

Woodpark Primary and Nursery Class August 2016 Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome Back!!

Welcome back to a new school session at Woodpark Primary and Nursery. I hope you had a lovely holiday and that you (and your children) are excited about the term ahead – I know that everyone at the school is feeling energised and raring to go!

As always, if you have any concerns about your child, or if you have any updates that you think the school should be aware of, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. I believe that if we work together, no problem is too big.



Woodpark Primary Website

During the summer our Website was hacked by someone on the other side of the world! They must have heard how awesome it is!

The wonderful Mr. French has since restored it to its former glory so we hope to keep you updated between Newsletters with the website.

www.woodpark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk



Citizen's Advice Outreach Service

Citizen's Advice will once again be running a service at Woodpark. This term it will be on a Friday between 11.30am and 1.30pm. If you have any issues with debt, benefits or things like commercial contracts (e.g mobile phone companies, satellite tv companies etc.), there will be someone here who can help. I have used the service myself and got over £100 back from my phone company!



Facebook Friends

As part of the policy of the General Teaching Council and the SSSC (the governing body for Early Years Workers), people who are employed in school should not, under any circumstances, be a Facebook Friend of any parents in the school. The staff of Woodpark would like all parents to know that when they do not accept you as a 'friend' on Facebook that this is nothing personal – they are fulfilling their duties as laid down by their employers. I would ask that parents (and ex-pupils) do not attempt to 'friend' the staff as this puts them in a very awkward position. Thank you for your understanding.

School Improvement Plan



Our School Improvement Plan is written every year and focuses on areas we would like to improve or develop in the school. This year we are continuing to develop Big Maths (you will be hearing more about this as the year unfolds), Learning Conversations and Outdoor Learning. The Nursery will be continuing to look at the Building The Ambition document, continuing to develop their I Can books and looking at Family Learning which will include running a You and Your Child course. I will be putting the Plan on the website (as soon as Mr. French shows me how!) and it will also be available from the school office for you to read.



Keeping in Touch

As I said at the beginning of the Newsletter, if you have any concerns or queries, please don't let them become huge problems before you come in or call the school. We have a great school here with really caring members of staff who are trying to do their best for your children and we would all want to know if you were unhappy or if your child was unhappy.

If you have any suggestions or comments to make about *anything* about the school – please let me know.



Updating Phone Numbers

You have recently received the Annual Data Checks where we look for an update of your information. In the meantime, however, if you have changed your mobile or home number during the summer, please make sure you have given the number to the school office to ensure we can contact you in an emergency. If you have moved home we also need to know that. If you move outside our catchment area but want to stay at Woodpark (and why wouldn't you?!), you can complete a 'Request to Remain' form which is available from the Office.

HOMEWORK

Homework Evening

On the 1st of September we will be having our annual Homework Workshop. Each member of staff will be explaining how homework will operate in their class for the coming year. If your child has moved class/teacher this year, it is a very worthwhile event and will only last 15 minutes. The workshops start at 6pm and each teacher will run 4 sessions at 6pm, 6.15pm, 6.30pm and 6.45pm.

While this is important for *all* children and parents, it is particularly important for parents of our new Primary 1 children. Please come along if you possibly can.

Parking



Finally, and I can't believe I need to write this already – PLEASE DO NOT PARK ACROSS OR IN THE DISABLED SPACES! These spaces are ONLY for people with Blue Badges. Please don't be selfish – the spaces are there for a reason and I'm sure the people who are eligible to park there would much rather they weren't!

Kind regards,

Maureen Farr
Head Teacher