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Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year to you all and of course, welcome back for a new school term!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our immersive classrooms continue to be a huge success thanks to the efforts of all staff in school. This term we came back to Space Centres in year 5 and a fantastic journey through time in year 2. If you haven't yet seen these classrooms, they are well worth a visit.

We have lots of plans for this new year in school, not least of which is a working party for children and parents to contribute to our new and improved Healthy Eating Policy. All of us enjoy treats and these are an important part of our diets but we are going to work with you all to help our children to make healthy choices for their snacks and school lunches by having fewer foods that are high in sugar and fat and more delicious and nutritious treats. If you would like to be a part of this process then please come and join Mrs Barker and myself in the school hall at 9am on Wednesday 30th January.

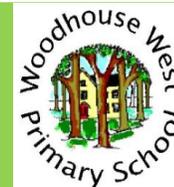
Thank you to all families who helped their children extend their learning at home during the school holidays this Christmas. We are all very keen to give your children the best possible learning journey and reminders and practise of key skills whilst at home make a real difference to the progress that children make over a school year.

As we are still at the point in the year where dark nights and dark mornings will continue for a while, please be mindful of your children's visibility on their journey in to school. Our uniform consists of predominantly dark colours and this makes children difficult to see in areas without street lighting. If you are able to provide your child with reflective strips for their coat or bag or small flashing lights that can be attached to their bag straps, this is a great way to help to keep them safe.

Both Miss Davies and Miss Robinson have recently visited school with their new babies and the children and staff have very much enjoyed seeing them and being able to ask questions about their daughters. We wish them all well.

We were sorry to see both Mr. Lynn and Mrs. Hopkin leave but are delighted to welcome Miss Herrington who joined us, as full time teacher for year 3 on Monday 21st January. I know that you will all very quickly make her feel part of the school.

Anne-Marie Bailey
Headteacher



SPRING NEWSLETTER

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 register your interest at the school office.



World Book Day – 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. There will be lots of fun activities on the day linked to reading, which we hope will celebrate an enjoyment and love of reading. Please keep your eye out for further information.

Homework

Each term, children will be encouraged to complete homework from a 'homework menu' from their class teacher. This will be a range of activities relating to their current topic. Please do share photographs of your children **carrying out the tasks by e-mailing them** to homework@woodhousewest.sheffield.sch.uk. Children who complete a homework task will be rewarded with either a green card and/or class dojo points.

Young Voices

What a show, you truly did the school and yourselves proud. Miss Kirkham and Miss Johnson are looking for more recruits ready for next year.

Have you registered on ParentMail?

We are always looking at ways to continuously improve our communication and to reduce our costs. School have subscribed to a new text/email service. In future, where possible we will always e-mail information. If you download the "Parentmail" app to your phone, you will be able to access any messages sent from school rather than logging in to your personal email accounts.

You can access 'ParentMail' for free from your smartphone or computer; parents and families can share accounts and be kept up-to date.

On completion of your registration, you can download the app, which is called 'Woodhouse West School'. Remember to say yes to notifications and that way you won't miss any of the notifications. Should you need any help or further information please contact the school office.



SATS 2019

Key Stage 2 SATs for **Year 6** children will take place nationally in the week commencing **13th May 2019**. 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 can be found on our [website](#).

Key Stage 1 SATS for the children in **Year 2** will also take place **May 2019**. 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 17th June 2019**. Please refer to the SATS 2019 page under the pupil section of our [website](#) for more information.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently **93.6%**. This is well below the national average of 96%.

Attendance figures **7th January – 25 January 2019**.

FS1	85.1 %
FS2	91.0%
Year One	88.1%
Year Two	95.1%
Year Three	96.0%
Year Four	95.6%
Year Five	93.9%
Year Six	91.1%



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.

Every day counts for every child. If you are having difficulties and need school support, please contact the Inclusion Team.

Class News

Nursery – This term we have read the story 'Handa's surprise'. Children made a tropical fruit salad which they enjoyed eating. They have been measuring and weighing the animals from the story and speaking in sentences to retell the story.

Reception – This half term the children are enjoying a variety of Julia Donaldson stories. We will also be sharing our favourite stories from home.

Y1 – Are learning about superheroes and real life superheroes such as nurses, doctors and lifeguards. We will be writing our own comic strips, making a superhero vehicle and designing our own superhero logo to draw on a cape. We will also be having different visitors in class who will be talking about their jobs.

Y2 – What a start to our new topic, 'Lost and Found'. The children arrived to find their classrooms transformed into different time zones. They found artefacts in the playground that they must return to the correct time zone. We have travelled back to Tudor times and have enjoyed finding out about Henry VIII and his wives, listening to music and tasting food from a banquet.

Y3 – Y3 have already visited Smyth's toy store to conduct market research to find out what types of toys are sold. They will find out what gaps are in the market so that they can produce their own toy to sell.

Y4 – Many exciting things are happening in Year 4 this half term! We have already had Sheffield's Lord Mayor 'Magid Magid' visit with lots of interesting information about what life in politics is really like. Watch this space, as your children develop their own political party, write a campaign and hope to be elected by peers, parents and staff to run the school for a day.

Y5 – This term Y5 are beginning our exciting new topic about space. Where your children, will discover all about this fascinating universe. We are looking forward to our trip to the National Space Centre.

Y6 – Children in Year 6 are developing their skills as geographers by using maps and comparing North and South America to the UK. They are also working as designers and technicians to build their own pirate ship.

Healthy School

As we enter a New Year, as a school we have decided to promote children making healthy snack choices. As part of our Healthy School status, we encourage children to live a healthy lifestyle. This includes eating a healthy breakfast before school, healthy snacks at playtime and bringing a healthy lunchbox to school. To support this we offer a breakfast club/snack bar and a comprehensive school dinner menu.

We would kindly ask that you support us in this by not sending your child to school with sugary snacks or energy drinks.

Parents in Partnership (PiPs)

PiPs are a group of parents, grandparents and carers who work to raise money to benefit the school. Their objective is to provide the school with funds to buy equipment and resources that assist in the children's education.

PiPs are always looking for new people to join the team, to share their skills and support us with ideas for fundraising activities.

A Reminder that PiPs has organised our School Disco for **Wed 30th Jan** after school: **KS1: 4.30-6pm, KS2: 6.15-7.45pm**. Ticket price: **£1.50/ £3.00** (includes hot dog and drink). Tuck shop also available.

**Staff News**

You may have noticed some new faces around school. We welcome Ms. S Naylor, Mrs. R Jackson and Miss B Moran to school who all join our team of Mid-day Supervisors.

A very warm welcome also to Mrs. Brooks in Y5 and also Miss Herrington in Y3. Following the Easter break Ms. Playford will take over as Special Educational Needs Coordinator when Mrs. Parkes starts her maternity leave.

Dates for your Diary**February**

Fri. 15th Green Card Assembly **KS2: 9am KS1 2.45pm**
 Fri. 15th Children break up from School
 Mon.25th Children return to School.

March

Thurs. 7th World Book Day
 Fri.29th Children break up from School

April

Mon.15th Children return to School.
 Wed. 17th Easter Church Service **1.30pm - 3.00pm**
 Fri. 19th Good Friday
 Mon. 22nd Easter Monday

Residential's

W/c Mon 18th March **Y6** Winmarleigh Hall
 W/c Mon 15th April **Y4** Caythorpe Court