 – School and Nursery closed to pupils
Mon 10th February 2020	February Long Weekend – School and Nursery closed
Tue 11th February 2020	February Long Weekend – School and Nursery closed
Wed 12th February 2020	Inservice Day 6 – School and Nursery closed to pupils
Tue 25th February 2020	NSPCC Workshops
Fri 28th February 2020	Non-Uniform Day (Denim Theme)