



Education Resources
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Woodside Primary



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

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

I am delighted to welcome everyone as we kick off our new session. The calendar is already packed! Our main aim for the 2 days is 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 **68** new Primary 1 children and their families. It is lovely to have you as part of our school. The children were fantastic yesterday and settled in really quickly. We have also welcomed **8** new children throughout the school, taking our school roll to **478**. We have one break altogether 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 next week. **ALL** letters will be on 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
Head Teacher

Dates For Your Diary

17th August	Primary 1 pupils collected at 2.55pm at the school gates.
31st Aug	Homework begins
Week of 31st Aug	Class Newsletter on ParentsPortal
4th Sep	Newsletter online
7th Sep	Primary 7 to Lockerbie for the week.
10th Sep	Primary 1 disco and Parental Workshops Letter to follow
15th Sep	School photos Details to follow
16th Sep	Parent Council Meeting at 7pm. All welcome
23rd Sep	Parents Meetings in school. Details to follow.
25th & 28th Sep	Holiday
2nd Oct	Newsletter online
9th Oct	Dress down day . House Colours, Donation
12th Oct - 16th Oct	Holiday

Panto Time

All our children will experience a wee treat on 1st of September when M&M productions visit the school to put on a show of Alice in Wonderland
There will be no cost for this activity.

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Our Staffing

I am delighted to say our big school team are well rested and are looking forward to working with their new children. A massive 'Thank You' to all the staff for their hard work in preparing all our classes. The classrooms are all looking great and welcoming.

We have Miss Weir and Miss McMurdo joining our teaching team for the year.



Finally, we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Barton, Mrs McAvoy, Mrs McDonald and Miss Harris.

Our classes for this session are as follows:-

Primary 1 Room 1– Mrs Smith
Primary 1 Room 2 - Mrs Ferguson
Primary 1/2 Room 3 - Mrs Aitcheson
Primary 2 Room 4 - Mrs Callaghan
Primary 4/5 Room 5 - Mrs Yates
Primary 3 Room 6 - Miss Weir Mon,Tue,Thurs & Fri) and Mrs Lawson (Wed)
Primary 3 Room 7 - Mrs Williamson (Mon– Wed) and Mrs Dundas (Wed - Fri)
Primary 3/4 Room 8 - Ms More
Primary 4 Room 9 - Mrs Bisset (Mon,Tue,Thurs & Fri) and temporarily Miss Harris (Wed)
Primary 2/3 Room 10– Mrs McAvoy
Primary 5 Willow - Miss McMurdo Mon,Tue,Thurs & Fri) and Mrs McDonald (Wed)
Primary 5 Room 11 - Miss Mearns
Primary 6 Room 12 - Mrs Meechan
Primary 6 Room 13 - Mrs Barton
Primary 6/7 Room 14 - Mrs Mackenzie (Mon & Tues) and Mrs Smith (Wed– Fri)
Primary 7 Room 15 - Miss Noble
Primary 7 Room 16 - Mr Hoggan



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 McDonald, Mrs Allan, Mrs Williamson and temporarily Miss Harris.

Miss McLarnon will be our Pupil Equity Lead 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 Reid.

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 McQuade, Mrs Dalton, Mrs MacDonald, Miss Henderson, Miss Dick, Mrs Mooney and Mr Tombs

Margaret is our school Janitor and Lorraine is our School Cook.

We are so lucky to have such a fab staff team!



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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:-

- **Refresh our Vision, Values and Aims**
- **Continue to embed the Skills framework across the curriculum and the use of digital profiling to track learner's progress.**
- **Enhance our pedagogy in learning and teaching through a focus in feedback.**
- **Continue to close out numeracy and literacy attainment gap, increase attendance and support our children's wellbeing.**



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 you send in a pair of soft shoes which your child will change into every day for walking about in the building and for doing PE lessons indoors. We do have a supply of pre-loved shoes. If you require some just call the school office. Thank you. Crocs are not suitable for both indoor or outdoor PE lessons.

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.

Mobile Phones—Please make sure you go on our website to read our schools Mobile Phone policy.



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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.

On outdoor PE days your child can wear jogging trousers or leggings along with their school sweater. Please ensure they also wear a waterproof jacket, just in case as we will be out in all weathers. Footwear should be suitable for outdoor PE lessons.

On indoor PE days your child will be required 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. Please ensure these are safe and suitable.

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
1	Tuesday and Thursday	
2	Monday and Thursday	
3	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	
4	Tuesday and Friday	
5	Wednesday	Monday
6	Wednesday	Thursday
7	Wednesday	Thursday
8	Tuesday	Wednesday
9	Thursday	Wednesday
Willow	Monday	Thursday
10	Monday and Thursday	
11	Friday	Tuesday
12	Tuesday	Wednesday
13	Friday	Tuesday
14	Wednesday	Monday
15	Monday	Friday
16	Thursday	Monday