



Dear Parent

# WOODHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Once again we have a busy term ahead and have planned some exciting opportunities for our children to enhance their learning. We met our new families as they registered their children for school next session. If you know anyone who has a child due to start school in August, but who has not yet registered, please remind them to come along and register as soon as possible. Thank you. Please find included with this newsletter a leaflet from the National Parent Forum of Scotland providing an introduction to career education.



## Burns' Day

On Monday 25 January, as part of our Burns' day celebrations this year, the children will attend a mini Burns' Supper in school. They will have the chance to taste some haggis, tatties and neeps (a very small taster dish) and we will be learning some Scottish poetry and songs. **Please let us know if your child has any particular allergies which would mean that they couldn't sample the food.**

We are asking everyone to wear something tartan on 25 January - this can be a tartan ribbon or tie, or a small piece of fabric pinned at the shoulder to make a sash.

All the children will also be asked to learn a Scots poem over the next few weeks as part of their literacy learning and we will have a Burns Competition in school. The winners will then perform in a Scottish themed concert later in February. More information about this will follow.



The Clothes Bin at Guy's Pub raised £52 and £60 recently. A very big thank you to all who have used this facility to help raise funds.

There will be a Valentine's Disco on Thursday 11 February. P1-3 6.15 - 7.15pm and P4-7 7.30 - 8.45 pm. Tickets will cost £2.50 (including tuck) and can be purchased at the school office from 1 February 2016.

**Congratulations** to our Athletics Team who came **FIRST** in the recent Sports Hall Athletics Championships for Hamilton District. The winning shield will take pride of place in our display cabinet for another year, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the team which is coached by Mrs Murray and Mrs Houston. Well done everyone!



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## WOODHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new website is now up and running (although not quite finalised yet). If you would like a preview log on to [www.woodhead-primary.org.uk](http://www.woodhead-primary.org.uk)

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### CHINESE CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

Once again we have the benefit of a Chinese Language Assistant this term. Jou Jai will be working with our senior classes to teach them about Chinese culture and language.

### Holocaust Memorial Event

Our Choir have been invited to perform at South Lanarkshire's Holocaust Memorial Event on Tuesday 26 January 2016 at 7.00 pm in Hamilton Grammar.

THIS MONTH'S LUCKY NUMBER WAS NUMBER 13.

THERE WILL BE A PARENT COUNCIL MEETING ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2016 AT 6.45 PM IN WOODHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL.



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## Keeping our Children Safe

We have been looking at the movement of traffic through our Car Park at the beginning and end of our school day. Our car park is becoming very congested, particularly between 2.45 - 3.00 pm each day and we have growing concerns about irresponsible driver behaviour which puts our children at risk. We have invited the Police to come and help us with this issue and they will also be meeting with our JRSOs and our Health and Safety Committees. You can help keep your children safe by:

- Walking with your child to and from school if you can;
- Parking only in the designated spaces;
- Keeping entry and exits clear;
- Using the pedestrian gate.

Please do not:

- Walk out through the vehicle gates with your child - other children might copy this;
- Take or ask your child to go between parked vehicles to reach your car;
- Park at the entrance or exit of the car park - this obstructs the flow of traffic and slows everything up;
- Park along the grass verge adjacent to the parking bays.

Thank you all for your co-operation with this. We realise that many of you have younger children with you and understand why you want to park close to the school gates. However, cars and children are not a good combination and we want to make our car park as safe as we possibly can for the children.

## Dates for Your Diary

In Service Day	Friday 5 February 2016
February break	Monday 8 February 2016 - Tuesday 9 February 2016
Easter Holiday Weekend	Friday 25 March 2016 - Monday 28 March 2016
Early Closure at 2.30 pm	Friday 1 April 2016
Spring break	Monday 4 April 2016 - Friday 15 April 2016
May Day	Monday 2 May 2016
In-Service Day	Thursday 5 May 2016
May Holiday Weekend	Friday 27 May 2016 - Monday 30 May 2016
Early Closure at 1.00 pm for Summer Break	Friday 24 June 2016

A FULL LIST OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CAN BE FOUND ON SOUTH LANARKSHIRE  
COUNCIL'S WEBSITE [www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk)

**If your child is absent from school please remember to telephone the school office in the morning to report the absence. Thank You.**