



Woodpark Primary and Nursery Class October 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Interim Reports

Reports will be issued to children at some point in the week beginning the **1st of October** so please check your child's bag. These are short Interim reports which will let you know how your child has settled in to the new school year.

Open Day/Evening

As usual, there will be an Open Afternoon and Evening for you to touch base with the teachers on **Thursday the 4th of October**. If you would like to see your child at work you can come to the school between 1.30pm and 2.45pm or if you would rather come later and have a look at their work and a brief chat with the teacher, the school will be open from 6pm until 8pm so feel free to 'drop in'.

New Reading Programme

On the afternoon of our Open Day (**4th of October**), Mr. French will be giving a talk to parents about our new Reading Programme. Children will soon be getting brand new books and will possibly be changing reading groups due to the massive changes that will be taking place soon. Last year we spent *thousands* of pounds on new resources for the children in order to raise attainment in reading. The talk will be just after 3pm in the school hall and will be followed by a talk on Online Safety (see below). **Please come along on the 4th if you can – this is a really important talk which will explain in detail how we are planning to teach your child this year.**

Online Safety Talk

After the Reading talk, Mr. French will then be doing his annual talk on Online Safety. If you have a child who is often on the Internet or using online games, this is a vital talk to come to. If, like me, you are a lot less informed than your child, it is so important to come along and hear the very latest news about what is happening in the virtual world! So, again, **Thursday the 4th of October** just after 3pm – please come to the school hall (you can bring your children if you don't have childcare). Obviously I need to give a massive thank you to Mr. French who is clearly after my job!!! He has done an enormous amount of work this year and we are very grateful.

Dress Down Friday

Our first Dress Down Friday will be next Friday (**5th of October**). All children and staff are allowed to wear their own choice of clothes (no football colours etc.) as long as they bring £1 as a donation towards school funds.

Primary 7 Residential Trip

Our Primary 7 class are going to Lockerbie Manor this year for their Residential Trip. They will be leaving on Monday the 8th of October and returning on the 10th. If you want any information on this, please contact Mrs. Duncan.

Harvest Service

Primary 4 are leading our Harvest Service this year. It will be in the school on **Friday the 12th of October at 10am**. Please come along and support the children if you can.

October Holiday

The school will be closed for the **October Week from Monday the 15th of October and will reopen on Monday the 22nd of October**. I hope that you all have a relaxing time and go somewhere nice!

Hallowe'en Disco

The P.T.A will be running a Hallowe'en Disco for the children on **Thursday the 25th of October** from 6.30pm until 8pm. Children will pay **£2** at the door and there will also be a tuck shop. Can I ask again that the costumes are not *too* scary?!

Primary 1 Reading/SHRE Workshop

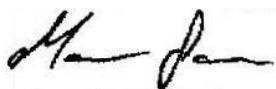
While the children are having spooky fun in the Hallowe'en Disco, the Primary 1 teachers will be in the class with P1 parents. They will be discussing with parents how they can help their children with their reading homework and also telling them about the school Sexual Health and Relationships Education programme.

Both of these are vital to your children and we would urge all P1 parents to attend.

P.T.A

Just an early reminder that our next P.T.A meeting is on Wednesday the 2st of November. We are already talking about the Highland Games (believe it or not!) as well as other fundraising opportunities so please come along if you can.

Kind regards,



Maureen Farr - Head Teacher