



Education Resources
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Woodie News January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022!

I hope you all managed to have a safe festive break and enjoyed the special time with your children and families.

It has been great to see our children back in school all excited to pass on their Christmas stories. I must stress the importance of calling the school office if your child is absent. Current guidelines mean we have to record the reason for absences under different codes, especially if it is COVID-19 related. We need ask parents who are reporting a pupil absence to confirm the following information:

- Pupils name and class
- The reason for their absence
- If their absence is Covid-19 related please also confirm
- Who has been for a PCR test
- Who in the family is COVID positive, so we know whether a pupil is isolating due to a positive test or due to being a close contact
- The last date of their isolation/when they are due back in school

Your support with this is appreciated and helps to reduce the number of return calls we need to make to clarify this information.

We are coming back to a couple of staff changes. Mrs Faloon, our DHT for Primary 1-3 children is away to St Anthony's Primary in Rutherglen as Acting Head Teacher. This was a very last minute change and whilst she is away Mrs Eileen McKellar will be the Acting DHT taking over her position. Mrs McKellar knows the children very well and has liaised very closely with Mrs Faloon.



Mrs Burke is beginning her journey to retirement by reducing her working week. Mrs Burke will work Monday – Thursday. We welcome, Miss Laura McLarnon to our school team, who will be in Room 7 every Friday.

If you have changed your mobile number, or any of your contact details over the holiday, please inform our school office staff who will update our records. It is very important that we are able to contact you in the event of an emergency. Please remember to check our school website and 'Twitter' feed regularly for information and that school news will be sent to you via your ParentPay email

Keep safe everyone

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Dates For Your Diary

10th Jan	Primary 1 enrolment online
14th Jan	Class Newsletters emailed
4th Feb	Newsletter
14th Feb	Holiday
15th Feb	Holiday
16th Feb	In Set School closed for pupils

Google Classroom



Homework will resume again on the Google Classroom starting on Monday 17th of January. We noticed a significant drop in the number of children logging on last term so we urge you to at least log onto this once a week to see homework tasks. At times, the class teacher may also post updates for your information.

Dress down day

A big 'Thank You' for your kind



donations towards our December dress down day. We raised £244 which went towards the cost of our elf masks for our 'Festive Fun' day.



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from

MONDAY 10th JANUARY

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www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk and
follow the link



The school will be in touch with our new enrolment families in the week beginning 17th January. We look forward to speaking with you all.



Please pass this information to any friends or family members with a child who is due to start school in August 2022.

Youth, Family and community Learning Officer

Just a wee reminder that Evelyn McGonagle continues to work in Woodside every Wednesday and Thursday as part of our Pupil Equity Fund Initiative.



Her job is to work with the staff team and support Parents/Carers and families in a range of ways. This includes: phone calls, informal sessions on helping children's literacy, building confidence/positive relationships with children, and practical tips on helping your child succeed. Evelyn also supports families on the matter of school attendance.

Building positive and genuine relationships with Parents/Carers and families is at the heart of what she does.

This term she will continue to offer a selection of online workshops in partnership with Mrs Eileen McKellar. Look out for more dates to follow.

ASD family support

Mrs Smith (Room 2) started a parental support group last term. This informal group was a chance for parents to come together and support each other with their child's needs. If you would like more information or would like to join the next meeting please email Mrs Smith on - gw07smithnicola@glow.sch.uk



Baby Lawson

A big congratulations to Mrs Lawson who welcomed her beautiful baby girl Andi during the holidays.



Parent Council

The next meeting will be online on Thursday 27th Jan at 7pm. Please email :- woodside-parentcouncil@hotmail.com for an invite.

Our kind Primary Ones

A big 'Well Done' to Primary One who gathered lots of food for the Hamilton Food Bank as part of their kindness advent challenge.

