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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very proud to announce that our school is still **GOOD** and continues to improve!

This half term, although short, has been a really hectic one and has included snow days and of course our recent Ofsted inspection.

Thank you to all of you who had a part in the inspection, whether it be through taking part in the parent survey or by talking directly to the inspector during her visit. During the time that she was here, the Inspector looked through children's books, observed lessons, spoke to children, parents and staff as well as members of our Governing body. As a result of her exploration of school, she made many positive comments about your children including their enthusiasm, politeness and learning behaviours.

"Pupils are exceptionally polite and courteous. Pupils open doors for others, shake hands with visitors and wait patiently for their turn to talk to visitors." Ofsted 2018

"Pupils are proud to wear their coloured ASPIRE badges. They know that the badges represent high standards reached in achievement, support, participation, inclusion, respect and endeavour." Ofsted 2018

The inspector was particularly interested in our curriculum and the way in which children are encouraged to take part in new and interesting experiences to broaden their understanding of the world and to help them to get more out of their learning.

"It is obvious, after speaking to pupils and looking at the work in their books, that the exciting curriculum is hugely influential in the quality of writing they produce." Ofsted 2018

The quality of learning in core subjects was also commented on and is viewed as a strength of the school.

"The standard of pupils' writing across the school continues to be a strength, and the progress pupils make is consistently above that of other pupils nationally." Ofsted 2018

Our school can only be successful when we work as a team with parents, teaching staff and children all striving towards the best possible outcomes for everyone who attends here. The role that you, as parents play in the success of school was also mentioned and highlighted as a strength.

"Parents took the time to speak to me during the inspection so that they could comment on the good communication between home and school" Ofsted 2018

We have a large number of children in school who need additional support and access this through our Special Needs provision. The Inspector was very interested in the way in which our school helps all children to overcome any barriers they may encounter, in particular the new Inclusion class and breakfast interventions which run daily.

The school's"dedication to ensuring that all pupils have equal opportunity to succeed is evident." Ofsted 2018

I am delighted that we have received recognition for the great work that happens here and want to thank all our fabulous staff for their hard work and passion in making each day count for all of your children. We are all very proud of your children and their achievements and I look forward to many more years of fun and inspiring learning, working together at Woodhouse West.

Thank you for your continuing support,



Anne-Marie Bailey
Headteacher

Brand new page-turners for our book corners!

All pupils thoroughly enjoyed visiting Waterstones bookshop to choose a book to include within their class library. We now have an extensive range of books to promote reading for pleasure. The children have been taking part in activities linked to their new reads.



Current research shows that there is a clear link between reading and academic success. A child who reads for fun will do better at school, even in subjects like Maths. So could you find just ten minutes a day to share a story with your child? Visit the school's website for ideas and tips about reading with your child. Please also continue to fill in the reading challenge booklets/reading journals with your child.

Headline News!

Woodhouse West Primary School made the news this term, when the Sheffield Star did a special feature as part of their education focus. The article celebrates the children's achievements in reading and highlights some of the wonderful home learning that the children have done. The article entitled "**Why 'real learning' makes a difference for schoolchildren**" is available from the Star Office.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently **93.2%**.

Attendance figures for Spring term 1.

FS1	84.4 %
FS2	94.4 %
Year One	92.8%
Year Two	92.2%
Year Three	92.5%
Year Four	91.5%
Year Five	91.3%
Year Six	93.8%

Green indicates good attendance and above the national average. Amber indicates attendance of below the national average and Red indicates absence of less than 90% which is well below the national average.

Did you know that if your child is **20 minutes late** for school every day, they will miss nearly **2 hours** of learning **every week**? That's **2 days** of missed learning every **term!** Please ensure your child is in school 5 minutes before the bell rings – to ensure they're here on time.

PiPs (Parents in Partnership) Fundraising Update:

Thank you to all who supported our February school disco. It was great fun for all the children who came to dance the night away. We are especially grateful to all the staff who stayed behind to help and a huge thank you to all the parents who as part of PiPs made this happen!

- Come along to the next PiPs meeting on Thursday **19th April at 9am** (free brews!) and help us decide what to use the money for! Something to benefit all children in school!

Just two dates left for our competitive bake sale:

Friday 27th April 2018 **Year 3**
Friday 18th May 2018 **Reception**

Many thanks to all those who have donated cakes and biscuits so far! – We've already raised over £100 in total. Remember: the year group that raises the most money will be able to spend this amount on something fun for them in the Summer Term.

You may have heard that a group of Y6 pupils are raising money to buy a defibrillator for school. PiPs want to support this, and we plan to have a raffle for them with a chance to win an AMAZON FIRE 7 TABLET with ALEXA. Please could you donate any suitable (new and unused) items after the Easter Holidays. Raffle tickets will be sold soon after. All proceeds of this raffle will go to the Y6 defib-fundraiser!

Easter Egg Creation Competition: We are inviting entries for this year's competition. Bring your egg-tastic creations along on **Monday 26th March – 50p entry per child**, and a chance to win a chocolate Easter egg.

All the money we raise as PiPs will be spent on something that all children can enjoy: in the past we have supported Pantomimes and shows in school, bought lots of new play equipment for inside and outside, helped with special craft projects, provided a shed for sensory play. If you have any ideas or questions, do get in touch – we would love to meet you!

School Car Park - Please note that the use of the car park is for staff only. We would ask for your support in this matter and request that you do not use the car park for picking up and dropping off (Woodhouse West End Club have kindly offered use of their car park to ease traffic outside school). Please ensure drivers do not park on pavements or grass verges and avoid stopping on the zig-zag lines to drop children off. We are working very closely with the council and the police and will continue to monitor the situation. We know it is difficult parking and driving around school but we must ensure the safety of all our children.

Class News

Nursery The children have enjoyed retelling traditional tales. We have baked gingerbread men, they ran away and we had to chase them around school.

Reception

We have been having lots of fun in the snow. In our learning we are looking at different habitats around the world and the creatures that live there. The children really enjoyed their trip to Weston Park Museum.

Y1 We have been green fingered this term! Thank you to all the grandparents who came in to help plant our beans. They have already started to grow!

Y2 Y2 finished their topic "How is the world different?" by hosting a fabulous fundraising fashion show. We raised a terrific £260! All the money will go towards our shoebox appeal. Well done Year 2!

Y3 We began the half term dressed as people from the stone age era, thank you once again for your efforts to help us achieve this. We used this day to help us gain evidence to ask questions and find answers about the past. Thank you once again for all the home learning. Watch this space for next half term.

Y4 This half term we are exploring a variety of religions and going on various visits to a variety of places of worship. We are focusing on how different leaders both religious and non religious inspire us by being awesome role models.

Y5 We have been studying different cultures and beliefs. This has enabled us to hold a debate about how the universe began-science versus religion.



Y6 The children have been working incredibly hard revising for their SATs. Their attitude so far has been exemplary and they are showing excellent learning attributes.

Staff News

We would all like to say massive congratulations to Miss Escott who is getting married this Saturday! We hope you have the most wonderful day.

**SATS 2018**

Key Stage 2 SATs for **Year 6** children will take place nationally in the week commencing **14th May 2018**. Please ensure that you do not book family holidays during this time.

As a parent we are sure that you want to ensure your child's best chance of success. This [Parent & Carer information sheet](#) should explain everything that you need to know. However, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher if you are in anyway concerned about the assessments or have any further questions.

We have also put together a number of key resources which you can be found on our [website](#).

Key Stage 1 SATS for the children in **Year 2** will also take place in week commencing **14th May 2018**. There is a [Parent and Carer Information Sheet](#) and again if you have any questions please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

The children in **Year 1** will undertake a phonics assessment in the week beginning **Monday 11th June 2018**. Please refer to the SATS 2018 page under the pupil section of our website for more information.

Nursery

Our next intake for Nursery will be at Easter. 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.

**Dates for your Diary****March**

Wed 28th 9.00 Nursery & Reception Green Card
12.30 Nursery Green Card Assembly
Thurs 29th Inset Day school closed to Pupils

April

Mon 16th Children return to school
Tues 18th Y3 South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
Tues 24th Y5/6 Museum Project

Residentials

W/c Mon 30th April **Y4** Scarborough
W/c Mon 25th June **Y6** Thornbridge