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New on the website

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

- **Online Calendar Updates**
- Dance Success

Forthcoming **Events**

April 30/4 Basketball Tournament

May

3/5 Y3 Tennis Tournament PM 4/5 (Saturday) Womens FA Cup Final Trip for Girls Football Team

6/5 School Closed - May Day **Bank Holiday**

5/5 (Sunday Eve) Ramadan Starts (ends Tuesday 4th June)

8/5 Phonics Stay and Play in **Reception Classes**

w/b13/5 KS2 SATS 13th - 24th May KS1 SATs

16/5 Y5 Secondary Transfer Information Evening 5.30pm

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter: @WPS_Success

PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about **Positive Relationships**



Welcome back to a new term. At Woodcroft we encourage children to adopt a set of core values. We call these our AIM Values because we believe that

having Aspirations and Inspiration Matter in life. That is why we strive to enrich and extend the National Curriculum, and this is never more

evident than in the busy summer term. Take a look at our online calendar via the website to view some of the amazing things that are coming up.



Ramadan

It is our understanding that Ramadan is expected to begin at sunset on Sunday 5th May, subject to the moon sighting. At Woodcroft we recognise the importance of Ramadan and aim to fully support our Muslim pupils through this period.

Fasting

Some of our older KS2 pupils may be fasting while at school. We require a letter from parents to inform the school of the days that their child will be fasting.

Prayer

We offer supervised classroom spaces for girls and boys to pray at 1.15pm after the sun has reached its height at mid-afternoon. We expect children observing prayer to be responsible and well behaved.

Lessons

We expect all pupils to take part in every school lesson and activity. If an aspect of the lesson proves difficult for a child due to religious observance then the teacher will modify aspects of their participation. For example, pupils may help the teacher during PE instead of doing vigorous exercise, or they will only listen during the music lesson.

Events

If a specific event is taking place such as a SAT test, school trip or sports match we may ask that an older child has their parents' approval to break a fast on that day to enable them to take part. Also, if a child has a weekly club, e.g. Dance or Football, then parents may decide that their child does not fast on those particular days every week. Please include this approval for older children in your letter.

Support

Please speak with a member of school staff if you have any questions or concerns. Please ensure all notification letters are provided to school by Friday 3rd May. We thank you for your support.

Year 6 SATS Week

National SATs tests take place this term for Year 6:

Monday **13 May** Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar

Tuesday 14 May English Reading

Wednesday **15 May** Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday **16 May** Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

A few reminders:

- No appointments will be authorised in SATs week. In fact, children should attend school to sit the tests even if feeling unwell. We will make provision to accommodate any extra needs.
- We look forward to seeing lots of Y6 for our daily FREE SATs Breakfast (more info to follow).
- Make sure pupils are getting a good night's sleep and arrive to school on time.

• Don't forget your equipment, water bottles and healthy snacks (Breaktime fruit will be provided). And finally...Year 6 are working very hard and do not need to worry - they will all be ready and prepared to do their best.

Year 2 SATS

Our Y2 pupils will be taking part in KS1 SATs tests later this term. We try to keep this as informal as possible, however pupils will be involved in both small group tasks and whole class tests. Please reassure your children that these SATS are an opportunity to show what they have learned, and that they should not worry. Please speak with Miss Lloyd or Miss Stubbings if you have any questions.

Nursery Places for September 2019 - 30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Childcare Childcare child's place, or you know a family who are still looking for a provision, please speak with Ms Jessop in the school office.

Head Lice - please check children at home

We have had a number of reported cases of head lice in school. Please regularly check your child's hair for lice and obtain an approved treatment from a local chemist if any are discovered.

Dental Health Survey for 5 Year Olds

Woodcroft has been selected to take part in the Public Health England's National Child Dental Health Survey for Reception and Year 1 pupils. Dental nurses will be visiting school on Thursday 2nd May to carry out this important check. Letters were sent home yesterday to eligible pupils. Please could you return the consent form as soon as possible.

Battle of the Bands on Times Tables Rockstars

Over the Easter break, KS2 were challenging each other to a 'Battle of the Bands' on Times Tables Rockstars. Y3 battled against Y4, and were victorious with a high score of 73,816. The Y5 and Y6 battle was incredibly close, with Y6 only just beating Y5 with a phenomenal score

of 98,618. Overall, 315,984 times tables questions were correctly answered by Woodcroft pupils over the Easter holiday - congratulations to all who took part!



The Birthday Book Club

WOW! Lots of pupils have enjoyed recent birthdays and have joined the Birthday Book Club by donating books for the Library. Happy Birthday to



Happy Birthday to … Gabriel Nursery age 4, Rania Nursery age 4, Daria Nursery age 4, Alexander Nursery age 4, Krishi Y4 age 9, Sofia Y4 age 9, Rahina Y6 age 10,

Nadia Y2 age 7, Duncan Y4 age 9, Arthur Y2 age 7

Whole School Attendance ⇒ 95.5% ← Still aiming for 96%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 1st April 2019 KS1 Class of the week: 2L 93.1% Keep it up! KS2 Class of the week: 3V 97.4% Well Done - TOP ATTENDANCE!