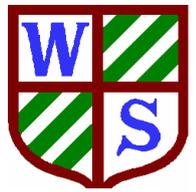


Woodside Primary School News

January 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope you all enjoyed the holidays.

You will be receiving class newsletters this week and should also have had an invitation to attend our open afternoon on Thursday. We hope you will be able to join us.

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Thomson who has joined us as Depute Head Teacher. Mrs Thomson's remit includes responsibility for Nursery - Primary 3. She has already been into classes, getting to know staff and children.

Many congratulations to Miss Crilly who was married during the holidays - she is now Mrs McAndrew. Our best wishes for a happy future!

Miss Reid has been seconded from our nursery to Acting Depute Head Teacher at Forehill School. We wish her well and look forward to hearing from her. We are delighted that Mrs Fairley, who has a long connection with Woodside School as a supply teacher, will be teaching in Nursery 2 during Miss Reid's secondment.

My own secondment to Heathryburn School will continue until the end of February. Mrs Blair will remain as Acting DHT until my full-time return to Woodside. The leadership team of Woodside is a strong and hardworking one and I have to thank the DHTs for all that they do for the school. The whole staff team here are very committed to the children and to taking Woodside forward. I am very proud of their achievements.

P.T.O.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 9th January -
Term 3 begins

Monday 13th February -
Holiday

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday
15th February -
In Service days

Wednesday 15th March -
FoWs Easter Disco

Friday 31 March -
Term 3 ends

Monday 3rd April - Monday
17th April -
Holiday

Tuesday 18th April -
Term 4 begins

Monday 1st May - Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May -
In Service Day

Wednesday 31st May -
Open Afternoon

Friday 30th June -
Term 4 ends

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A reminder that the school carpark is only for staff cars during school hours and the surrounding areas should be kept clear as much as possible. Please adhere to the road markings - particularly on Smithfield Road. We want our children to be able to exit school safely. Bill, our School Crossing Patroller, does a marvellous job on Clifton Road which will be made all the safer if people park with consideration.

The Friends of Woodside meet very regularly and organise events for the school. We have to thank them for their fundraising and donations. Latterly they gave every class money to buy new Golden Time games. These little extras go a long way to supporting the children's activities.



School improvements this session continue to focus on mental maths, reading and writing. We are also looking to make good use of the outdoor environment to provide additional contexts for learning. Our Eco and Rights Respecting School Groups are making super contributions to the life of the school, encouraging the children to become more aware of key issues.

The next in-service days are in February. During the first day our Nursery and Primary 1 staff will be focusing on Outdoor Learning. On the second day we have a visit from James Nottingham, who will support the staff in deepening their understanding of the learning process.

Enrolment for Primary 1 and Nursery is ongoing. If you are aware of anyone who is looking to enrol please can you alert them and ask them to visit the school office.

With another busy term ahead we continue to welcome your involvement. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Alison Cook
Head Teacher