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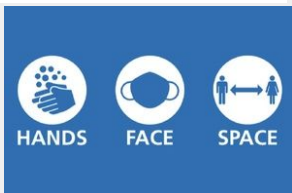
Lots to look out for on our website:

- Reception Applications for 2021 - UPDATED
- Weekly News
- Breakfast Club - OPEN
- Acorns After School Club - OPEN
- Autumn Menus UPDATED

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

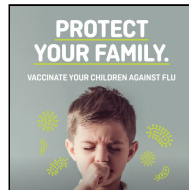
Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



NHS

PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about
The Royal British Legion Remembrance Day



Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The nasal flu vaccination for Reception to Year 6 will take place next week at Woodcroft on **Tuesday 10th November 2020**.

Remember: We never administer any medication in school without the prior consent of a child's parent or carer.

Updated COVID19 DfE Guidance For Schools



As we enter a second national lockdown, The Department for Education updated the guidance for schools on Wednesday evening. Unfortunately this only gave schools a very short amount of time to plan. Read the full guidance at the link here ↓↓↓:

[Education settings: New National Restrictions from 5 November 2020](#)

The significant updates for families are as follows:

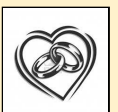
- Schools remain open and all lessons can be undertaken in so long as safety precautions are undertaken
- Staff should wear face coverings (masks or visors) in communal areas
- Parents are advised to wear face covering when coming onto school sites to pick up or drop off from Monday 9th. However, the DfE Guidance states *'Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings and we expect adults and pupils to be sensitive to those needs.'*
- Children whose doctors have confirmed in writing they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend. Remote learning will be provided for these pupils.
- Children who are clinically vulnerable or have underlying health conditions but are not clinically extremely vulnerable continue to attend
- No extra-curricular after school clubs are allowed during lockdown apart from those supporting parents going to work,
- This means that Acorns and Breakfast Club will still continue to run during lockdown. DfE Guidance states, *'before and after school clubs should only do so where it is necessary to support parents to work'*
- All visitors to the schools will be restricted to those that are essential

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Baldwin



We have some special news to announce. Over half term our very own Miss Blyth became Mrs Baldwin.

I am sure you will join us all in wishing Mr and Mrs Baldwin all the happiness for their future together.



Information for Nursery Parents about Applications for Reception Class



Starting 'full time' school is an exciting time for both parents and children. Parents of Nursery age children should now be thinking about applying for your child's Reception class place for next year. Generally, this will be children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017.

Online applications are now open and all pupils need to apply by Wednesday 15th January 2021. Please remember that attendance at our Nursery is not a guarantee of a place in Woodcroft's Reception classes. For more information visit:



<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/reception-class-admissions/>

Applications can be started at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

'From STEM to STEAM' - Woodcroft Art Week begins on Monday 9th November

Next week the whole school will be taking part in the first Art Week of this academic year! This term's theme will be in celebration of our **Year of STEM**. But we will be turning **STEM into STE[+a]M** and celebrating the links between Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and of course **Art!**



Each year group will take part in research about an artist and learn a particular visual art skill as their focus. We will be displaying all of the fantastic work created on the class Treehouse and school website so parents will not miss out on the wonderful work of the pupils.

Be Punctual - Arrive Before 8.55am

Reminder: All children should be in school and ready for registration before 8.55am to avoid a late mark. If children arrive late it disrupts the lesson and affects the learning of every pupil in the class and not just the late child.

Teachers set early work tasks from 8.30am. This is why being punctual to school is so important!

Children in Need Day - Friday 13th November

TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE YOUNG LIVES



It is a Woodcroft tradition to support Children in Need Day next Friday, and we are not going to let COVID19 dampen our spirits! We will however have to drastically scale things back this year.

Children can dress in yellow, wear their pudsey merchandise or just not wear their uniform to school. We will NOT be doing a collection in school, so

are asking our families to donate directly online at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.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 their Class Library.



Happy Birthday to Kiyana (Y5) age 10, Sophia L (R) age 5 & Florin (R) age 5

Whole School Attendance

↑91.2%↑

Aiming for 96%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 2nd November 2020 - Current Data at 8.00am

KS1 Class of the week: 2M 96.9% Well Done - another great week

KS2 Class of the week: 6G 97.2% TOP Class! Fantastic Attendance

Time Tables Rock Star: THE FINAL RESULTS!

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 joined a half-term competition and battled against the other class in their year group. The results are below, there was some close competition! However, we are just getting started as next week's competition begins Monday 9th November. Well done to 2L, 3J, 4T, 5M and 6G who were their Year Group winners! Special congratulations to 5M - our overall Champions!



TTRS Rock Out 2020

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for **Maths Week England**. It's called **Rock Out 2020** and it's all done online on play.trockstars.com.

For every correct answer your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average and Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday to Saturday 14th.

Please encourage and support your child but we suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours.

The Woodcroft Half Term Free Food Giveaway

Thank you to Mrs Clark and her family for organising, in association with Morrisons supermarket, our half-term free food for Woodcroft families. An amazing total of 64 food parcels and 40 packed lunch bags were distributed. Thank you to everyone who supported this local community event.



International Day

Friday 23rd October was INTERNATIONAL DAY at Woodcroft. We celebrated the fantastic diversity of people that make up our wonderful school community. Children and staff came to school dressed in traditional clothes from their home countries or in the colours of a national flag.

Here are just a few images from our colourful day ...



A Parent Guide To Twitter



Do you follow Woodcroft on Twitter?

It's great for following school update posts. But remember, Twitter is for Parents and not children

If you are not already using Twitter, you may find the following guide useful. There are also links to further information and advice on how to use social media safely.



Getting started on Twitter

1. Sign up – the 'new to twitter' box will guide you through
2. Your profile – you can pick a photo and a Twitter ID about you - or choose to keep it blank and anonymous
3. You can use it to 'follow' the school posts - you don't need to post anything yourself
4. You can lock your account so no one else can view your page

Learn the Lingo

- **Hashtag #** - use a hashtag to create or join a topic of conversation ie: #Year3Project
- **Follow** - once you follow someone, tweets they send will appear in your timeline. Why not follow **@WPS_Success**
- **Like** – Show you appreciate a tweet by tapping twitter's heart icon to like it.

Top Online Safety checklist for Twitter

<https://swgfl.org.uk/online-safety/resources/social-media-checklists/twitter-checklist/>

Top Online Safety Resources

O2 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline - A free helpline, which can provide information or help with queries about any sites, apps, games or online safety in general. You do not have to be an O2 customer to use this resource. 0808 800 5002

Net Aware - Net Aware is the NSPCC and O2's guide to the most popular sites, apps and games that young people use. This is a great site for parents as well as anyone working with children. Go to www.net-aware.org.uk

Advice on sharing pictures of your children online -

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children>

Advice and FAQ's for parents about Young People and Social Networking Sites -

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Young-people-and-social-networking-A.pdf>

CEOP - Provides information for young people, parents and professionals including training and educational materials.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

