

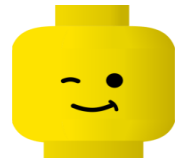
# Woodburn News



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## Lego Appeal

We are still collecting Lego so if you have any that you are no longer using we would welcome any donations to school. Thank you to our Parent Council who have been successful in seeking a donation from Tesco.



## Safe Travel to School



Due to ongoing concerns raised by parents/carers and members of our local community, there was a meeting last week to discuss safe travel to school. The meeting included school staff, members of the Parent Council, Gillian Bathgate (School Travel Co-ordinator), and Councillor Margot Russell. Members of the group fed in views gathered from parents/carers and the local community. The meeting allowed an opportunity to share concerns and to plan next steps. The minutes of the meeting will be available on the school website from next week.

A reminder - In order to help ensure the safety of our children please use Park and Stride designated places at Sainsburys and Cowden Pavillion and **do not drop-off or pick up within the Thornybank Estate.**

As an action from the meeting we have requested that the gate at the entrance to school is adjusted to allow families to enter and exit more safely. Please bear with us while this work is costed and carried out, it is appreciated how much more congested this is now that the time of the school day has been extended for our Primary 1 and 2 children.



We would welcome any parent/carer volunteers in school and are happy to support this by paying for an adult helper PVG check. If you think you have time, knowledge and skills to share please get in touch with the school.

- Cooking
- Adult reading buddy
- Librarian support
- Gardening
- Careers

## Parent Council

We are all looking forward to this Friday's MONSTER MASH which is being organised and planned by our Parent Council.

Through the school year the Parent Council contribute to and support many areas of school life. They also have a key part to play in fundraising. Each fundraising event takes an enormous amount of planning and we really appreciate members' hard work and commitment.

This year the Parent Council have decided to plan the year slightly differently and although there will not be a Christmas Fair, the following events are already in the planning stages:

*P1/2 Event, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November*

*P7 Christmas Party, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December*

*Family Scots / Burns Night, January (date to be confirmed)*

The next Parent Council Meeting is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 6.45pm, all welcome.

## Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Children in Need this year is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Anything SPOTACULAR goes, dress it up or dress it down! All donations including now out of circulation 'round pounds' welcomed.



## Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a 'Nut Free School'. We have children in school who have a severe allergy to nuts. It is extremely important that children do not have nuts as a snack or within their lunch box, this includes nut based spread. Thank you for your support.



### **Staffing Update**

We are delighted to inform you that we have been successful in appointing three permanent members of staff to our teaching team this week, Miss Hutchison who is currently on a fixed term contract in P1S and two others who will take responsibility for P3C and P4B. The two successful candidates are from outwith Midlothian and we are therefore waiting to confirm a start date. It is Mr Buddingh's last day on Friday, we wish him the very best of luck in the future. In the interim Mrs Gallagher and Miss Reid will teach P3C.

### **Woodburn Woods**

You may have noticed that a section of fence leading into the wooded area next to our school has been removed. This is to begin to open up this area as a community wooded area for recreation and learning. We are beginning to link with Woodburn Early Learning Centre to utilise this space and several members of our school staff are due to take part in their Forest Schools training.

We also need to work with the campus High Schools to ensure safe, sensible use of the woods and develop ownership of this area which includes a reduction in littering.

In the interim it is important that our children enjoy using this space but we have encouraged them to ensure they are safe and are not spending time in the woods when they should be coming into school or going home.

### **Remembrance Day**

Poppies will be on sale in school week.



### **Calendar Dates**

We aim to update you regularly on key dates for nursery and school events however, please find listed below some key dates for your annual calendar.

## Key Calendar Dates

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Whole School Shared Learning (9.00am-9.30am)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Parent Council 6.45pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	P1/2 Event
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Lights Switch On
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Nativity (Rehearsal)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 (X2 AM performances, info out soon)	Nativity (P1 Parents/Carers)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Panto In School (2 performances)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	P7 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Parent Council 6.45pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Whole School Shared Learning
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Parent Council 6.45pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Whole School Shared Learning
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Parent Council 6.45pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Whole School Shared Learning
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	School Sports
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	School Sports (Reserve)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Nursery Sports
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	Nursery Sports (Reserve)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Whole School Shared Learning
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Parent Council 6.45pm

### **Sharing our Learning Journey**

If you wish to keep up-to-date with school information and events please keep an eye on our twitter @woodburnps and the school website, <http://woodburn.mgfl.net/>.

The Word is Out at Woodburn Primary School!

If you have something that you think may be relevant information for our school community please let me know and we can add this in to our Newsletters.

*Look out for our next Woodburn Newsletter which will tell you all about the visitors from Sweden we have hosted in school this week.*

