

**Woodpark Primary and Nursery Newsletter**

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# EDUCATION RESOURCES

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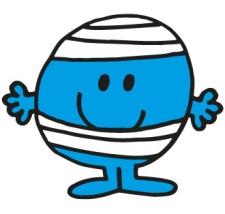
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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Bump Up Day**

Today was our annual 'bump up day' where the children get to visit their new classes and, hopefully, spend a couple of hours with their new teachers. This year things are a bit more complicated due to the fact that not all of our teachers for next year are back with us or are known to us yet. The plan at the moment is:

Nursery Mrs. Robertson

Primary 1 - class 1 Miss Telfer

Primary 1 - class 2 Mrs. Duncan

Primary 2 Mrs. Taylor/Mr. French

Primary 3 Newly Qualified Teacher (still to find out who!)

Primary 4 Mrs. Connell

Primary 5 Mrs. Mitchell/Mrs. McPhee

Primary 6 Mrs. McLeish

Primary 7 Mr. Hartley

Please note, however, that numbers can change and teachers can move so although this is the current plan, things could be different in August.

**Staffing/Classes**

As you can see from above, there will be two Primary 1 classes this year which means we are taking over the current Primary 2 classroom. This means that Primary 7 will be moving to what is currently our Open Area. We have new screens and new furniture to make the area 'homely' for them!

As was announced at the Primary 2 assembly, Mrs. Connell is expecting another baby ☺ She will be with Primary 4 until the October week holiday - when I know who will be replacing her, I will let you know.

We are also going to be joined by Mrs. Bryson next year who will teach some of the classes while their teachers have their non-contact time.

Finally, we are hoping to appoint a Depute Head Teacher at the end of June. The job will be advertised shortly and I will put out a letter as soon as I know who the lucky applicant is.



**Games Disco**

Our Games Disco will be held this Thursday (2nd June) from 6.30pm until 8pm. Children will pay a small amount (between 20p and 50p) to take part in games. There is also a disco and tuck shop. This is always a really fun, casual night where the children and teachers get to enjoy themselves. The teachers are hard at work planning exciting games to play.

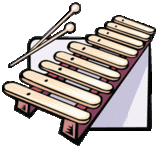
**Dr. Gardiner Cup**

****Our football team is in action on Friday (3rd of June) at the Dr. Gardiner Cup. This is an annual event which involves all the schools in the local area. It is held in Douglas and is always hotly contested. Good luck Woodpark!!!

**Health Week**

Mrs. McLeish is hard at work planning our Health Week. It will run from the 13th until the 17th of June and will include Sports Day on the 14th of June. Mrs. McLeish will be in touch soon with more details. A huge thank you to her for, yet again, taking on this responsibility.

**Highland Games Football**

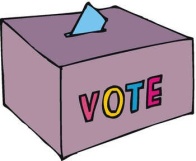
The Highland Games football tournament takes place on the 13th of June from 6pm until 8.30pm at the Glebe. Please come along and support our players if you can.

**Primary 5 Musical Performance**

Primary 5 have been learning to play the xylophone and glockenspiel this term. They are going to perform for their parents on Tuesday the 14th of June. The children will put the time in their homework diaries so mums and dads, please look out for that!

**Highland Games Procession**

Please remember that you should already have returned a slip and money if you want your child to take part in the Highland Games Procession this year. The theme is Minions ☺ The Highland Games are on Saturday the 18th of June and we will be in touch soon with more details about what to do on the day.



**Election Closure**

We will be closed for the European Referendum on the 23rd of June but will be open again on the 24th!



**Celebration of Achievement**

****Our End of Term Assembly will take place at 10am on Wednesday the 22nd of June. Please remember that this is the busiest event of the year so please come early if you want a seat. I have to ask you to be prepared to sit for a while at this event - we're never entirely sure when it will end!

**Uniforms**

Please remember that there are ‘pre-owned’ uniforms in the entrance of the school for anyone who wants them. They are all in pretty good condition and at this time of year I know how expensive it can be to kit your children out for the new term. If you would like a spare pair of trousers or sweatshirt then just pop in. You can make a small donation if you want – but you are more than welcome to just help yourself.

****If you have uniforms that no longer fit your child and are still in good condition – please donate them to the school to help other families.

**Citizen’s Advice Service**

****Please remember that we have a Citizen’s Advice Service in the school every Wednesday from 11.30am until 1.30pm. The lady who comes is lovely and has managed to get me money back from a company who over-charged me!!! I totally recommend it if you are having trouble with shops, companies or businesses of any sort or need help to get benefits sorted. She will also be able to give good advice on managing debt. This is a neutral service and is totally free.

**The End!**

Our last day of term is Friday the 24th of June. We will close at 1pm that day so there will be no home lunches and only sandwiches will be served.

We open for business again on Monday the 15th of August at 9am sharp (9.30am for the new Primary 1 pupils).

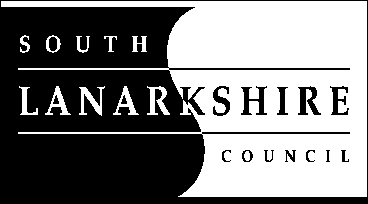
We wish a fond farewell to Mrs. McCluskey, Miss Burns, Miss Oattes and Mrs. Madden - all of them have been fabulous this year and really feel like part of our Woodpark family. They will be missed by all of us.

On behalf of everyone at Woodpark I would like to thank all our parents and friends for your continued support this year and wish you all a wonderful, sunny summer holidays.

Kind regards,

Maureen Farr

Head Teacher



**Education Resources**

School Holiday Dates: Session 2016/2017

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| Break | Holiday dates | | |
| **First Term** | Teachers return | Thursday | 11 August 2016 |
|  | Pupils return | Monday | 15 August 2016 |
| September Weekend | Close | Thursday | 22 September 2016 |
|  | Re-open | Tuesday | 27 September 2016 |
| October Break | Close on  Re-open | Friday  Monday | 14 October 2016  24 October 2016 |
| Christmas | Close on | Thursday | 22 December 2016 |
| **Second Term** | Re-open | Monday | 9 January 2017 |
| February break | Close on | Friday | 10 February 2017 |
|  | Re-open | Wednesday | 15 February 2017 |
| Spring break/Easter | Close on | Friday | 31 March 2017 |
|  | Re-open | Tuesday | 18 April 2017 |
| **Third Term** |  |  |  |
| Local Holiday | Closed | Monday | 1 May 2017 |
| Local Holiday | Close on  Re-open on | Thursday Tuesday | 25 May 2017  30 May 2017 |
| Summer break | Close on | Friday | 23 June 2017 |
| Proposed in-service  days | \*Proposed date for teachers return (subject to consultation) |  |  |

Notes

* Good Friday falls on Friday, 14 April 2017
* Lanark schools will close 8 and 9 June 2017
* Schools will close at 2.30pm on the last day of terms 1 and 2

(Thursday, 22 December 2016 and Friday 31 March 2017)

* Schools will close at 1pm on the last day of term 3 (Friday 23 June 2017)

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