



Education Resources
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Woodie News January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone . Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024! I hope you all had a fantastic festive break and enjoyed the special time with your children and families.

We are back and ready for another busy term. Due to the extension within our kitchen we have changed our lunch timings. Lunches are now as follows:-

Primary 1-4 **12.30pm —1.15pm**
Primary 5 –7 **12.45pm —1.30pm** (remains the same)

This means our children will now overlap in the playground for 30 minutes at lunchtime. This provides a chance to catch up with friends, siblings, Big Buddies and to play with the toys. Our playground does become a bit of a 'mud pit' in the winter months so sorry about all the dirty shoes and boots!

It was fantastic to see so many Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents at our Open Morning. Thank you for coming along as I appreciate its not always easy escaping from work. Your feedback was highly positive and I will share some of your comments over the page.

Of the 259 parents who responded to our questionnaire :-

- **98%** stated their child could show you how they were being a Successful Learner.
- **99%** stated doing the tasks showed you how your child was progressing .
- **89%** felt it was very informative visiting their child's class.



On the run up to Christmas many of our children were coming to school wearing casual clothing. Please can I highlight **the importance of wearing school uniform**. It keeps everything equitable, ensuring everyone looks the same. Wearing uniform can also impact on behaviour at times with some children. If you require extra uniform we have a massive supply of pre loved pieces so either drop by or give the office a phone. I would really appreciate your support with this as we are all really proud of our children.



As always if you have any questions or information you would like to share then please get in touch.

Kind regards

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Dates For Your Diary

8th Jan	Primary 1 enrolment online
15th Jan	Class Newsletters emailed this week
19th Jan	Panto performance in school—Cinderella
22nd Jan	Flu catch up
3rd Feb	Newsletter
12th Feb	Holiday
13th Feb	Holiday
14th Feb	INSET day school closed for children

Parental Improvement Group

I would really like to share the journey of our school so far this year and gather the thoughts and opinions of our parents on our work.

If you are free on **Monday 22nd January at 2pm** then please pop along and join me for a very informal catch up. Your opinions and ideas really do matter. Can you call or email me to let me know you are available. Thanks

Parent Council

The next meeting will be in Woodside on Thursday **18th Jan at 7pm**. All parents are welcome to come along. They raised a whopping £959.56 in their Christmas raffle. Thank you to everyone who supported this.



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Here are a small selection of some of the many comments from the Open Morning:-

This was a lovely experience to share with my daughter and to gain a wee insight to learning in the classroom.

· Loved seeing her in class and looking at all the aids used to help with learning. Gave Gran some good tips!

· Really lovely to see the children in their learning environment and sharing their enthusiasm for learning.

· He is very happy at school this year. He is now settled. Well laid out and has friendly, happy atmosphere.

· I think it is very important that parents and carers can visit and be involved in the school environment.

· Great to see the teaching in class and for him to show me his learning - bridge building was a huge hit!

· Very lucky to visit. Telling the time task helped show me their progress. Well organised and enjoyable.

· Great to see some of the work being done by her and the rest of the class, really enjoyed the session.

· It was great to see what he was working on. He enjoyed showing me and taking part in tasks. Thank you.

· Very enjoyable seeing him in the classroom, doing the tasks and interacting with class mates, Thanks.

As a parent I really enjoy seeing my son in his class and how confident he is within it.

· Lovely to see the classroom and how the kids were working hard, really nice visit today.

We will contact our new enrolment families during the week beginning 15th January. We look forward to speaking with you all.



Festive Fun day

Woodside went festive crazy on Wednesday 20th of December. The day was packed full of parties, festive ornament making and Christmas movies. The House and Vice Captains 'obstacle course' for the P4-7 children was a real hit! It was a very busy day however we still managed to find time to squeeze in a special visit from Santa for Rooms 1, 2 and 3.

A big thank you to the Parent Council for providing the snacks for the day and to all the parents who donated to the dress down day in October. This money was used to purchase the crafts for the day.



Primary 1 Fun and Games Club

Our Active Schools co-ordinator Megan Glancy will be running a P1 Fun and Games club afterschool on a Monday from 3—4pm. Look out for more information on this in the new year.