

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I trust that you all had a good summer. The pupils looked very smart in their uniforms today. I hope that they were all eager to return to school!

New Staff

We welcome two new teachers to Woodcroft. Miss Vermeer joins us in year 1 and Mr Patel will be taking a year 4 class. We also welcome a number of new teaching assistants: Miss Jackson will support 1V, Miss Thomas will be helping 2L, and Miss Mehta and Miss Rageb join 4B.

Totteridge Maths Success

Well done to our school maths team who took part in the annual Totteridge Y5 Maths Festival at the end of the summer term. Priththika, Alex, Aaliyah, Shabnam, Mya, Bobby, Jamie, Paul, Zak, Mustaf, all now in Y6, were victorious in a close competition against teams from other local schools. In a tense final round Woodcroft were the only school to solve a difficult maths puzzle which took them to the top of the leaderboard. They each won a cinema voucher as reward for their success.

Woodcroft Receives Healthy School Bronze Award

In July 2014 Woodcroft received the Healthy Schools London Bronze Award. This is a new award programme that supports London schools to provide an environment and culture that helps pupils grow up to be healthy individuals. Sponsored by the Mayor of London, the programme recognises and celebrates schools that are making a real difference for their pupils. Well done to Mrs Valoti for coordinating Woodcroft's application.

Universal Free School Meals for ALL Infant Pupils

All pupils from Reception to Year 2 can now receive a free school meal. This is automatic unless you tell us otherwise. Parents who wish for their child to continue to bring in a home packed lunch are welcome to still do this. Please complete the form on the back of this newsletter to indicate your preference. It is important to be aware that the school will require two weeks notice if children wish to change from bringing their own packed lunch to receiving a free school meal. This is needed to allow the kitchen time to process the correct numbers for food orders.

New Woodcroft Kitchen

Our new school kitchen is progressing well and Barnet Catering expect it to be completed ready for hot meals to begin again next week. Until then we will continue with the same sandwich service that we were offering at the end of the summer term.

Attendance & Punctuality Matters

Attendance at Woodcroft was better than ever last year. We achieved our whole school target of 96%! We aim for attendance to be better this year. It is expected that every child attends school on time every day!

Can I remind parents and carers that holidays in school time cannot be authorised.

Please be punctual every day and arrive in good time for pupils to enter class at 8.45. It is very disruptive for your child and their class when pupils arrive late.



Together Towards Success

Diary Dates

A full list of diary dates for the term will be published on Friday. However, I would like to give you advance notice of some important dates for next week.

Year Group Curriculum Evenings

Every year group will be hosting a curriculum evening next week. The meetings will last around 1/2 hour with additional time for parent questions. Each year group will be meeting at a different time to enable parents with children in more than one class the opportunity to attend every meeting if required.

These evenings are in response to parental feedback requesting the opportunity to meet teachers find out about key information at the start of the year. It is not a meeting to discuss individual children. Topics that will be covered include; the new curriculum, how to help your child, homework, timetables and expectations.

This meeting does not replace your individual parental consultation meeting that will still take place later this term in October.

<u>Year Group Curriculum Evenings Schedule</u>	
Monday September 15th	4.00pm Y1
	5.00pm Y2
Tuesday September 16th	4.00pm Y3
	5.00pm Y4
Wednesday September 17th	4.00pm Y5
	5.00pm Y6

Universal Free School Meal Opt Out Form For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers

ALL infant pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are now eligible for a free meal at lunchtime. Parents can opt out of this offer at any point and choose to provide their own packed lunch for their child.

Please indicate on the slip below if you intend to provide your child with a packed lunch from home. Please be aware that two weeks notice needs to be given if you wish to subsequently opt back into this service as we need to provide accurate numbers to the catering service for funding and food orders.

Please return the slip by Friday 12th September to indicate that you wish to provide your own packed lunches. Thank you

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Child's name.....

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Class.....

I would like to **opt out** of the free school meal service and I will be sending my child to school with a packed lunch from home.

I understand that I will need to give 2 weeks notice if I wish my child to re-join the free school meal service.

Parents signature

Date.....

(Please return to the school office by Friday 12th September)