

Woodhouse Primary School

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Assessments

Over the next few weeks, pupils will be taking part in a range of assessment activities to enable teachers to identify their next steps in learning. Please note that for 2021, statutory national curriculum assessments including the Year 1 phonics check and end of key stage SATs for Year 2 and Year 6 have been cancelled by the government.



Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March

To celebrate Red Nose Day, the children are invited to come to school dressed in something red or non-uniform. A suggested donation of £1 can be handed in to their class teacher. We will be encouraging the children to 'Share a Smile' so a red nose will be sent home for each child to write their favourite joke to be shared with their friends.



English At Woodhouse

Excitingly, this week saw the start of our *logo competition* for the Fifty Book Challenge. The winning logo will be digitized then used throughout school on display boards, in book corners and on the cover of every one of the hundreds of new books we have just bought for classrooms. We are looking forward to having lots of colourful, careful designs that sum up the challenge and can be used as our official logo that will be seen by thousands of people every year! Entries can be handed in to class teachers or sent to Mr Freeman's Purple Mash email account but don't be late; the final day date is 22nd March. The winning entry, which will be decided the following week, will earn the artist a mouth-watering prize and will be announced shortly. Happy creating!



School Uniform

Uniform is ordered with our supplier towards the end of each half term. Orders processed will then be forwarded to your child when the delivery arrives. Please place the order online via Parent Pay by **9.00am Thursday 25 March**. Thank you.



Head Lice

We have had reports of head lice in KS2. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat as necessary. Your local chemist can help with the most appropriate treatment.



Year 6 Leavers Party / Hoodies

This is being organised by parents of Year 6 pupils and will take place on Saturday 17th July. Further details can be obtained by contacting Siobhan Smith at scsmith114@outlook.com

Leavers' hoodies will also be available to purchase via Helen Gleeson. Please contact her on helengleeson77@gmail.com or text 07818 847622 for more info on the sizes, colours, and cost. Orders need to be placed by 29th April.



Easter Holiday Club

The Brighthouse and Rastrick Community are running a Virtual Easter Holiday Club from Mon 5 April – Wed 7 Apr. The club has daily activities for children to enjoy with the family. The cost is £3.00 per child which includes a goodie bag.

To register your interest please email: apchildfamily@brighthousecmc.org or contact Jodi on 07717 755763



*****Classroom News*****

YR, Y1 and Y2 – Please see separate class newsletters.

Y3 - This week in English, we have been using features of non-fiction books to research individual dinosaurs alongside completing reading and spelling assessments. In Maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge and use of the Year 3 written methods and have completed arithmetic and reasoning assessments. As part of our new dinosaur topic, we learnt about the Jurassic, Triassic and Cretaceous periods and have been listening and responding to John Williams' Main Theme from the film 'Jurassic Park'.

Y4 - In English, we received a ransom note from a Native American chief telling us that he had Pocahontas and our golden arrow held captive. We have been using speech and character reaction in our writing to continue the story! In Science, we have been investigating animal teeth. In CCL, we have been thinking about the reasons why the Romans invaded Britain.

Y5 - We have started our 'Mission to Mars' CCL unit. We have been learning about our solar system and enjoying ourselves creating mnemonics to help us remember the order of the planets. Alongside our space unit, we have been reading Oliver Twist and discussing the reasons for and against 'Fagin deceiving the boys into a life of crime'.

Y6 - We have continued our work on Street Child by writing a persuasive speech trying to persuade Mr Spink to let the Jarvis family stay in their house and then persuading Rosie the cook to let Lizzie leave the big house to go after Ma and Jim. We are now very good at using flattery to help us persuade people! In Maths, we have continued to find the area of compound shapes and in our CCL lessons we have studied local maps alongside the 1891 census to find out about our local area in the past.

Yours sincerely

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