



Together Towards Success

New on the website

Lots to look out for on the website. Recent additions include:

- Autumn Music Concerts

Forthcoming Events

- 7th Y2 Christmas Show to families at 9.30am
- 9th Y1 Christmas Show to families at 9.30am
- 9th Charity Cake Sale - Motor Neurone Disease at 3.15pm
- 11th Y6 WWII Event in the Oak Suite and Tardis from 9.15am - families invited
- 13th Reception & Nursery PM Show at 2.15pm to families
- 14th Reception & Nursery AM Show at 9.30am to families
- 15th Foundation Stage and Little Oaks Christmas Parties
- 15th Christmas Lunch
- 19th Y1, Y3 & Y4 Parties - further details will be sent out by classes
- 20th Y1, Y5 & Y6 Parties - further details will be sent out by classes
- 20th Nursery last day
- 19th Y6 WWII Christmas Experience - parents invited 9.15am to 10.30am
- 21st Year 4 Dance Assembly to parents at 9.15am

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Autumn Music Concerts



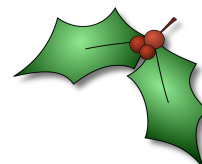
Well done to all of our musicians for their excellent performances during our Autumn Music Concerts. Over three days we held a strings concert, woodwind, brass and guitar performances, and a Year 3 ukulele show. All of our instrumentalists played with confidence and enthusiasm, including our beginners who have only been learning for 10 lessons! Thank you to our music teachers; Miss Sherring, Miss Blyth, Mr Huckerby, Mrs McLean, Mrs Reader and Miss Hooker for all of their hard work.

Christmas Lunch 15th December

Our special Christmas lunch will be on the 15th December. Those children who normally bring a packed lunch but would like to take part need to pay £2.15 by next Wednesday the 7th December. This allows the kitchen staff sufficient time to confirm numbers and order the food.

December Festive Diary

Please take note of some of the festive events happening at Woodcroft. For more information please visit our online calendar!



- ★ 2nd Winter Ball (tickets already issued no tickets available on the door)
- ★ 7th Y2 Christmas Show to families at 9.30am
- ★ 9th Y1 Christmas Show to families at 9.30am
- ★ 9th Charity Cake Sale - Motor Neurone Disease at 3.15pm
- ★ 13th Reception & Nursery PM performance at 2.15pm to families
- ★ 14th Reception & Nursery AM performance at 9.30am to families
- ★ 15th Foundation Stage and Little Oaks Christmas Parties
- ★ 15th Christmas Lunch
- ★ 16th School Panto
- ★ 19th Y6 WWII Christmas Experience - parents invited 9.15am to 10.30am
- ★ 19th Y1, Y3 & Y4 Parties - further details will be sent out by classes
- ★ 20th Y2, Y5 & Y6 Parties - further details will be sent out by classes
- ★ 20th Nursery last day
- ★ 21st Year 4 Dance Assembly to Parents and Carers at 9.15am - don't miss this opportunity to watch the Y4 Royal Opera House dance & videos.

Snow & Extreme Weather Procedures



It is getting to that time of year when we have to start planning for possible bad weather. Please read the guide below.

Arrangements for Winter 2016-17



We will always do everything possible to keep the school open throughout the winter without compromising the safety of your children. However, on rare occasions we may need to close due to extreme weather conditions such heavy snow. A detailed description of procedures is available on our website. Click on the snow warning triangle on the website home page or visit:

<http://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/snow-and-extreme-weather-procedures/>

School Closed due to Bad Weather

If the Headteacher decides to close the school for safety reasons:

- A text is sent to parents by 8.00am if the school is going to close. Parents are asked **NOT** to call the school. Information will also be posted on the school website.
- If you do not hear from the school then assume it is a normal day and we are OPEN

Restricted Site Access and Registration on Snow Days

On mornings when the school is open but disrupted by heavy snow we will do the following:

- Only open the main, middle front gate, keep the top front gate locked due to unsafe steps.
- The Foundation Stage entrance will be cleared, however grit cannot be used on the safety surface
- The back gates *will* be OPEN but the paths may **NOT** be cleared of snow - please be cautious
- From 8.45am children can access classrooms directly through the corridors from the main entrance (they will not need to go across the KS2 playground)

On snow days we ask that parents and children **DO NOT** arrive at school before 8.45am unless they have a morning club e.g breakfast club.

On severe snow days we will also allow late arrival **between 8.45am and 9.15am**. This flexible start will help avoid congestion on the roads and pavements outside school and improve safety.

Early Closing for Snow and Severe Weather Dismissals

If the school needs to close early due to deteriorating weather conditions or we have severe weather at 3.15pm then a text will be sent to parents. Children will remain in their classrooms. On arrival, parents and carers will collect their children directly from the classroom. This system has worked well in the past. Corridors will be congested, so we ask for care and patience. Please try to operate a lane system down corridors i.e. drive your buggies on the left!

Text Service - Make sure we have your latest number



Do you receive school texts? We have sent out two frost warning texts this week. If you didn't receive these texts please visit the school office to update your number. It is vital that you are able to receive all emergency notifications and general reminders. Thank you.

Appropriate Winter Clothing, Boots & PE Kits

Please remember, children need a winter coat for break times. If you send your child in boots, please ensure they have black shoes to change into in school. Please also ensure that children bring a grey or blue sweatshirt for outside PE lessons (jogging bottoms are optional). Mr Raw says that there is no inappropriate weather for sport - just inappropriate clothing. So be prepared!

Avoid Early Arrival - Remember, School Opens at 8.30am

Please ensure that children do not arrive before 8.30am for school. It is cold, dark and dangerous during the winter months. Please enquire about our breakfast club if you need to drop children off early!

Whole School Attendance

⇒96.3%←

Attendance remains above our target of 96%.

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week beginning 21st November 2016

KS1 Class of the week: 2L 97% Good Attendance!

KS2 Class of the week: 6S 99.3% Top attendance this week - WELL DONE!