



WOODBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 31st August 2015



We would like to say a warm welcome back to our pupils and a special hello to our new families.

We hope you have had a relaxing summer and are looking forward to a year full of learning and rich experiences.

We would also like to welcome several new members of staff. Mrs Welsh has joined us as Depute Head Teacher, Miss Corcoran in P1C, Miss Gordon in P2G, Miss Slymand in P2S, Miss Easson in P4E and to Ms Gillis in Learning Support. We also have three new Learning Assistants Mrs Watson, Mrs Canto and Miss Steel.

Friday School Lunches

From the 4th September onwards, our school kitchen is going to preparing a packed lunch for those pupils who wish, or are entitled to, a school lunch on a Friday. This lunch will be brought home to enjoy at home. Having a packed lunch on a Friday will allow us to maximise the time for learning on a Friday and is in line with many schools in Midlothian. All P1 and P2 pupils will be given a packed lunch (unless otherwise requested) and P3-7 pupils will have the opportunity to sign up for lunches each term. A letter with more information is attached to this newsletter.



Communication

We are currently developing our school website. We have a Twitter account and you can follow us @woodburnps Twitter is an excellent way to share the learning that is taking place at Woodburn Primary School. You can also see our Twitter feed on our school website <http://woodburn.mgfl.net/>



Settling In Phase

It is a period of time to quite literally settle our learners back into school life - talking about high expectations of work and behaving in a respectful and responsible way at all times.

We have been creating class charters through lots of engaging activities. Those of you who already follow us on Twitter will have seen some examples. Our charters will be shared with you as each class teacher is creating a class booklet which will be sent home in the next fortnight. Here you will find information about each class charter as well as weekly routines and key planned learning for the year ahead. We hope that you find this information helpful in working with us to ensure high quality learning experiences for every pupil.



Scooters and Bikes

Please help us to continue to ensure our school playground is a safe and happy place for everyone. Scooters and bikes should not be ridden by children in the school grounds at any time.



Drumming

Four classes are going to be taking part in African drumming workshops over the next few months. P2S, P3B, P4E and P5P will be creating rhythms and songs to perform to the school which will promote the UNICEF Rights of the Child.



Golden Time

As part of our whole school 'Good to be Green' positive behaviour program, pupils have the opportunity to earn a maximum of 30 minutes Golden Time each week. This will take place on a Friday.

We kindly ask that pupils do not bring any toys, electrical devices etc, in to play with during this time as class teachers plan high interest activities with their classes each week.



Parent Council AGM

The Parent Council are holding their AGM on Thursday 3rd September at 6.45pm in the Expressive Arts Room. Please come along and support our school.