



# WOODBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## Head Teacher's Corner

Welcome back to a new year and a new term. I can hardly believe that it is the end of February already!

We are delighted to welcome a number of new families to our school and we hope that you have been given a warm Woodburn welcome and are feeling settled into school life with us.

We are very excited at the opening of the new Woodburn Family Learning Centre. We hope that this will further strengthen partnership with parents and the wider community.

This term we will be working with Parents to develop a Parent Charter for the School. This will support the work that we are doing with our children to continue to foster a positive school ethos and improve behaviour. Look out for further information on this from the Parent Council. All Parent and Carer contributions will be greatly received.

The weather has been very unkind to us in recent weeks. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat at all times and suitably dressed for the weather. In the event of bad weather, we will open the school doors at **8.40am** to let children come into school early. However, we would ask that you send your child to school as close to the bell as possible on these days.

## Right Foot Forwards

At the start of term all of our pupils (and staff) thought of a next step within an aspect of their learning. They have been displayed around our school and we have enjoyed reading the aims and aspirations of others.



## P6 Burns Supper

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, P6 enjoyed taking part in a traditional Burns Supper. They were joined by lots of family and friends who enjoyed listening to poems, songs and speeches along with some dancing. A big thank you to Mr Andrew Sharp who piped the classes to their tables.



## Head Lice

Please remember that head lice are highly infectious. We have had a number of reported cases in our school recently. We kindly ask you to regularly check for, and if necessary treat, head lice. Thank you.

## Learning Skills

Over recent months we have been learning about 8 Woodburn Learning Skills which can help us to learn skills to support our learning in school, life and for work. To help the pupils remember them we have created characters - Creative Chameleon, Determination Dragonfly, Concentration Cuckoo, Have-a-go Hedgehog, Investigation Iguana, Motivation Monkey, Perseverance Python and Teamwork Tarantula. We are planning to create a Visible Learning leaflet for parents and carers.

## Important Diary Dates



### Woodburn Family

**Learning Centre Opened:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The official opening will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**World Book Day:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

In addition to lots of fun reading activities, we are inviting everyone to dress up as a character from your favourite book on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**Parent Council P3 - 6 Disco:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Earth Hour:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March

*We will be learning about Earth Hour in assembly and having our own Earth Hour in school on Friday. Will you take the pledge and turn off your lights from 8.30-9.30pm?*

**Parents Evenings:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Easter Holiday:** School closes at 3.25pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March and reopens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April.



**May Day Bank Holiday:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Victoria Day/Staff In-service:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Parent Council Summer Fair:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 11am - 1pm

## Pupil Council

The Pupil Council have had a busy start to the New Year... We have been discussing ways to make it easier for pupils across the school to have their say and have decided to put suggestion boxes in every atrium and in the Nursery. We have also been thinking about contributions to our school website and will be working on this soon. This week, in consultation with Miss Ramage, we have been working on a survey which will suggest activities and facilities that children across the school would like to see in their community. The children were also very pleased to receive their shiny new badges!

Miss Bertram, Mrs Chada and Mrs Pratt would like to thank the children involved for their enthusiasm (and for giving up part of their lunchtime every fortnight!)

## Wanted: Parent Helpers

We are looking for parents who have had fun reading with their own children and who would be willing to give up a little of their time each week to support some of our younger pupils learning to read. Mrs Danial, SFL teacher will provide simple training and advice and tea and coffee of course! If you are interested and able to commit to an hour or two each week please contact the school office. We would be really grateful for your support.

## Twitter



Follow us @woodburnps to see daily updates from us. You can also see our Twitter feed and newsletters on the school website [woodburn.mgfl.net](http://woodburn.mgfl.net). Look out for class updates coming soon!