



Dear Parent

WOODHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



It's hard to believe that Christmas is only 5 weeks away and once again we are preparing for this very busy and exciting time in school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during this busy time—it is very much appreciated. Can I remind you all that there is an In-Service Day on Monday so you can enjoy a long lie in in this wintry weather.



Congratulations to Skye Wallace P6 who won overall 3rd place in the Group 3 Category of the recent South Lanarkshire Council Road Safety Calendar Competition. Well done Skye—a great achievement. Skye will receive a cheque for her winning entry.



WOODHEAD PTA FUNDRAISER



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Tickets Cost:

Adult £2.50

Child £1.00

(These prices include refreshments)



There will be a variety of stalls and activities for the whole family, including the chance to visit Santa!

Start your Christmas shopping early and support your school at

FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER FROM 6.30—8.30 PM

This event is one of the main PTA fundraisers of the year and we would really value your support. There will be a variety of stalls including:- *Forever Living Products; Hobby Hut Crafts; Jewellery; Canvas Bags; Home knits; Tombola; Home Baking; Raffles* and many more. We are looking for donations for the Home Baking, Raffle and Tombola stalls and these can be handed in to the school office. If you would like to volunteer to help out at the event, please call and we will put you in touch with the Chairperson of the PTA. Our choir will be performing at the event to get you into the Christmas spirit, so please come along and enjoy a family night out.

The recent **PTA Rag Bag** collection raised the sum of £137. A big thank you to all who donated their unwanted items for this fundraiser. Can we remind parents that there is a Woodhead Clothes Bank situated at Guys Pub car park which can be used to all year round to help raise funds. Thanks to Guys for hosting this for us. Every little helps to raise funds and we are grateful for your support.

THE HOPSCOTCH THEATRE COMPANY

will visit us on

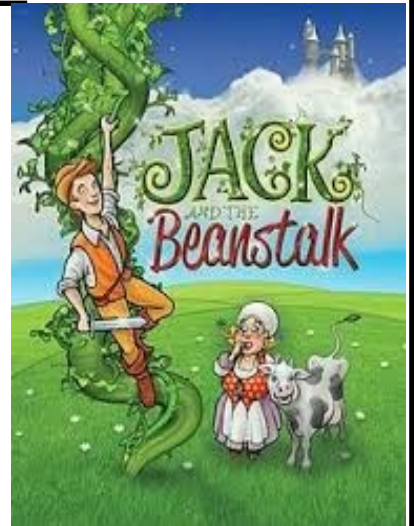
THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

and will perform the pantomime

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

for the whole school.

Once again we would like to thank the PTA for funding the cost of this production and for providing each child with a small snack and drink on the day.



Our Primary One **Nativity** will take place on **Thursday 15 December and Friday 16 December at 10.00 am.** The production is called '**A Miracle in Town**' and Primary One parents will receive an order slip for tickets with more details shortly.



REMINDER—FLU IMMUNISATION DATE FOR P1—P7
FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2016



P.T.O.



It's Party Time: On the day of your child's Christmas party, if they can be collected by an adult at the office, they can go home early and change into their finery at 12.00 noon. However, if they cannot be collected by an adult, they can leave for a home lunch at 12.30 pm. Alternatively, they can bring their party clothes in to school so that they can change after lunch. All parties will take place in the afternoon and children can be collected at their normal finishing time. See dates below:

Primary 1 Wednesday 21 December Primary 2 Tuesday 20 December Primary 3 Friday 16 December
 Primary 4 Tuesday 13 December Primary 5 Monday 12 December Primary 6 Thursday 15 December
 Primary 7 Monday 19 December

WOODHEAD CHOIR On Monday our choir went to STV studios to record a few Christmas pieces for a programme to be shown on Christmas Day around 3pm. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we look forward to seeing them on TV. The programme will be broadcast on Freeview Channel 8 (STV Glasgow), Sky Channel 117 and Virgin Channel 159. Well done children— you sang beautifully. Last Saturday they performed at the Hilton Hotel Glasgow for the 'My Aware' charity helping to raise much needed funds for this cause. On Saturday 26 November they will sing in Hamilton Newcross Centre for the switching on of the Nativity Lights at 2.30—3.00 pm. The choir have been invited as guests to take part in the South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society's Christmas Concert in the Hamilton Town House on Monday 28 November. We have been offered a number of concessionary tickets priced at £5.00 which can be ordered in school for collection and payment at the Box Office on the evening. They will also be singing in Princes Square, Glasgow on Tuesday 20 December between 11.00—12.00 noon in aid of Quarriers Homes. We are very proud of our choir and we are sure that they will bring some festive cheer to all these events.



FOOTBALL Our football team took part in the Andrew Edwards Shield competition and made it through to the final. We finished in 2nd place and are proud of their achievements.

Our **NETBALL** and **ATHLETICS** team have been enjoying representing us and participating in local events too. Well done to all our teams and coaches.



OUR WOODHEAD PTA JOKE BOOK IS NOW ON SALE AT £2.00.
 PLEASE SUPPORT THE PTA'S EFFORTS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
 SCHOOL AND HAVE A GOOD LAUGH AT THE SAME TIME!



This term, our pupils will benefit from some new initiatives which aim to target literacy skills. Our Primary 1 pupils will receive their 'Book Bug' Family bag. Primary 2 and Primary 3 pupils will be getting a new 'Read, Write, Count' bag with lots of fun activities to do at home. Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 pupils will begin their literacy journeys with their 'First Minister's Reading Challenge' passports. More information on these initiatives to follow.



STAFF NEWS - Congratulations to Mrs Roe who had a baby boy last week. Mum and baby are both doing well. Welcome to Mr Whitelock has joined our staff to cover Mrs Roe's maternity leave.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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