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# Woodie News - August 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

I hope you and your family managed to have fun over the last 6 weeks.

I am delighted to welcome everyone back to another busy school year. The calendar is already packed! Our main aim for the past 2 days has been to settle everyone back into school life. The children are all looking great and are excited to be with their new teachers.

A special welcome to our **56** new Primary 1 children and their families. It is lovely to have you as part of our school. The children have been fantastic and settled in really quickly. We have also welcomed 12 new children throughout the school, taking our school roll to **493**. We have one break in the morning and there is a cross over at lunch times.

**Primary 1- 5 ~ 12.30pm -1.15pm**

**Primary 6&7 ~ 12.45pm - 1.30pm**

The **ONLY** way for us to communicate with you is by using your 'Parents Portal' account. Our new families and Primary 1 parents will get information home about how to create an account today. **ALL** letters will be on the Parents Portal. If you are having trouble, or are unsure of anything, please contact the school office.

As always, our Newsletter is published on the website and will also be emailed to you on the **first Friday of every month**. If you require paper copies of anything please let the office know. On our website you will find any extra documents relating to our school.

The strong, positive partnerships we have with our families are so valuable and we look forward to working with you throughout this year. I will send you a calendar of dates next week on Parents Portal. You will also receive many important letters which require your attention at the start of the new school year. Please look out for these.

I need to highlight 2 important pieces of information which I need your support with. Our school **MUST BE NUT FREE** at all times. Therefore please think about snack and lunches. Kinder bars and chocolate spreads are not allowed because of allergies.

Please be aware of the parking restrictions outside the main school building. Its important we keep everyone safe.

Finally, the children are all looking super smart in their new uniforms. School uniform is really special and I must stress the importance of dressing in this way everyday coming to school. Thank you!

If you need any information or have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Have a great weekend.

Elaine Renwick

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## Dates For Your Diary

<b>18th August</b>	Primary 1 pupils collected at 2.55pm at the school gates.
<b>1st Sep</b>	Homework begins
<b>Week begin</b>	Class Newsletter on ParentsPortal
<b>1st Sep</b>	
<b>3rd Sep</b>	Parent Council Meeting at 7pm. All welcome
<b>5th Sep</b>	Newsletter online
<b>8th Sep</b>	Primary 7 to Lockerbie for the week.
<b>11th Sep</b>	Primary 1 disco and Parental Workshops Letter to follow
<b>16th Sep</b>	School photos Details to follow
<b>26th &amp; 29th Sep</b>	Holiday
<b>2nd Oct</b>	Parents Meetings in school. Details to follow.
<b>3rd Oct</b>	Newsletter online
<b>10th Oct</b>	Dress down day . House Colours, Donation
<b>13th Oct - 17th Oct</b>	Holiday

## Parental Helpers (I'm begging!)

We will NOT be able to take children out of school for trips and visits without the support of Parent Helpers. Every Parent Helper **MUST** have a PVG. If you can offer your services to help at some point throughout the year then please contact the main office and we can begin the process of getting you registered. We really need your help as currently we don't have enough parents registered.



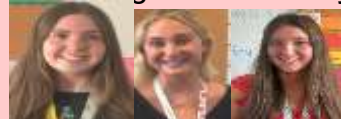


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## Our Staffing

I am delighted to say our big school team are well rested and ready to go. A massive 'Thank You' to all the staff for their hard work in preparing all our classes. The classrooms are all looking fantastic.

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Mearns is now a permanent members of our teaching staff We have Miss Taylor, Miss Mason and Miss Adams and joining our teaching team for the year.



Finally, we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Allan, Miss McAvoy and Mrs Barton ( Miss Sutherland).

Our classes for this session are as follows:-

Primary 1 Room 1– Mrs Smith  
Primary 1/2 Room 2 - Mrs Ferguson  
Primary 1 Room 3 - Mrs Yates  
Primary 2 Room 4 - Mrs Callaghan  
Primary 2 Room 5 - Miss Taylor (Mon,Tue,Thurs & Fri) and Mrs Aitcheson (Wed)  
Primary 3 Room 6 - Mrs Gilmour  
Primary 3 Room 7 - Mrs Williamson ( Mon– Wed) Mrs Smith (Thurs & Fri)  
Primary 4 Room 8 - Ms More  
Primary 4 Room 9 - Mrs Bisset (Mon,Tue,Thurs & Fri) and Mrs Smith (Wed)  
Primary 4/5 Room 10- Ms Lennox  
Primary 5 Willow - Mr Hoggan  
Primary 5 Room 11 - Miss Mearns  
Primary 6 Room 12 - Mrs Meechan  
Primary 6 Room 13 - Miss Mason ( Mon,Tue,Thurs & Fri) and Miss McLarnon( Wed)  
Primary 6/7 Room 14 - Miss Adam  
Primary 7 Room 15 - Miss Noble  
Primary 7 Room 16 - Miss Hendry



Mrs McKellar provides pastoral care for all our Primary 1-3 children and manages their learning.  
Miss Officer provides pastoral care for all our Primary 4 -7children and manages their learning.  
I am the Child Protection Officer for the school.

Each class will have another teacher in class for 2½ hours per week  
This will either be:- Mrs Allan, Miss McAvoy or Mrs Barton.

Miss McLarnon will be our Pupil Equity Lead supporting children throughout the school. Mrs Aitcheson will also be supporting children throughout the school.

Mrs Rice continues to lead our amazing Support Staff team. She will be joined in the office by Mrs Mitchell and Miss Shanahan. Miss Shanahan is only with us for a few weeks as she will be leaving us early September to take up a new post.

Our Support staff team will provide targeted learning supports for children across the school. They will also support our children's wellbeing in the playground at break times, lunchtimes and throughout the school day. Supports will be delivered from :- Mrs Brownlie, Mrs Ahmad Miss Shanahan, Mrs McQuade, Mrs Dalton, Mrs Muncie and Miss Grieve.

We continue to work in partnership with Place2Be. Our new Councillor is Cal Marrin.  
Please look out for a letter next week.  
Nikki is our school Janitor and Lorraine is our School Cook.





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## Our School Improvement Plan

Every session we evaluate our current position and plan our improvement strategies for the year ahead. Our priorities this year are:-

- Continue to embed skills into our learning and teaching
- Enhance staff's knowledge of differentiation
- Develop our technology curriculum and staff's knowledge and skills.
- Continue to reduce our Numeracy, Reading and Writing gap.
- Continue to focus on school attendance.
- Continue to work in partnership with Place2Be to provide supports for our targeted families and pupils.



For a quick and easy read I will send out a parental version of our School's Quality Improvement Plan next week via ParentsPortal. This highlights key achievements from last session.

Miss McLarnon is leading our Equity Priorities. Each year the school is allocated money to be used to close our school equity gap. This year we have been allocated £121,275

5% of this budget, £6063.75 is called our Participatory Budget and is to be used in consultation with our children and parents. This means **we are looking for your input and help**.

Miss McLarnon will send out an email soon with more information.



## General School Updates

### School Gates

We have three main entrance gates into our school. These gates are managed by a member of our Support Staff Team every morning from **8.45am**. Please can I ask that you select the school gate which works best for your family and continue to use this the whole year, as our staff do a great job of getting to know the children and their families on their gate.

### Toast to Go

Due to the size of our school we run a 'Toast To Go' service every day from **8.30am**. Children can only enter from the small gate at Johnstone Road where they then head round to our Dinner Hall for some toast, fruit and a drink before heading back out to play.

### Gym Shoes

Can I ask that, if possible, you send in a pair of soft shoes which your child will change into every day for walking about in the building. We do have a supply of pre-loved shoes. If you require some just call the school office. Thank you.

### Afterschool and Buses

If your child is attending an Afterschool Club or travels home on the school bus please can you send the class teacher a note to let them know which days this will be happening. If arrangements change, please inform the Office.

### Lost Property

Please make sure **all** clothing, water bottles and packed lunches are all clearly named. Lost property is cleared out at the end of each term.

### Toys

We appreciate that some children bring small toys to school as a comfort. Can we kindly ask that these are kept safely in schools bags, in the classroom during learning time. Please speak to your child about keeping them safe in school as it can cause upset when they are lost or damaged.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a safe, plastic refillable water bottle to school every day. We have water fountains available for them to fill up during the school day.



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Please see the table below to find out which days your child will take part in physical education. Our PE lessons will take place both indoors and outdoors. This will be completely weather dependent!

**On outdoor PE days** your child can wear jogging trousers or leggings along with their school sweater. Please ensure they also wear a water-proof jacket, just in case. ( A change of clothes may be an idea too!)

**On indoor PE days** your child will require to bring shorts and a T shirt to school to change into. Your child will wear their indoor shoes for PE lessons in the Gym Hall.

**Jewellery**—Sharp objects including items of jewellery should be removed wherever possible. Some items e.g. in newly pierced ears, may be covered over with tape. If you wish your child to continue wearing their earrings during PE lessons please can you provide a letter of consent for the class teacher.



Room	Indoor	Outdoor
<b>1</b>	Tuesday and Friday	
<b>2</b>	Tuesday and Thursday	
<b>3</b>	Monday and Tuesday	
<b>4</b>	Thursday and Friday	
<b>5</b>	Wednesday and Thursday	
<b>6</b>	Wednesday	Monday
<b>7</b>	Wednesday	Monday
<b>8</b>	Monday and Wednesday	
<b>9</b>	Monday	Wednesday
<b>Willow</b>	Monday	Wednesday
<b>10</b>	Thursday	Tuesday
<b>11</b>	Tuesday	Thursday
<b>12</b>	Monday	Tuesday
<b>13</b>	Wednesday	Monday
<b>14</b>	Tuesday	Thursday
<b>15</b>	Thursday	Friday
<b>16</b>	Friday	Wednesday