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December

Class Party Days ...

Monday 16th - Y1, Y3 & Y4 Parties

Tuesday 17th Y2, Y5 & Y6 Parties

Nursery will now also hold their party on Tuesday 17th

Wednesday 18th Reception Class Parties

Remember: children can come to school in party clothes on the day of their party! Don't forget your coat and suitable footwear for playtimes.

Please take note of the party food guidance issued along with the school newsletter.

The last day for Nursery pupils is Wednesday 18th

**Last Day of Term
Thursday 19th December
School Closes at 2.00pm**

Pupils Return to school after Christmas on **Tuesday 7th January 2020**

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PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about: **Advent**



Message from the Chair of Governors



On behalf of the school's Governing Body, I would like to wish everyone in the Woodcroft community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.



Richard Burrows (Chair of Governors)

Wonderful Nursery and Reception Festive Shows



It was the turn of Nursery and Reception pupils to perform their festive show to packed audiences of family members on Tuesday and Wednesday. What an amazing job they all did, staging a full production with a cast of 80 of our youngest pupils! Well done to all of the pupils and staff for this fantastic climax to our holiday season of shows!

Bikeability Training for Year 6 Pupils



Bikeability training for 26 Year 6 pupils who registered for a place this week. The Bikeability team assess the children's skills and then instruct them to reach the next Bikeability level. We had a fantastic 15 pupils who were out on the road working towards Level 2.

The KS1 Barnet Sport Christmas Festival



A team from Year 2 represented Woodcroft at the Barnet Sport KS1 Christmas Festival at Allianz Park on Friday 6th December. They took part in an afternoon of festive themed sports activities. Well done to all of the pupils who took part. It looks like they were jumping for joy with their performance.

Reception Class Applications for 2020

Parents of children in Nursery should now be completing their application for Reception Class in September 2020.



Winter Ball!



The pupils had a great time at our annual Winter Ball on Monday - it even snowed at the end! Well done to our resident DJ - Mr Raw. Thank you also to the amazing group of parents who helped out throughout the day either setting up or during the event - we couldn't do events like this without you. We hope to restart our parents association next term so we can organise more fun activities for the pupils

New Workshop For Parents at Woodcroft AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED!

Wednesday 29th January 2020 9.00am to 10.30am



Barnet Wellbeing Service

We all want our children to flourish and enjoy life - but how can we best help as parents? Woodcroft will be hosting a fantastic new FREE workshop for parents in January. It will be run by The Barnet WellBeing Service.

Parents can participate in a 1 ½ hour practical workshop with some sound advice and clear and practical strategies for you to use. Things that will work with immediate effect. Click on the flyer in the news section of the website for more information. To reserve a place please either email office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net or tel 02089593244



An Introduction to the Barnet Wellbeing Service

We are based in Hendon, with a focus on improving individual needs and wellbeing. Our aim is to improve your emotional health. Find out more and get in touch via <https://barnetwellbeing.org.uk/>

Time Tables Rock Stars - Festive Battle of the Bands Y3 v Y4 and Y5vY6



Over the Christmas break year groups will be battling it out again to prove they are the fastest and most accurate at recalling their times tables. Please encourage your child to join the fun by logging into Times Tables Rockstars every day! The competition starts as we break up at 2.00pm on Thursday 19th December and runs until 8.30am on Tuesday 7th January



The Birthday Book Club



Thank you to all of the pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays and joined the Birthday Book Club by donating books for the Library. We would like to wish a very **Happy Birthday** to... **David P (Y1) age 6, Aadya (Y3) age 8**

**Whole School
Attendance**
↕ 95.4%↕
Aiming for 96%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 2nd December 2019

KS1 Class of the week: 1H 98%% Well Done!

KS2 Class of the week: 4B 98% Great Work!

**Joint TOP Classes
This Week**

Girls Football Tournament Success report by Brooke Y6



On the 6th of December, some of the girls football team went to Prince's Park to take part in a local tournament against other schools! For our first match, it was a tight game but they took the win (1-0). Although we lost the first match, we bounced back, stronger than before to take a 4-0 win on our second match. We then managed to win all of our next matches to win a place in the final. In the tournament final, it was a tough game in the pouring rain and the other team were phenomenal but we scored in the last few minutes, and managed to win 1-0! As we played 5 matches and lost one, we

achieved our goal of coming 1st place! We couldn't wait to tell everyone back at school - we were all ecstatic! At the end before we went home, they awarded us with our own trophies and a bigger trophy for the school cabinet which is now on display. Overall, the team played amazingly well, we worked as a team and I believe that we definitely deserved the win!



By Brooke (Y6)

Clubs

Please remember that clubs do not run in the first and last weeks of term unless otherwise notified. Therefore, clubs will not be on next week. However, Breakfast Club and Acorns After School Club are running as normal.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

All of the Woodcroft staff would like to wish our families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please remember that School Closes at 2.00pm on Thursday 19th December. Pupils then return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020!





PARTY FOOD GUIDANCE

At the end of term pupils will be celebrating with their annual Christmas Class Parties. This is a time for some festive fun and games. Food is an important part of any celebration, and families traditionally send in a plate of food for sharing. **We would like this tradition to continue at Woodcroft.** However, in school we have a number of important things to consider. These include children with allergies, vegetarian and religious diets, safe food preparation, government healthy eating guidance and the school food policy. *If only life was simple!* We do have a number of pupils with **severe nut allergies** currently in school, so we have to take these considerations very seriously.

Please note: If you DO NOT wish your child to participate in the food aspect of a class party please let your class teacher know in writing. We recommend that parents who withdraw their child from sharing food at parties send in a separately labelled lunch box with party food items for their child. These individual party box items must still follow the checklist below:

Party food checklist:

- Only provide items that DO NOT contain nuts – Woodcroft is a NUT FREE school
- No chocolate or chocolate products e.g. chocolate cakes and spreads
- No fizzy drinks
- Fruit juices should not contain added sugar
- Only supply pre-packed cakes and biscuits that come with ingredient lists (*So that means no home baked cakes even though they are the best!*)
- Please avoid cakes or items that require cutting in school

Suggested party food:

- ❖ Sausage rolls or veggie sausage Rolls
- ❖ Sausages / veggie sausages
- ❖ Samosas / spring rolls (*vegetable is best then everyone can share*)
- ❖ Pizza
- ❖ Sandwiches (various fillings) – *no nut or chocolate spreads please*
- ❖ Crisps and Popcorn
- ❖ Salad items - cherry tomatoes / mini cucumbers / carrot sticks
- ❖ Small fruit (satsumas, small bananas, washed cut grapes, etc)
- ❖ Non chocolate biscuits or individual cakes (in packaging with an ingredients label)

We understand the difficulties; however schools have got to consider the well-being of every individual. Thank you for your understanding and support on this matter.

Reminder about Birthday Bags and Treats: Please **do not** send in cakes & sweets for birthdays

Because of severe food allergies and individual dietary requirements we need to closely monitor all food in school. Unfortunately, this poses a problem when birthday treats are brought in – often late in the day! For class parties staff specially set aside time to monitor the food items. However, this cannot be maintained or guaranteed on a daily basis in a busy classroom. We therefore ask parents **NOT to send in sweets and cakes as birthday treats**. We realise that this can be frustrating, however please understand that teachers are responsible for the health of all of the 30 children in their class!

For this reason we promote our **Birthday Book Club** scheme instead of sweets.



Reminder: Children can come to school in party clothes on the day of their party. A suitable coat and shoes for break time and lunch are essential!