



Education Resources
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Woodie News December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Planning for a 'safe' Christmas in Woodside!



Usually the school diary is packed in December however, it has been quite refreshing to be planning a new type of Christmas in Woodside. We are determined to make our 'Festive Funday' on Friday 18th December an upbeat time for everyone. Please remember that this is a non school uniform day and there is no cost. We have a number of surprises planned and are keeping it all 'top secret' at the moment. On Monday 21st December we will post our Christmas Service on the Google Classroom at 10am. Our Primary 1 children are currently working on a special kind of nativity with the help from the rest of the school. A big 'Thank You' to Mrs McKellar, Mrs Lawson and Mrs Smith who are managing all the arrangements. Mrs McKellar is being an IT whizz!

We are really missing having parents in to visit our classes and also the support of the many parent and grandparent helpers who come in each week. I hope you enjoyed having a 'sneaky peak' into your child's class! This was part of our Scottish Book Week programme. Make sure you log onto your child's Google Classroom to see them perform a short story or poem with their classmates. I know its not quite the same but hopefully it will make you smile. Miss Baillie has been out with her camera so look out for photographs of wall displays on Twitter too! More 'sneaky peaks' are planned for next session

We feel like we are in our own kind of 'bubble' here as unlike many workplaces, it is still business as usual in Woodie. Our children continue to be full of personality and their smiles and enthusiasm lifts all our spirits on a daily basis. I would like to say a special 'Thank You' to all the staff in Woodside, their continued dedication to all our children has been exceptional. It's been a tough few months and I know that they are all looking forward to a well deserved break soon!

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a safe and peaceful festive break. Your support this term has been amazing and has ensured our big, busy school has managed to navigate its way through this crazy time!

Please take care everyone and best wishes,
 Elaine Renwick
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Dates For Your Diary

16 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
18 th Dec	Festive Funday! Dress down and be ready to enjoy!
18 th Dec	Flu Immunisation Catch up
21 st Dec	10am Christmas Service on the Google Classroom
22 nd Dec	School closes at 2.30pm
6 th Jan 2021	School reopens at 9am
8 th Jan	Newsletter online
18 th Jan	New Primary 1 enrolment week More information to follow

Google Classroom

Once we entered Tier 4 we made the decision to put **all homework** on the Google Classroom until the **11th Dec**. Please make sure your child is logging in and answering the question from their class teacher. This is our way of tracking attendance. If you have any issues please email :-

gw07williamsonstephe@glow.sch.uk

The children will be pleased to know that we will take a break from homework after Friday 11th Dec until we return in January.



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Book Week Scotland

Our week long celebration of reading and books was great fun. The boys and girls enjoyed learning about new authors, hearing new stories and taking part in competitions to design a library of the future. Each evening during Book Week the children were able to hear some familiar 'special guests' read them a bedtime story. We hope you all enjoyed the videos which are still available to watch on their Google Classrooms. We hope you also enjoyed the 'sneaky peeks' into the classrooms—what fabulous readers we have here in Woodside! A huge thank you goes to the Primary 7 boys and girls who took part in a 'remote read' with our younger pupils. The lower school really enjoyed being entertained by the captivating, expressive reading of the upper school. They were also super excited to take their Book Bags home at the end of the week!



I really enjoyed listening to everyone reading the stories at home. P4 pupil

I really want to read the rest of that book. Can we read chapter 2? P5 pupil

I really liked watching our class story with my mum and dad. P1 pupil



House Captains and Vice Captains

It was a really big decision this year. Our House Captains and Vice Captains have been voted into post. They are a fab bunch and I am sure they will all represent our school very well. It's going to be a different year from them. Their first big challenge was to introduce themselves to the whole school during a live online assembly.

Our Captains and Vice Captains are :-

Ash - Aimee and Maisie, "Help Ash get to the top of the tree"

Chestnut - Cara and Max, "Chestnut is the best nut!"

Maple - Jacob and Isabella, "# Make Maple great again"

Oak - Eva and Jack, "We try hard every single year."



Road Safety Success

Well done to Hannah in Primary 5 who came 3rd in the Primary 5&6 category in the SLC Road Safety calendar competition. We are very proud of you!



Dirty Playground

I am very aware that many children are going home very dirty most days from school. This issue has been raised with SLC who are looking into how they can sort many areas in our playground.

Place2Be

Joanna has now placed three post boxes around our school. Already lots of our boys and girls have indicated that they would like a special chance to talk with her during break time. If your child is to receive specific support from Joanna she would give you a call.

