

Woodpark Primary and Nursery Class August 2018 Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new year at Woodpark Primary. I am delighted to be back in the 'big chair'. For those of you who don't know, I have been absent from school for some time with M.E (Chronic Fatigue). Although I am technically back at work, this is on a phased return which means that I will not be here every day until the beginning of October. For the next few weeks I will work on Mondays and Wednesdays, then Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and eventually all week. While I am not here, Mrs. Duncan will be available for any queries you may have.

Woodpark Staff

Obviously there has been a *lot* of changes this year. We no longer have Miss Hyslop and we have several new faces. Below is a list of each teacher and class:

Primary 1	Miss Fraser and Mrs. McPhee
Primary 1/2	Mrs Finlay
Primary 2/3	Mr. French
Primary 3	Miss Wood
Primary 4	Mr. Wylie and Miss Fraser
Primary 5	Miss Bryson
Primary 6	Mrs. Connell
Primary 7	Miss McGuigan and Mrs Purton
CCC	Mr. Hartley

Additional Support	Mrs. McLeish
Additional Support	Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Shanks

School Support Assistant	Mrs. Gray (Team Leader)
School Support Assistant	Ms. Kelly
School Support Assistant	Mrs. Clarkson
School Support Assistant	Miss Hardie
School Support Assistant	Mrs. Storrie
School Support Assistant	Miss McAdam
School Support Assistant	Miss Steele

Acting Depute Head	Mrs. Duncan
Principal Teacher	Mrs. Purton

Janitor	Mr. McGhee
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I understand that not everybody knew which teacher their child was getting this term and I can only apologise for that. If you have *any* concerns or questions about your child's class please don't hesitate to pop in and see me or Mrs. Duncan.

Primary 7 Swimming

Our Primary 7 children will start their swimming lessons this week! The children will go to Coalburn Swimming Baths each Wednesday morning until the middle of November. Some of the children have already asked if this is compulsory(!) and the answer is...yes!!! The swimming is part of their P.E curriculum and is therefore as compulsory as their Maths lessons ☺

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that children should not come to school with a phone (including discos or parties) but if you specifically need your child to have their phone on them as they walk to school and walk home, the phone should be switched off as they enter the playground and sent to the office for safekeeping through the day. Children should then collect their phone at 3pm.

Updating Phone Numbers

Speaking of phones, you will soon receive 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.

Parent Pay

Please remember that you can no longer pay for anything at the school with cash. You need to have a Parent Pay account and ensure that it is in credit to pay for lunches and anything else that comes up through the year. If you are unsure about anything to do with Parent Pay, please contact Mrs. Gray in the school office.

Facebook

It has come to my attention that there is an unofficial Woodpark Primary page on Facebook. I would urge parents not to use this as a way to discuss any issues they may have regarding the school as I would always encourage people to come and talk to us if there are any problems rather than write about it in a place the whole world can see! We are proud of the reputation of Woodpark and work hard to maintain it so please only post positive comments ☺

Please be aware that there is an *official* Woodpark PTA Facebook page which has information and that our school website is updated weekly and also has copies of Newsletters and other documents you will find useful.

Please remember that teachers and nursery staff are not allowed to be 'friends' with parents or pupils on Facebook or any other form of social media so please don't try to 'friend' them or message them as they could be disciplined for accepting such a request.

Can I remind you that our pupils are also too young to be on most forms of social media and the best way to stop any form of cyber bullying is to stop them from having access to it at all.

Kind regards,

Maureen Farr
Head Teacher

PS – please 'sign up' on our website for weekly updates. Mr. French does a fantastic job keeping everyone up-to-date!!!