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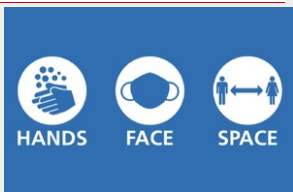
Lots to look out for on our website:

- Secondary Transfer Info for Year 6
- Weekly News
- Breakfast Club
- Acorns After School Club

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:
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NHS Advice



Protect your loved ones - Download the app



The new NHS COVID-19 app, now available to download for free in England and Wales, is the fastest way to see if you're at risk from coronavirus. The faster you know, the quicker you can alert and protect your loved ones and community.

The app has a number of tools to protect you, including contact tracing, local area alerts and venue check-in. It uses proven technology from Apple and Google, designed to protect every user's privacy.



For more information: <https://covid19.nhs.uk/>

Email Protocols



Due to COVID19 restrictions we are not able to have as much direct 'face to face' contact. We encourage parents to use email where possible.

However, please recognise that school staff work set hours, have teaching duties during the daytime, and are not able to respond immediately. For all urgent matters phone the office 02089593244 (8.30 - 4.15pm) or leave a voicemail outside of opening hours.

Please note the following guidelines for email communications:

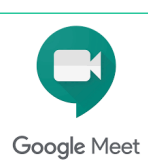
- Please keep emails brief. If it requires an explanation please use a short email to request a telephone or in-person conversation.
- Please allow 48 hours for a response.
- Staff will not be monitoring emails outside of working hours.

Be Punctual - Arrive by 8.55am



Now that we have established the new routines of school could we ask that pupils arrive by 8.55am. This is our official registration time. Gates will still remain open between 8.30am and 9.00am, however teachers would like to be able to start lessons promptly at 9.00am.

'VIRTUAL' PARENT EVENINGS FOR YEARS 1 TO 6



We are holding parent consultation evenings for Parents and Carers on **Tuesday 6th October** and **Thursday 8th October 2020**. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss with your child's classteacher how your child has settled into their new year group. This year we are going 'VIRTUAL'. All consultations will be online via a video call with your child's class teacher using Google Meet.

1. Teachers will email you a unique link (no login required)
2. Click on the link via your phone, tablet or laptop (make sure your camera and microphone are working).
3. Teachers will stick strictly to timings. Please be available promptly at the start of your allotted time.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications



Admissions

Year 6 families are now completing their applications to 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/>

If any parent requires help with the application process please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak with Mr Tallon. This is best done over the next week or so in good time ahead of the October 31st deadline.

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.

Collection Queues

We are developing quite a long queue of parents and carers for collection at the end of the day. Please try not to arrive before 3.00pm. The whole point of having a 15 minute collection period from 3.00pm to 3.15pm is to enable people to spread out.

We don't often say this - but please don't be so prompt. Aim to arrive between 3.05pm and 3.10pm. That way we can all social distance ourselves.

Collection Barriers

Can we all also remember to stay behind the tape barriers at collection time. They are there as a physical reminder to us all to keep our 2m distance. Thank you.

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 their Class Library.



Happy Birthday to Philip (Reception Class) age 4

**Whole School
Attendance
91%
Aiming for 96%**

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 28th September 2020

KS1 Class of the week: 2M 91.4% Excellent

KS2 Class of the week: 5R 94.0% Well Done! TOP CLASS!!!



ACORNS CLUB RETURNS

Open every evening during term time from 3:30 - 5.30 pm

DUE TO COVID19 ACORNS WILL BE RUNNING A MODIFIED SERVICE

For pupils from Year 1 to Year 6

| **Arts & Crafts** | **Film Nights** | **Multi Sports** | **Games** |

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

We are now offering a limited number of places in our after school club for Woodcroft pupils. Parents will be able to register their child, and then book them into the club for either one hour at a cost of £7.50 per hour, per child, or two hours at a cost of £9.50 per child. A snack and soft drink will be included in the price. While these prices represent an increase from last term they are still very competitive with other after school clubs being run in this area. The increase is due to the need to limit places to ensure it is COVID secure. The school does not make a profit from Acorns.

To ensure social distancing we are moving the club away from the Oak Suite and into the dining room area. They will have access to the KS1 playground and other spaces on certain evenings.

Collection will now be from the back entrance of the school in Wolsey Grove and at two specified allocated times of 4:30pm and 5:30pm. If you arrive later than the time you have specified; you will be charged for the full evening at £9.50.

If you are interested in your child attending Acorns After School Club they will need to be added to this term's register. To do this, please contact the school by telephone, or e-mail. If you have any questions call the office and ask to speak with Mrs Hurley, an Acorns Co-ordinator. Please note, due to restrictions placed upon us, sessions can now only be booked and paid for one week in advance via the School Money system online.

We only have a limited number of slots available. The maximum number of places available for each session is 16. Should the demand for spaces exceed this availability then priority provision will be allocated to the children of key workers. Your child will be collected from class at the end of the day by one of our Acorns staff, on the days that they attend the club. Children will still get involved in a variety of activities, including: multi-sports, art and crafts and games and will learn new skills whilst enjoying themselves, in a safe and secure environment.

What next:

1. Register by calling the school office and speaking with **Mrs Hurley**, your Acorns Co-ordinator.
2. Once registered you will be able to book sessions in advance using School Money
3. The charges are as follows:
3:30 – 4:30pm = £7.50 (1 hour)
3:30 – 5:30pm = £9.50 (Full session)
4. All bookings for the next week **MUST** be made by Friday at 4.30pm. Mid week bookings for the same week will not be available.
5. If you collect after your allocated time you will be charged £2.00
6. Refreshments are included in the price.
7. Collection is now via the Back Gate in Wolsey Grove (**Not the main entrance**)

Be Prepared!



Does your child have access to a device with a keyboard?



We recommend that every child from Y1 to Y6 is able to use a laptop or PC at home. Lots of our work in school links directly to our online curriculum. To be useful for productive study, a keyboard is essential.

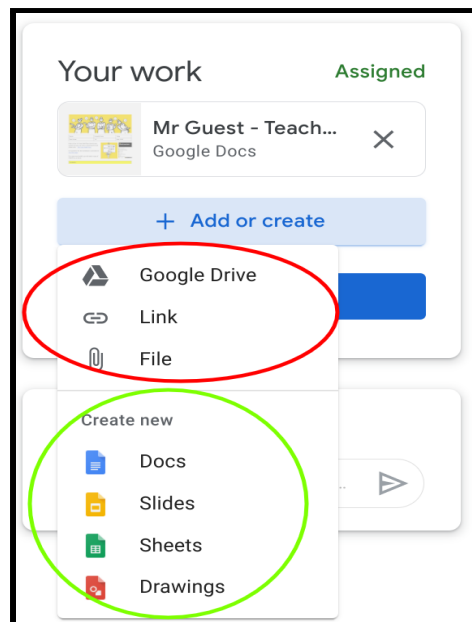
Please note: parents experience a lot of issues attempting to log their child in using Apple products. This is due to the device being locked into an Apple account. We recommend Google chromebooks or Microsoft windows laptops.

Parent Suggestion

Following requests from parents; each week in this newsletter we will be promoting an aspect of our outstanding online curriculum. This week we are looking at how to submit COVID19 secure homework using Google Classroom! Read on



Submitting homework on Google Classroom



Y1 to Y6 pupils should check Google Classroom to view their homework assignments each week. Homework will be a blend of online and creative activities. We would love to see photographs or videos of creative work, and these should be submitted via Google Classroom. After navigating to your child's weekly homework, look out for the 'your work' panel in the top right-hand corner of the page. Click '+ add or create' to either upload files from your device, or to create new files using the free suite of applications provided by Google - no additional software is necessary and should work from any device.

Please note, when using a phone or tablet, you may need to add your child's Woodcroft account to your device via the settings>accounts menu.

Your Woodcroft account details:

Your child's account details when logging into Google services are

'username@woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk', along with the same password used for logging onto the Woodcroft website. Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 will receive login details soon. Y3-Y6 should know their login details by heart, or have recorded them in their homelink book.

Useful links:

1. **Woodcroft's guide to logging on to Google Classroom:**

<https://smartfile.s3.amazonaws.com/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/uploads/2020/03/logging-on-guide-to-google-classroom.pdf>

2. **Submitting work on Google Classroom:**

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6020285?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

3. **Adding a Woodcroft account to your iPhone or iPad:**

<https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/138740?hl=en>

4. **Adding a Woodcroft account to an Android phone or tablet:**

<https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9370410?hl=en>



Have you visited your class 'Treehouse' page?

Check out our new class curriculum pages that we call '[The Treehouse](#)'

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

- Visit the school website: <https://woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/>
- Ask your child to login
- Then click on the Treehouse icon 
- You will find: **Topic information, Key vocabulary, Useful links and videos**

Your child's class teacher 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.