



Dear Parent

# WOODHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



**NEWLY ELECTED PUPIL COUNCIL AND SCHOOL CAPTAINS** Congratulations to the following pupils who were elected by their peers as this years' Pupil Council: *Megan Bridgeford, Matthew Brogan, Abbie Inglis, Charlotte Manning, Ellie Paton, Eva Frew, Abby Paterson and Laura McInnes.* We look forward to working with them and hearing their views on how to make Woodhead better. Our newly chosen School Captains are as follows: School Captains: *Ross Bremner* and *Morven McLellan.* Vice Captains: *David Brogan* and *Rebecca Hardy.* Well done children—we know you will take your responsibilities very seriously and carry them out with pride. Two of our local Councillors will attend our Harvest Assembly/ Pupil Council Opening on 14th October to present our Pupil Council with their badges of office.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** Thank you to everyone who contributed to our MacMillan Coffee Morning by baking, helping out on the day, coming along to enjoy coffee and cake and donating generously to the event. I'm sure you will agree that it was a huge success and we are pleased to report that we matched our £1,000 donation of last year. Well done everyone. This is a very practical way of showing our children that we can all play our part and make a difference in the lives of others. A special mention is made to **Borders Biscuits** for their kind donation of a huge box of individually wrapped biscuits.

**CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS:** Your child will once again be given the chance of designing their very own Christmas Card in school before 24th October. These will be sent home to see if you wish to order them for your Christmas cards this year. Orders (with payment) should be returned to school **no later than 28th October** so that they can be back from the print room in time for December and the Christmas Post.



### LITERACY OPEN AFTERNOON

Thank you all for the very positive feedback you gave us on our recent open afternoon. We are delighted that you found it worthwhile and we hope that you find the literacy pack we sent home with your child helpful. If you didn't receive one please get in touch with us and we will provide one for you. We hope that this will help you to support your child in developing their literacy skills at home and when doing homework tasks.



## WOODHEAD PTA FUNDRAISER

Primary 1 to 3  
6.15—7.15 pm  
Primary 4 to 7  
7.30—8.45 pm

**Halloween Disco**  
Wednesday 26th  
October 2016

Tickets Cost:  
£2.50  
This price  
includes tuck.  
Hot Dogs also on  
sale for £1.00

Remember no toy guns, swords or other pretend weapons are allowed as they can sometimes accidentally hurt others, particularly when there are so many excited children in the one area!

The theme for the P1-3 disco is: **Film characters**...that should give you plenty of choice. Please don't send your child in scary masks dripping pretend blood - this terrifies our younger children and we would have to ask the children to remove them.

Our P4-7 children **can choose** to wear whatever they like but remember - we look for originality rather than expensive outfits.

**HARVEST ASSEMBLY** Our Harvest Assembly will take place on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** and this year we are asking every child to bring something to our harvest table to provide food for the homeless in our community. Suggested non-perishable items might be: Tea bags/ Coffee/Sugar/Tinned Goods/Toiletries etc. We will begin collecting from Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October and items will be donated to the Hamilton Drop in Centre. Please just check that items are still in date .



P.T.O.



**HEAD LICE** can be a problem in all school communities from time to time and, in order to minimise the risk of head lice, we would ask you to check your child's hair regularly. This can be easily and swiftly treated and the local chemist will provide you with advice and the best treatment free of charge at the Minor Ailments counter. Once you have treated your child's head, if you want to make sure that they are completely clear, you can request that the school nurse does an additional check when she is next in school.



**LOST PROPERTY** We have had a number of occasions where jackets /jumpers have been lost recently. Please make sure all items of your child's clothing are clearly marked with their name so that they can be returned if they are misplaced. Thank you.

**BAGS TO SCHOOL** The clothing bin at Guys brings in a very good revenue to the school and we are grateful to Guys for allowing it to be placed in their car park. To date it has raised in excess of £1,000. Please continue to use it when you are getting rid of old clothing. We have also arranged for a school collection on the morning of Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. If you are having a clear out during the holiday week, bag it and bring it in to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - a good incentive to get rid of unwanted clothing and benefit your children in school at the same time!

**PARENT COUNCIL** - We are looking for new members for our Parent Council as quite a few of our families who supported us over the years no longer have children in Primary school. The Parent Council usually meets twice per term and is involved in current issues which may affect the school. We also consult on and share our Improvement Agenda with the Parent Council. If you are interested in joining us please contact the school office and we can speak further with you. **PTA** - We also have a thriving PTA and we are always looking for new ideas and support for our fundraising ventures. If you would like to come along please contact us for more information. You are all most welcome to attend either or both of these groups as we all work together for the good of the children in Woodhead.



**PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE - FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER**  
6.30PM—8.30PM  
(More information to follow)



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October Break	Monday 17 October until Friday 21 October 2016
In-Service Day	Monday 21 November 2016
Early Closure 2.30pm	Thursday 22 December 2016
Christmas/New Year Holidays	Friday 23 December until Friday 6 January 2017 Schools re-open Monday 9 January 2017
February break	Monday 13 February and Tuesday 14 February 2017
In-Service Day	Wednesday 15 February 2017
Early closure 2.30pm	Friday 31 March 2017
Spring Break/Easter Holiday	Monday 3 April 2017 until Monday 17 April 2017 Schools re-open Tuesday 18 April 2017
May Day	Monday 1 May 2017
In-service Day	Thursday 4 May 2017
Local Holiday	Friday 26 May and Monday 29 May 2017
Early Closure 1.00pm Summer Holidays	Tuesday 27 June 2017 Wednesday 28 June 2017