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## New on the website

Lots to look out for on our website:

- Woodcroft Coronavirus Phased Response Strategy
- Online School Guides
- Free School Meal Schemes

## Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:  
@WPS\_Success

## NHS Advice

**Coronavirus**  
Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds

Use soap and water or a hand sanitizer when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food

For more information and the Government's Action Plan go to [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS

## NHS Advice

### CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



### BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



### KILL IT


Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



## Message from the Headteacher

Despite the unprecedented position that we all find ourselves facing at the moment I felt it was important to finish off last week's Newsletter and outline what is currently happening with school. The building might be closed for regular business but Woodcroft Primary School certainly isn't! Staff have all been very busy ensuring we are able to support our pupils and continue to support our community to the best of our ability.

## WPS Online




You should by now all be very familiar with our virtual school powered by Google Classroom. These are very early days in the development of WPS Online, however your dedicated team of teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure everyone is connected and engaged as we begin this new way of working.

The platform will evolve as we all become more comfortable with the technology. We are also conscious not to overwhelm everyone at the start. You will have seen a plethora of materials posted on social media. But this process could last several months, not several weeks. It is therefore vital to take things one step at a time. It is also essential that parents support their children with school work at home.

Visit our Virtual School - Online Learning page for more information ...

<https://woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/virtual-school-online-learning/>

## Free School Meals



We have been working closely with our catering team to ensure that the school continues to distribute Free School Meals to those that are eligible. From day one of school closures we were providing **packed lunches** for collection.

Today we launched our **Food Parcel and Recipe Service**. Eligible families will be able to collect food boxes and recipe cards to cook their own tasty lunches at home. Check out the information flyer sent to eligible families. If you missed this week's order deadline (apologies for the quick turnaround this week).

We are also all set up and ready for when the Government launches the promised Food Voucher Scheme. As soon as that becomes available in the coming weeks we will advise our families.

**\*Please note:** eligibility for Free School Meals is different from the Universal Infant Free School Meals given to every KS1 and Reception pupil. If your circumstances have changed, and you think you may now be eligible, please check your status on the government website and then call the school: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>  
We will then arrange for you to begin receiving one of our free food offers.

## Key Worker Hub Provision

Woodcroft remains open as a Hub Provision for pupils whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 national response (i.e. essential Key Workers). We are currently looking after up to 20 pupils per day that cannot safely be cared for at home. This offer is vital to our national fight against the virus, but strict systems are in place to maintain everyone's safety and minimise the risks. Temperatures are checked regularly, no equipment is shared and children have their own individual work stations!

## An Amazing Unbeaten End to the Football Season



The Woodcroft Football Team's unbeaten run continued on Friday 13th March with a stunning **5 - 1 victory against Deansbrook**. This time it was Archie spearheading the attack and bagging a hat trick of goals to the delight of the home supporters who came down to watch the game. Yet again it was a solid team performance with both Seb and Arman getting onto the score sheet.

This turned out to be the last match of the season. But what a turnaround this year has been. To coin a cliché, it has been a season of two halves. We didn't win through to January and then went on an unbeaten run in February and March; undefeated in the Barnet Borough Finals and three straight league wins on the run. Well done to all of the team, what a climax!

### Nursery Places for September 2020

**30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery**

**Childcare  
Choices**

Despite the school being closed, it is now time to book your child's place in our Nursery for September 2020. A few places still remain! Contact the school office to discuss putting your child on our register.

Children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2020.

We still have a few spaces left for September. If you know of a family that are looking for a Nursery place for their child please ask them to call the school office.

Woodcroft offers the FREE flexible 15 hours provision for all children, with the option to pay for extra sessions as required. Parents of three and four year olds that are registered with Woodcroft's Nursery can also apply for the government's **30 hours free childcare** offer. This can be worth around £5,000 per child to working parents. Parents should register now for these new childcare offers, through the Government website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).



### **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



belated but very Happy " Birthday to... **Era (Y2) age 7 and Raissa (Y4) age 9**



## Year 3 Chicks



Year 3 took delivery of a batch of eggs on Monday 16th March and watched them hatch during the week. This supported their curriculum about life cycles. Unfortunately, events outside of our control took over and we had to arrange for their early collection. So it was a sad end to a project the year group has been looking forward to.

The company have offered the school the option to have another batch of eggs in the autumn. So pupils will hopefully get to enjoy the experience when they move into Year 4.

## Sport Relief



Despite being only just over a week ago it seems like a different era when we enjoyed that last major school event. Thank you to everyone for supporting the day dressing in your sports gear. The donations are safely locked away - not yet counted or banked. We will announce the collection total in safer times.

## Cluster Rehearsal for the Royal Albert Hall



The choir sounded absolutely wonderful when rehearsing for their opera at the Royal Albert Hall in April. We hope that this event can be rescheduled to the not too distant future. They did however get to go through the repertoire of songs with four other schools when we hosted a cluster rehearsal supported by BEAT (Barnet Music Service) and EPOC (English Pocket Opera).

Ms Sherring was proud of the choir and how they performed on the day.

## Parents Evening and Mid-Year Reports

Last week would have seen us holding parents evenings and distributing your child's pupil progress reports. Parents evening had already been cancelled. Then due to our decreasing attendance number, we took the decision to postpone sending out progress reviews until school reopens.

As parents are now supervising online learning we will be looking to you all to write the next report on how well your child has done while at home 😊

## A Final Word

Woodcroft, its staff and Governors are determined to continue to provide support for all of our pupils and families. Like you we are faced with the same ever increasing challenges. But we are very much still here for you. We have people in the Office, a member of SLT on duty and a rota of available staff in school every day. Teachers are also online supporting our virtual school.

If there is anymore that you feel we could be doing please give us a call or email the office ...

[office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net)

We hope that you all stay safe and keep well, and we all look forward to getting back to normal as soon as possible!

Best Wishes

*Mr Tallon* (Headteacher)

## AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT



The Department for Education have been informed some parents have received an email stating:

*'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'.*

This is a scam email - Do not respond - Delete immediately!



A private Facebook Group is being created called **Parents and Carers of WPS**. This group is for our Woodcroft community to come together and stay in touch during this difficult time. This group is approved and supported by the school, but it will not be run by school staff . The purpose of this group is to provide a supportive and positive online community for parents and carers of the pupils at Woodcroft Primary School.

To qualify for the group you will need to care for a current pupil at the school and agree to our group rules. Posts and comments will always be moderated, and the administrators have the right to remove anything unsuitable. You will always be asked to **\*\*Think before you post\*\*** , and to remember that all posts will be visible to all members of the group. The group will be a **closed group** but please be careful about what information or photos you are posting. Strict school safeguarding rules will always apply.

We hope that you will all get involved as we try to support the school, our children and each other to get through these unprecedented challenges! Search for the group **"Parents and Carers of WPS"** and get involved.

***From the WPS Facebook Admin Team***