



City Community
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A message from our Headteacher, Mrs Stockdale

Dear Parents,

We start the new school year with high expectations for behaviour, learning and attendance as all are essential in helping our children to get the most out of everyday at school.

This year holds lots of exciting events and activities for you and your children. Please keep your eyes and ears open for information about family learning sessions where we will be inviting you to join us at school to learn alongside your children.

Staff are very busy planning new and interesting trips and visits. Year two children have already hosted a huge dinosaur who came to help them learn more about these pre-historic creatures.

We would really like each of you to become more involved with your children's learning this year. We have seen some fantastic examples of creative home learning and are looking forward to seeing much more of these wonderful pieces of work as the year progresses. There will be parent assemblies where children are excited to share their learning with you.

If you have any free time and would like to come in to school to help children by listening to them read, please contact Mr. Rimmer who will be co-ordinating volunteers in school this year. Your time is greatly appreciated and makes a huge difference to our children's confidence and progress.

As always, we are very pleased to welcome both new staff and children to school this term and know that you will be welcoming as always.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Mrs Anne-Marie Stockdale
Headteacher



A message from our Chair of Governors

My name is Simon Smith and I am Chair of Governors here at Woodhouse West. On behalf of the School's Governors I would like to welcome those who are new to the school this term, as well as welcoming back everyone else. I hope that you have all had a good summer.

When my eldest started here at school I remember being vaguely aware of the fact that the School had Governors, but had no real idea what they did; so I thought I would explain what we do:

Basically we are responsible for setting out the school's vision and strategic direction with the head teacher, Mrs Stockdale, and her team, we make sure that the school and its pupils are performing well, and that the school is spending its money properly and efficiently. Our main role, then, is to hold the school to account and to see that it is run properly; something that we try to do in a friendly yet rigorous way.

Last year saw some amazing work by children at our school which is a huge credit to them; not only years two and six who did really well in their SATS, but across the whole school. I know that the staff at Woodhouse West worked really hard last year to help our children be the best that they can be, and will be doing so again this year. I also know that occasionally the school does not get things right and when this happens Governors work with the school to see how we can improve in a way that is positive and supportive for everyone involved.

The Board of Governors is made up of parents, staff and people from the wider community. Later on this term we will be putting out a call for a new parent governor, if this is something you think you might be interested in please do contact me through the school office; I do the school run most days so am easily available for a chat.

Finally, I am sure that our children will soon be settled into their new classes and that the whole school will be building on the successes of last year. I know from experience with my own children that this can be a difficult time, but also know that it gets easier with continued regular attendance as they get to know their teachers and classmates.

Enjoy the term!

Nursery

We currently have places for 3 and 4 year olds in our nursery. Children are eligible to start nursery the term after their third birthday, and they can access up to ***30 hours free** nursery entitlement for working parents taken in either morning or afternoon or full day sessions. Please pick up a form to register your interest at the school office.

Parents in Partnership (PiPs)

We are a group of parents who organise fundraising events for our school throughout the year. These involve: Christmas Cards, Cake and Bake Sales, Raffles etc.

Over the last year, we raised over £1,000. This money goes back into the school for specific projects: For example last winter, we contributed to a Pantomime show performed at school which has been enjoyed by every child in the school and all the staff and we are in the process of buying new play equipment for all children to use during break times.

We are grateful to everyone who supports us with donations of money or cake, hands on help, ideas, selling raffle tickets etc.

We are always looking for new people to join our team, to share their skills and support us with ideas for fun (fundraising) activities. We also have a Facebook group (**PIPs Parent Fund Raising**) where we post updates and news. Check us out and join the group!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.5%. Attendance figures 4th September - 6th October.

FS1	87.2 %
FS2	94.9%
Year One	95.5%
Year Two	95.1%
Year Three	95.9%
Year Four	95.8%
Year Five	91.9%
Year Six	92.9%



Green indicates good attendance and above the national average (**96%**).



Amber indicates attendance of below the national average and



Red indicates attendance of **less than 90%**, which is well below the national average.

It is important to lay the foundations for good attendance from your child starting school. If your child is in reception or above and does not attend regularly (over 90%) the Local Authority can take action, which could be a fixed penalty notice or appearance at Magistrates court.

Class News

Nursery - Welcome to our new children. This term we are harvesting apples in our school grounds and making Eve's puddings.

Reception - The children are settling very well into school and are learning to follow the routines quickly.

Y1 - In our topic "Once upon a time" we will be retelling a range of well-known fairy stories. As well as this we will be making our very own gingerbread men. We are also looking forward to our fairy tale feast later on this half term!

Y2 - This half term, Year 2 will be learning all about dinosaurs! We will become archaeologists when we hunt for dinosaurs remains and search for dinosaur clues! As well as this we have a massive dino surprise! Most of the year group are looking forward to our trip to Whirlow later in the half term

Y3 - A great start to the new school year. All the children enjoyed our Pirate day, Shiver me timbers!

Y4 - A great start to the new school year. We are looking forward to our visit to Magna to ignite our historical journey around Sheffield.

Y5 - This term Y5 are studying invaders and settlers of England and Scotland and how this has developed these countries over the years. We are visiting Skipton castle to learn what life was like for our ancestors linking this to the classical story of Macbeth.

Y6 - Over the next term, Year 6 will be taking a journey back in time and learning about life in Britain from 1960 onwards. We will learn about what made each decade unique (music, fashion, significant events) and make comparisons between the past and the modern world.

Green Card assemblies will be held on **Friday 27th October ,FS and KS1 at 9:00am and 2.30pm for KS2 and Friday 22nd December at 9.00am for KS2 and 2.30pm for FS and KS1.**

We are finalising our calendar for Christmas Events. Please always check the school website for the most up to date information www.woodhousewest.org.uk.

School INSET Days**Monday 6th November 2017****Tuesday 7th November 2017**Thursday 29th March 2018Monday 4th June 2018

School breaks up for Half term on

Friday 27th October.

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School Uniform

We would like to thank all our parents/carers for supporting us in ensuring children wear the correct school uniform. Please note due to rising costs from our supplier there has been an increase in the price of school uniform.

Could we please remind you that the children should only wear:

- Black/Grey trousers (no tracksuit bottoms) /skirt/pinafore dress
- White/Burgundy polo shirt
- Burgundy cardigan / sweatshirt / fleece -
- Grey/ black or white socks or tights
- Plain black footwear/no trainers.

Please ensure that you label any uniform with your child's name.

**School Dinners**

Please note once your child is in KS2 School dinners will need to be paid for in advance. The cost is £2.00 per day and £10.00 per week. This can be paid weekly or half termly and any balance owing will be carried forward to the next school year.

Dates for your Diary**October**

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| Mon 9 th | Y2 Whirlow Residential |
| Wed 18 th | Y5 visit to Skipton Hall |
| Wed 25 th | Reception visit to the library |
| Wed 25 th | Parents Evening |
| Fri 27 th | Green Card Assembly KS1 (am) KS2 (pm) |
| Fri 27 th | Children break up from School. |

November

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| Wed 8 th | Children return to school |
| Thurs 16 th | Reception Parents Reading Workshop |
| Mon. 20 th | Travelling Book Fair |
| 13 th -17 th | Anti Bullying Week. |

To further improve communications we have set up a school Twitter account. Follow us at: [@woodhouse_west](https://twitter.com/woodhouse_west).

