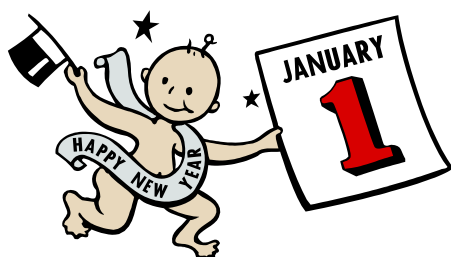


# Woodpark Primary and Nursery Class

## January 2018 Newsletter



EDUCATION RESOURCES  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TONY McDAID



Dear Parents/Carers,

### Happy New Year!

It's good to be back! It does feel like we've never been away though! This is always a busy term (as you will see) and we are all delighted to be back.

### Infant Registration

I would be grateful of your help in letting people with pre-school children know that next week (wb 15<sup>th</sup> January) is the week for Infant Registration.

Parents should contact the school office for an appointment time. To register your child you need to bring **two** examples of evidence of the child's address (a letter about child benefit and a gas/electric bill would be fine – mobile phone bills are **not** allowed) and the original copy of their **full** birth certificate.



### Applications for Nursery

We are often asked when people should register for Nursery places. The rule is, your child **must** be registered by the April before they turn three. If your child turns three in February, you should have registered them at Nursery before the previous April. This is because all applications are dealt with in May for the following school year. If you think your child is due to start Nursery during the next school year, please contact the school to make an appointment to apply for a Nursery place.



### School Website

Could I encourage everyone to go to our school website and sign up for weekly updates? If you go on the website, [www.woodpark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.woodpark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) and look on the right hand side, there is a place to put your details to subscribe to our Newsletter. This doesn't mean the actual Newsletter but a regular email update on what is going on in the school. Of course the actual Newsletter (that you are currently reading) is also available there!



Mr. French works really hard to keep the website up-to-date and relevant and is putting on some excellent links for parents on dealing with your child's computers/tablets etc. Please have a look.

### Facebook



Speaking of the website, it has come to my attention that someone has taken the photographs we posted there of the school Nativity and put them on Facebook. This was *not* authorised and permission was not asked for or given and I would ask whoever did it to take them down immediately.

Facebook continues to cause problems and I am now constantly hearing about people posting things about the school and myself that simply aren't true.

Could I ask everyone to please come to the school and *speak* to me if you have any queries about what is going on – my door is always open!

**'Think once before you act, twice before you speak, and three times before you post on Facebook.'**

## SSPCA



The Scottish Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals are coming to school on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January to do workshops with P1 – 7 on how to look after your pets. This is always a popular visit and we are grateful every year to the SSPCA for taking the time to come and work with us.



## Credit Union

Our Credit Union will be starting up again soon. Mrs. Teece, our wonderful parent helper, is coming to train P6/7 pupils on running the Union on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January and they will be open for business again every Tuesday from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Teece for, once again, giving her time to help our children learn about the value of saving.



## Interdisciplinary Topics

Our 'big' topics start at the end of the month. This is always an exciting time for the children and the school will be buzzing! Primary 1, 1/2 and 2 are going to be learning about Knights and Castles, Primary 3 are learning about the Vikings, Primary 4 the Egyptians, Primary 5 are learning about Titanic while Primary 6 are going to the Caribbean (they wish) and Primary 7 will be swinging through the Rainforest. Be prepared to hear all about it!



## Burns

The children will soon be sent home poems to learn for our Burns competition. As usual, each class will vote for two pupils to go forward to the whole school competition which will take place on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. Parents are *not* invited to this event because the children are nervous enough with the whole school being there. There are, however, prizes to be won and special guests coming to entertain the children so please support your child by helping them learn their poem off by heart when they get it. Thank you to Mrs. Duncan for organising this.

## Financial Education Week



Our annual Financial Education Week will take place through the week beginning the 29<sup>th</sup> of January. There will be a special assembly for the children to launch the week and visitors to the school through the week will include the Dog's Trust. Maths that week in each class will focus on finance so the children will be very interested in your credit card statements that week!!!

Many thanks to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. McPhee for all their hard work on this.



## Staffing

It wouldn't be a Newsletter if I wasn't announcing that someone was leaving! I am very sad to announce that the lovely Mrs. Cadden will not be returning to Woodpark. Those of you who remember her will know that Cathie is the loveliest woman who worked so hard for all the children in the school. She was also very popular with the football team as she was their greatest supporter! Cathie had a very bad accident over a year ago where she badly broke her leg and has never fully recovered and has now made the difficult decision not to return to her work. She will be sorely missed by all of us and we wish her only good things in the future.

I still have no word on who our new janitor is going to be, but promise to let you know as soon as I hear anything.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Maureen Farr".

Maureen Farr - Head Teacher