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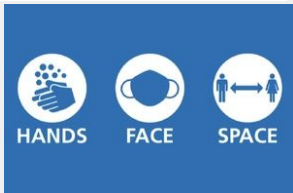
Lots to look out for on our website:

- Secondary Transfer Info for Year 6
- Weekly News
- Breakfast Club
- School Meals Information

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:
@WPS_Success

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.



Breakfast Club

As part of our phased reopening of school services we are planning to restart Breakfast Club from next week, Monday 21st September. Please be aware that this will be a restricted service to maintain COVID Security.

Key details:

- Places will be limited to 20 pupils. If demand exceeds capacity then priority will be given to key workers who have registered their status with the school (a link to the key registration form is available on the News section of the website).
- Pupils will be seated on year group tables with other pupils from their own school bubble. Tables spaced out in 2m distances. They will not be allowed close contact with other pupils from different bubbles.
- Pupils for breakfast will need to arrive at the main (middle) entrance between **8.00am and 8.15am** and will be directed to the dining room. Pupils who arrive after 8.15am will not be allowed entry to the school until 8.30am and will be required to join the one way queue (this will be strictly adhered to). They will then be provided with a breakfast take out bag to eat in class.
- At 8.30am pupils will go directly to class.
- Pupils can only attend the breakfast club if they have booked before Friday afternoon of the previous week. We cannot accommodate late bookings.
- A sample menu is provided below.
- For registration please email ... office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net
- This service is not currently available for Nursery or Reception pupils
- **Please note: this service is dependent on staff availability. If Breakfast Club staff are ill, or required to self isolate, we may need to suspend this offer at short notice.**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Toast/Bread with jam	Toast/Bread with jam	Toast/Bread with jam	Toast/Bread with jam	Toast/Bread with jam
Halal Chicken Sausage	Cheese on Toast	Scrambled Egg	Baked Beans on Toast	Boiled eggs
Cereals with milk	Cereals with milk	Cereals with milk	Cereals with milk	Cereals with milk
Fruit Juice	Fruit Juice	Fruit Juice	Fruit Juice	Fruit Juice



WELCOME TO THE NEW, IMPROVED TREEHOUSE!

where learning lives online

Welcome to Woodcroft's ALL NEW 'Treehouse' Curriculum Site

Check out our new and updated class curriculum pages that we call **'The Treehouse'**

<https://sites.google.com/woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/thenewtreehouse/home>

(You will need to be logged in to the website with your child's account to view the Treehouse)



Make sure you take time to visit the website and ask your child to login. Then click on the Treehouse icon (look down the right column) and select your child's year group. There you will find lots of information about your child's learning topics for this term. You will find:

- Core knowledge pages (information we will expect the children to learn about and remember)
- Key vocabulary (to check children can spell and understand)
- Useful links and videos (to do that bit of extra research)

Teachers will be adding more information as the term goes on. We will use these pages both in school and for homework to support pupil learning.

The new Treehouse is part of our **COVID19 Learning Continuity Plan**. We expect that there might be times when individuals, classes or even the whole school is asked to lockdown or self-isolate. To overcome these possible disruptions to learning we are developing a comprehensive plan to maintain school and teaching

What you can expect from our Learning Continuity Plan:

- We will post **weekly learning schedules** every Friday in your child's own Google Classroom - you can see what your child will be doing in class.
- Homework **Brain Builder activities** will now be published via the Google Classroom and will include:
 - Online learning app expectations e.g. Khan Academy / Prodigy / Time Tables Rock Stars etc
 - Topic based research linked to content and links to the new Treehouse
 - A creative activity
- Termly topic information published on the **new Treehouse** including essential knowledge page, vocabulary lists, web links, writing checklists, spellings, stories and videos
- A full suite of independent learning applications is also available. Check out the new **'App' button** (make sure your child has logged in - most require no extra sign-in)



Our aim is to be able to move seamlessly to online learning if the school or a year group goes into lockdown again. Also, if your child needs to self isolate, you will be able to maintain their learning by using the suite apps, setting them activities at home based on the class learning schedule, completing their Brain Builder Homework and encouraging your child to learn the information on their class Treehouse pages.

Year 6 Information About Secondary Transfer

Year 6 families need to be thinking about transfer to secondary school next year in September 2021. The school website has got all of the latest information from Barnet about the process.

Take a look at:

<https://woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/secondary-transfer-2021/>

Chromebook Buying Guide Advice



This week, we've received some enquiries from parents about the best model of chromebook to buy to support your child's learning online. Whilst we do not recommend specific devices, Woodcroft staff have been satisfied with models from Asus, Acer, Samsung and HP in the past. Make sure the model you choose has the following minimum specifications:

- 4GB RAM
- 16GB storage
- 11 inch screen

Whilst not suitable for intensive applications like gaming, these specifications are perfectly adequate for enabling your child to access online learning resources. A quick search online should enable you to find a new machine from a reputable brand for under £200. Make sure it is a Chromebook (or Windows Laptop if you choose the Microsoft operating system). We suggest a screen size not smaller than 11 inches (do not purchase cheaper 'netbook' options as they will not run school apps).

Why do we use a Google platform?



At Woodcroft we have used the Google platform for many years. We believe that this gives us the tools to integrate school learning with the online world and offer easy, safe and secure home access. If you are interested in finding out more about the services on offer take a look at this website:

Teach
from
Anywhere

Giving teachers and families the tools and tips they need to help keep students learning.

Google



K12



Edmentum



Blackboard

<https://teachfromanywhere.google/intl/en-GB/>

As we are setting more schoolwork online. This site provides some tips and tools to help families support children's use of technology and help them stay safe online.

Nursery Places

30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery



We still have a few places in our Nursery for this year. Contact the school office to discuss enrolling 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.

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 through the Government website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Surprise Spelling - Information about how we teach spellings at Woodcroft

At Woodcroft we learn spellings using a system called '**Surprise Spelling.**' Each half term teachers will assign a set of spellings on the Google Classroom for your child to learn over a few weeks. Once a week they will be tested, but only some of these words. However, they will not know which ones until the actual test! The purpose of this method is that they should be learning all of their spellings repeatedly, over several weeks. This way the spellings become embedded and secure. This is better than separate weekly lists that are remembered for one week and then forgotten.

The word lists will be a mixture of high frequency words (words that are used a lot in reading and writing) and words that have been set specifically for each year group by the government. The best way to learn them is the **Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check** method: **look** at the word, **say** it out loud, **cover** it up, **write** it from memory, **check** it...then repeat! You should also be having your own regular spelling quizzes at home - the more time you try to remember, the better you learn it.



Super Safe School Meals! The Phased Return of Hot Meals

From Monday we are planning a phased return of hot meals in our dining room. We will be starting with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If this is successful and we are able to maintain social distancing during the service we shall then reintroduce hot meals to the older children in subsequent weeks.

Key information:

- We will be providing a streamlined menu (see below)
- Lunchtimes will be staggered
- Children will eat together in their year group bubbles
- Tables will be disinfected between year group sittings

WOODCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL - 2020 AUTUMN MENU					
Menu 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1: Meat	Pork / Chicken Sausage and Mash	Penne Pasta Bolognese	Roast Chicken with Roast Potato & Gravy	Margherita Pizza	Fish Fingers
Option 2: Halal	Halal Chicken Sausage & Mash	Halal Penne Pasta Bolognese	Halal Roast Chicken with Roast Potato & Gravy		
Option 3: Vegetarian	Quorn Sausage and Mash	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian Strips with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Penne Pasta	Jacket Potato with baked beans
Vegetables	Peas	Cauliflower	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Peas & Baked Beans
Salad Bar	Salad Items	Salad Items	Salad Items	Salad Items	Salad Items
Carb Option	Mashed Potato		Roast Potatoes	Garlic & Paprika Potato Wedges	Chips
Bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread
Dessert of the Day	Ice cream	Chocolate Tiffin	Custard Biscuit	Carrot Cake	Ginger Biscuit
Alternative Dessert	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit
Dates week commencing	21/9, 12/10				
Menu 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1: Meat	Chicken Curry	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Margherita Pizza	Fish Fingers
Option 2: Halal	Halal Chicken Curry	Halal Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Halal Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy		
Option 3: Vegetarian	Cheese & Leek Party	Vegetable & Lentil Bolognese	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Chili Con Carne	Jacket Potato with baked beans
Vegetables	Green Beans	Peas	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Peas & Baked Beans
Salad Bar	Salad Items	Salad Items	Salad Items	Salad Items	Salad Items
Carb Option	Rice and New Potatoes	Pasta	Roast Potatoes	Garlic & Paprika potato Wedges	Chips
Bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread
Dessert of the Day	Ice cream	Chocolate Oat Cookie	Lemon Shortbread	Chocolate Sponge	Fruity Flapjack
Alternative Dessert	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit
Dates week commencing	28/9, 19/10				
Menu 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1: Meat	Penne Pasta Bolognese	BBQ Chicken	Roast Pork / Chicken served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Margherita Pizza	Fish Fingers
Option 2: Halal	Halal Penne Pasta Bolognese	HALAL BBQ Chicken	Halal Roast Chicken with Roast Potato & Gravy		
Option 3: Vegetarian	Cheese & Onion Pan	Vegetable Chow Mein	Quorn Sausage with gravy	Cheese & Tomato Penne Pasta	Jacket Potato with baked beans
Vegetables	Vegetable Medley	Sweetcorn / Peas	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Peas & Baked Beans
Salad Bar	Salad Items	Salad Items	Salad Items	Salad Items	Salad Items
Carb Option	New Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Roast Potatoes	Garlic & Paprika potato Wedges	Chips
Bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread	Homemade Bread / slice of bread
Dessert of the Day	Shortbread Biscuit	Vanilla Sponge	Ice cream	Oat Dream Cookie	Orange Drizzle Cake
Alternative Dessert	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit
Dates week commencing	6/10				

*Note: Woodcroft serves the chicken option for items such as sausages or roast dinner

To view the menu click on the image above to enlarge (if viewing digitally) or ...

1. Visit the school website News page <https://woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/newsletters/>
2. Click on the link for a downloadable PDF: [Autumn Lunch Menu PDF Download](#)



ISS, our school caterers, have produced a [‘back to school’ digital guide](#). It is aimed at parents, carers and pupils – this short e-booklet offers the reassurance that school lunches will continue to be prepared and served safely. To view the guide, click here ...

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/b25c4658-c3e3-4c4f-aab2-f68ffe046734>

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 School Library.

We are still celebrating birthdays in the Newsletter so don't forget your 'Birthday Book' donations - Thank you

Whole School Attendance 89% Aiming for 96%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions
Week Beginning 14th September 2020
KS1 Class of the week: 1A 87.7% Well Done!
KS2 Class of the week: 4T 97.7% Excellent - TOP Class!



Events and Dates – Autumn 2020



This year's whole school AIM@Theme is **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)** - lots of our whole school projects will be based around this area of study.

Our regular schedule of events and activities is obviously going to be affected by COVID19. We are not able to take part in any of the fun group activities we usually get up to. However, as you can see below, we tried to retain or modify as much as possible. All plans are naturally subject to alteration as we adapt to changing circumstances.

Parent Consultation Evenings w/b 5th October

Parents will be able to book a consultation with their child's class teacher. We are currently evaluating the next way to do this. It could be in person, via video call or a telephone chat. We shall assess the Government guidance over the next couple of weeks and let you know what is going to happen.

Harvest Time 'Food Baskets' w/b 12th October

We will not be able to have our usual assembly and coin pictures, but we are still planning to collect food donations for Barnet Age UK. Children will contribute to their class hamper and we will still create a lovely display. However, we expect that we will be producing a video to present to parents.



Infant Music Festival Y1 during November



Year 1 will be taking part in an Online Music Festival led by our borough Music Service 'BEAT'. They will learn a range of percussion and instrumental pieces to perform during the festival as well as creating their own performance of 'I've got the music in me' by Kiki Dee. They will be using instruments, art work and movements during the performance and will submit their contribution to the final ensemble involving schools from across Barnet.

International Week w/b 19th October

Our International Colours Day, when pupils come dressed in traditional outfits or the colours of their home nations flag will take place on - **Wednesday 21st October**

During that week, and to fit in with our Year of Stem, each Year Group will study the country where a significant historical invention originated

This term's Visual Arts Week w/b 9th November.

The theme for Art Week will be **'From STEM to STEAM'** as we look at the Art of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We will produce art for our Gallery Corridor and videos for you to watch at home.



Anti-Bullying Week this year takes place from 16th – 20th November



The theme is **'United Against Bullying'** and classes will contribute to a whole school project. As part of Anti-Bullying Week we shall again be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on Monday 16th November. Children should wear the craziest, strangest most unusual socks they can find - and then wear a different sock on each foot!

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2020-united-against-bullying>

BBC Children in Need - Pudsey Appeal Day Friday 13th November

'TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE'

On Friday 13th November - we will come to school dressed in as much **yellow** as we can find. We might wear our Pudsey ears, paint our faces, or just wear yellow socks - it's up to you!



Introducing Woodcroft PE Kit Days

Well done to EVERYONE who wore their PE Kits to school on their class PE Day this week! Nearly everyone also remembered that our PE Uniform colour is **navy blue**.

Just a few points to note: If you decide to choose this option **children must wear the full plain navy kit including sweatshirt and joggers**. They should not come to school in only T-shirts and shorts. Pupils need to get into the habit of the full kit as the weather will turn colder very soon. Wearing a red school sweatshirt on top is fine for now in class. But children will not be allowed to wear regular uniform for PE. Also, please remember that plimsolls are not suitable for school for PE - make sure children have a pair of basic trainers (nothing expensive). And finally, make sure all items are named!

A FULL PE uniform should include ...



- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain navy shorts
- Trainers that are below the ankle

(no high tops and no plimsolls)

This kit is for indoor activities.



- Plain navy blue jumper (avoid hoodies and zips)
- Plain navy blue joggers

(please avoid branded items)

Sweatshirts with hoods and zips are recognised as unsafe for many sports. We recommend a plain and simple blue sweatshirt available from most supermarkets.

PE Kit Timetable

Please note the day your child should wear their PE kit to school:

Tuesday: Year 2 (2M and 2L) and Year 5 (5M and 5R)

Wednesday: Year 4 (4T and 4B), 3H (Mr Hughes) and 1A (Mrs Patel / Mrs Seth-Smith)

Thursday: Year 6 (6G and 6J), 1S (Miss Stewart) and 3J (Miss Hargreaves)

- *These arrangements do not currently apply to Nursery or Reception*

We shall be monitoring the success of our PE kit days over the next few weeks.

Thank you

Mealtime Supervisor Vacancy – September 2020

A new Mealtime Supervisor (MTS) is required to start as soon as possible: Details are listed below and on the school website:

<https://woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/mealtime-supervisor-vacancies/>

We are looking for an enthusiastic Mealtime Supervisor to join our committed team. Experience of working with children in play settings is desirable and a calm manner essential. Our job description and person specification gives more details about the post. These are available from the school office or can be downloaded using the links below.

MTS Post Details

Part Time

Term time only

Hours per week: 6 ¼ (with opportunities for additional hours)

Pay scale: Mealtime Supervisor Grade A

Basic Salary (Full Time Equivalent) £20.103

Actual Salary (basic hours) £2,977 (hourly rate £10.71)

Start date: ASAP

Woodcroft Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to submit satisfactory references and undertake a criminal record check via the DBS before they can be appointed.

All application forms should be returned to the school.

Closing date for applications: Monday 28th September

Interviews will take place from: Tuesday 29th September

Visits to the school are restricted by COVID19 procedures and by appointment only. For further details please contact the school office and speak with Mr Russell (Deputy Headteacher).

[Mealtime Supervisor Job Description](#)

[Person Specification Mealtime Supervisor](#)

Two versions of the same form are available below. The Word version of the application form can be completed electronically and emailed to the school office. The PDF version can only be printed and completed by hand.

[Application Form](#) (Word)

[Application Form](#) (PDF)

Launch of Prodigygame.com



This week we are officially launching the learning website: **Prodigygame.com**. Look out for a handy guide sent home with pupils this week, and please login with your child using the 'login with Google' button.

By solving curriculum-aligned Maths puzzles, players navigate a fantasy, wizarding world. Your child's teacher can check your child's progress through the game so every question answered helps teachers to boost your child's progress in maths - magic!



Local Sure Start Children's Centre

Activity Timetable and Information now available

Barnet
Sure Start Children's Centres
West Locality Activity Timetable
Part of the 0-19 Early Help Services

Autumn Timetable
07.09.20 - 23.10.20
(First Half Term)
Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated

Staying COVID-19 Secure in 2020

Visit the 'News' section of our website (or click on the digital links above) to view the Sure Start activities available in our area.



Apologise

Could we apologise for the delay in our school payment system becoming operational this term.

Unfortunately, an error occurred in our data roll over at the start of the academic year and pupils were not correctly allocated to classes and year groups.

We are working with the company to get this fixed as soon as possible.