



Together Towards Success



Ofsted Report Published

Woodcroft is a GOOD school - It's Official!

We have the pleasure of informing parents that Ofsted have notified the school of the outcomes of their recent inspection. We are extremely pleased to report that Woodcroft has been officially graded a **GOOD** school. A Copy of the report has been distributed to parents along with this Newsletter, and summary of highlights will be published after the Christmas holiday.

The report confirms what a fantastic school Woodcroft is. We all should be proud of the progress and achievement of everyone! Congratulations to all of the pupils, staff and governors.

One Goodbye and One Au revoir

We will be saying farewell to two members of staff at the end of term. **Mr McIntosh (Y5)** will be leaving Woodcroft to return to his home country of New Zealand, and **Miss Ana Tolone (Nursery)** will be taking a one year sabbatical to return to Argentina for family reasons. Miss Tolone is planning to return to Woodcroft in January 2016. During her absence, Miss Turner (a qualified Nursery Nurse and currently working at Woodcroft as a SEN TA) will be covering her duties. I would like to thank both Mr McIntosh and Miss Tolone for their commitment to Woodcroft and wish them well for the future.

Christmas Fair Success

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Christmas Fair and table top sale on Friday. **Friends of Woodcroft** raised over £200! Well done to the committee and other helpers.

School Council also raised **£53.21** for 'Children in Need'. Callum 4N, Grace 5V, Aidan 5M, Noor 6B and Aaliyah 6G would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us and making our first Table-Top sale such a success.

J Rock Club raised **£115.80!** Mrs Clark, Ms Vanner and Mrs Hurley appreciated all of the gifts donated by staff and parents. Special thanks to Mrs Burton for all of the home baked cakes she made.

Reception Class Applications for 2015

Children born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 are due to start reception class in September 2015.

These will generally be children currently in Nursery. Applications are now open and the closing date is 15th January 2015. Visit our school website page for more information.

ESOL English Course - Registration Closes on Friday
Register your interest by Friday if you would like to take part in Woodcroft's FREE English course next term

Remember... School closes at 2.00pm tomorrow! Have a lovely break and we will see you the 6th January.

Attendance Awards: for week beginning 8th December

- ★ KS1 Class of the week: **2L (99.3%)** - Good Attendance!
- ★ KS2 Class of the week: **3S (97.3%)** - Excellent!
- ➔ **Whole school attendance remains at 95%** ⬅ (this is still below our target)
- ☹ *We must be punctual, 75 late tickets were issued last week.* ☹

Esafty News

Are you worried about what your child is doing online? Do you feel like you can't watch your child every minute when they're using computers, tablets or smart phones? We take online safety very seriously at Woodcroft, so why not test you and your child's web wisdom by asking these questions:

1. Where is it acceptable to use a portable device? Bedroom? School?
2. Who should you talk to if you feel uncomfortable about something you've seen online?
3. How do you keep passwords safe?
4. What personal information is it appropriate to share online?
5. How do you report cyber-bullying?
6. Do you **really** know who you're talking to online?

Be Vigilant: We have had to deal with a small number of issues involving Woodcroft pupils who are having unsupervised access to the Internet at home. The problems occur when they use online social networks that are NOT part of Woodcroft's services.

Log on through Woodcroft's Portal and enjoy a safer internet

We know that online safety can be a big worry, so we've tried to make an online service you can allow your child to use the internet safely. Log on through Woodcroft's online service and enjoy:

- Leading online security provided by Google
- Filtered email - emails are monitored, those containing bad language never reach their destination
- No Ads - there's no advertising on our services which means you don't have to worry about inappropriate pop-ups!
- Woodcroft only - your child cannot communicate with anyone outside of Woodcroft.

As our online portal is Woodcroft only, it means that you don't need to worry about the **real** identity of your child's online friends. It's also packed with high quality learning aids which can help your child to continue learning outside the classroom.

Online Learning @Woodcroft

Why not logon with your child at home over the Christmas break and investigate the following learning tools?

The Treehouse



This is our Woodcroft only version of the internet. Every child can create a page and you can even comment on those created by others! It's really easy to add videos, or upload pictures to share with the rest of Woodcroft.

Gmail



What better way to get your child writing by emailing their classmates? If your child is logged into their Woodcroft account they can only email other Woodcroft pupils.

Drive



There's a great range of free tools to help your child get digitally creative. Why not try to create a Drawing or a slideshow about your child's favourite topic. When they're done, just insert it straight into the Treehouse to share it with the Woodcroft online community.



Use the 'Apps' button and look for these other great learning resources:



Education City: You'll need to login with your child's usual login, and the password '**realpass**' to begin to enjoy Education City. There's a whole host of curriculum linked resources to help support your child's learning. Why not logon together with your child and enjoy the bright and colourful games and activities.



Khan Academy: A more grown up approach to learning Maths and Computer programming. Win **BIG** points and race against your classmates whilst brushing up your knowledge. Khan Academy can even teach you to create digital animations.



Seasons Greetings

Mr Tallon and Mr Russell would like to thank everyone for their kind gifts and cards.

Have a great Christmas break and a fantastic New Year!



Wishing all our children and families a very special Christmas and New Year

From Mrs Cullen, Mrs Hurley and all the support staff



Have a nice Christmas to all my friends.

To Ella, Candice, Alexis, Chanel, Sofia, Shanice, Aaliyah and Aimee.

From Chelsea ♥

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for the support given to Woodcroft and to wish you a fun-filled Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

**Liz Court
Chair of Governors**

Wishing you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Pat and Patrick
(Caretakers)*

TO ALL OF THE FAMILIES AND STAFF AT WOODCROFT

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF

BRIDGET, SUE & SARAH

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The Friends of Woodcroft Committee would like to thank all the parents and staff who have helped with our Christmas events!

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Donna, Karen, Mandy and Sharon

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Have a happy, festive holiday and a wonderful New Year from Year 5!



To all the families in Year One, wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from

The Year One Team



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Seasons Greetings



**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

from

**Mrs Langdon, Mrs Hatch
Mrs Fulcher & Mrs Sharpe**

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We hope you have a fun and relaxing Christmas holiday. Make sure you don't eat too many mince pies and remember to leave a carrot out for Rudolph! See you in January!

From Ms Charalambous and Miss Stubbings and the Year 3 Team



Year 4 would like to wish you a lovely holiday and a very happy new year!

See you in 2015.

**Have a wonderful
Christmas everyone.**

**From
Priththika**

*Merry Christmas
and a very Happy
New Year from all
the staff in Year 6*

**Year 2 wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a
very happy 2015.**

**From Miss Lloyd, Miss
Maynard, Miss Mercer,
Mrs Smith, Miss Thomas
and Miss DeFoe**

*Have a very Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year from all of
the Mealtime Supervisors.*

From all the

Meal Time Supervisors xxx



**The Reception Class
Team wish everyone
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy and
Peaceful New Year.**

**SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM THE NURSERY
TEAM. WISHING EVERY-
ONE A VERY HAPPY 2015.
MAY IT BE FILLED WITH
FUN AND LAUGHTER**

**I would like to wish all
parents /carers, staff and
pupils of Woodcroft
a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

**From Mrs Clark
Learning Mentor**

