



# Woodhead

Primary School  
and Nursery Class

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## Newsletter February 2020

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## **Education Scotland Inspection**

A team of HM Inspectors from Education Scotland will visit Woodhead Primary and Nursery from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020. You can find out more about the inspection process at

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/what-we-do/inspection-and-review/>

During the week, the visiting inspectors will visit classes to observe learning and teaching, sample a range of evidence and speak with groups of pupils, staff and parents. All parents/carers of pupils in the school and nursery are invited to participate in the inspection by completing a short questionnaire. Links to the questionnaires are available on the school website or twitter page. We would like as many parents/carers as possible to complete this and ask that you do so by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

## **Parents' Night Booking System**

We plan to trial the use of an online appointment booking system for the March 2020 parent/teacher consultations. Parents/Carers will be able to log in to a secure website and select their own appointment schedule from the available dates/times. We hope this will allow greater flexibility in booking appointment times that suit work and family commitments. Parents/carers will be also able to plan sibling appointments together and make changes to planned appointments times if circumstances changed. Anyone who does not have access to the internet will be able to call the school to make an appointment. Information about how to book appointments will be sent home towards the end of the month.

## **Sports Hall Athletics Success**

The school Athletics Team participated in the Hamilton District Sports Hall Athletics tournament on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We have had great success in this event over the past few years, taking first place every year! We are delighted to announce that this year was no different and once again the title remains with Woodhead. The team secured their first-place victory with a lead of just one point! Well done to Mrs. Murray and the entire Athletics team on their achievement!



### **School Holidays/Inservice Days**

A reminder of the upcoming dates that school and nursery will be closed for the February long weekend and the staff inservice days:

- **Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020:** Inservice Day 5
- **Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020:** February Long Weekend holiday
- **Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020:** February Long Weekend holiday
- **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020:** Inservice Day 6

### **PTA Bingo Night**

The PTA will once again host their popular Bingo Night for parents/carers and friends of the school and nursery. This takes place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Eddlewood Bowling Club from 7pm until late. Tickets are available from the school office at £5 each, which includes a Bingo Book, snacks and a disco. Please come along to what is always a fun night. All proceeds go towards school and nursery funds.

### **Numicon Training**

As part of our ongoing school improvement priority of raising attainment in numeracy and maths, all staff from the school and nursery will be taking part in 'Numicon' training on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. We plan to purchase Numicon resources for every class and will organise some parental workshops later in the year to demonstrate how this resource can improve pupil's mental agility and understanding of number. You can find out more about Numicon at [www.theschoolrun.com/what-is-numicon](http://www.theschoolrun.com/what-is-numicon)

### **National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Workshops**

The NSPCC visit schools in the UK every two years to deliver workshops to pupils in P1-7. With the help of their mascot, Buddy, they will deliver a whole school assembly on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. This will cover topics such as bullying and abuse without using any scary words or adult language. After the assembly, pupils in P6 and P7 will explore the topics in more detail using engaging exercises to look at different situations and decide what's OK and what's not OK. See the NSPCC website for more details: [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/working-with-schools/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/working-with-schools/)

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**Upcoming Diary Dates - February 2020**

<b>Tue 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	PTA and Parent Council Meetings (6.45pm-8.30pm)
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	Inservice Day 5 – School and Nursery closed to pupils
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	February Long Weekend – School and Nursery closed
<b>Tue 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	February Long Weekend – School and Nursery closed
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	Inservice Day 6 – School and Nursery closed to pupils
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020</b>	Education Scotland Inspection of School and Nursery Class
<b>Tue 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	NSPCC Workshops
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	PTA Bingo Night (Tickets available from the school office)
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	Non-Uniform Day (Denim Theme)

**Upcoming Diary Dates - March 2020**

<b>WB 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020</b>	Literacy Week (incorporating World Book Day)
<b>Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020</b>	PTA and Parent Council Meetings (6.45pm-8.30pm)
<b>Tue 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>	P3 and P3/4 Learning Showcase (9.30am-10.30am)
<b>Thu 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>	Parent/Teacher Consultations (3.30pm-5.30pm)
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>	Easter Craft Day
<b>Tue 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020</b>	Parent/Teacher Consultations (6pm-8pm)
<b>Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020</b>	Easter Service (Times TBC)
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020</b>	Non-Uniform Day (Mis-Match Clothes Theme)
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020</b>	School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Holiday

**Upcoming Diary Dates - April 2020**

<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	School and Nursery re-open to pupils
<b>Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020</b>	PTA Easter Disco (P1-3: 6.15pm-7.15pm, P4-7: 7.30pm-8.45pm)
<b>Tue 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	P2a and P2b Learning Showcase (9.30am-10.30am)

**Upcoming Diary Dates - May 2020**

<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020</b>	Non-Uniform Day (Wear One Colour Theme)
<b>Thu 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>	Inservice Day 7 – School and Nursery closed to pupils
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>	May Day Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed
<b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>	PTA and Parent Council Meetings (6.45pm-8.30pm)
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020</b>	May Long Weekend – School and Nursery closed
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>	May Long Weekend – School and Nursery closed
<b>Thu 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>	P1a and P1b Learning Showcase (9.30am-10.30am)
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>	Non-Uniform Day (Summer Theme)