



Together Towards Success

## New on the website

Lots to look out for on our website:

- Reception Applications for 2021 - UPDATED
- Weekly News
- Acorns After School Club - UPDATED
- Extreme Weather

## Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:  
[@WPS\\_Success](https://twitter.com/WPS_Success)

## NHS Advice



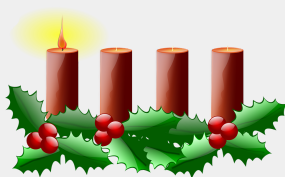
Wear face mask



## PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about ...

Advent



## Face Masks and Social Distancing



*Thank you* to all of our school community for helping keep everyone safe by supporting the wearing of masks and keeping socially distant on the school site.

## Woodcroft's World Class Continuity Curriculum

Woodcroft staff are working hard to minimise the impact of COVID19 on your child's education. Whether at home or school we have got it covered ...



1. **Catch-Up Curriculum:** This term we have totally revised our school curriculum and teaching methods based on the very latest research and best practice in order to compensate for missed learning and the restrictions imposed by COVID19 guidance.
2. **Woodcroft Online:** If your child's year group goes into lockdown and children are sent home for two weeks, we are ready to move immediately to remote learning using Google Classroom.
3. **Blended Learning:** If an individual child has to self isolate they do not miss out. Every Monday, teachers post their learning schedules online. With links to activities, videos, lessons and worksheets - your child can keep up with their class.
4. **The New Treehouse:** Check out our virtual classrooms. Curriculum information for every class is all there in one place; core knowledge, key vocabulary, useful links and videos.
5. **Independent Learning Apps:** And if all this isn't enough - when your child logs on to our website they have access to a suite of premium learning apps that are tailored to their needs.
6. **Support Available:** if you need support accessing this fantastic content - then email our helpline ... [woodcroftonline@woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:woodcroftonline@woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk)

## Does your child have access to a Chromebook (or Laptop)



If you want to support your children both now and for the future, they need access to a Chromebook or Laptop. Phones and tablets are not suitable for school work. We highly recommend using a device with a proper keyboard. If your child has a chromebook they will be able to use it for homework and further study should there be a lockdown. This is an essential long term investment for your child's education.

## Email and Text Service



Do you receive both a school email and a school text every Friday with this newsletter? If you are not receiving these regular messages please contact the school office to update your details.



## Information for Nursery Parents



Parents of Nursery age children (born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017) should now be thinking about applying for your child's Reception Class place for September 2021. Online applications are now open at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>.

For more information visit: <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/reception-class-admissions/>



## December Diary

- **Christmas Lunch** - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December (optional Christmas jumpers and hats allowed to be worn in school)
- **Jack and the Beanstalk** - Online Panto - w/b Monday 14th December
- **Y1, Y3 & Y4 Parties** - Tuesday 15th December (non-uniform on party days)
- **Y2, Y5 & Y6 Parties** - Wednesday 16th December (non-uniform for year group party days)
- **Nursery and Reception Parties** - 17th December (non-uniform on party days)
- **Nursery Last Day** 17th December
- **Last Day of Term Friday** 18th December **(2.00pm close)**
- Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021



### Christmas Gifts for Staff

Lots of families have enquired if their child can still give a Christmas gift to their class teachers and assistants. We always try to take a sensible approach at Woodcroft. So, yes you can. Teachers will be setting up an area within their classroom for gifts to be safely placed.

### Please Drive Carefully



Please drive carefully around school. We have had some near miss accidents reported recently. Why not park a short distance away and walk the rest of the way to avoid the congestion around the gates.

### Arrangements for dismissal on days of 'extremely' bad weather

If we have extreme rain, sleet or snow at 3.00pm we shall modify our dismissal procedures:



- The parent 'one way system' will still operate.
- Reception and Nursery - no change
- Y1 and Y2 will remain under the shelter
- Y3 and Y4 will shelter under the KS2 playground walkway canopy
- Y5 will remain inside their corridor. As children see their parents they will exit via the middle doors
- Y6 will line up along the Gallery Corridor. Parents will collect their child from the doors at the main foyer end of the corridor. A teacher will be at each end of the corridor.

We have also updated our extreme weather procedures in case we have to close the school.

## 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. It's a bumper week:



**Happy Birthday to Iyaaz Y5 age 10, Sara Y4 age 9, Tyler Y5 age 10, Yolade Y6 age 11 and Tapasya (Reception) age 5**

Whole School Attendance

↑92.2%↑

Aiming for 96%

### Weekly Class Attendance Champions

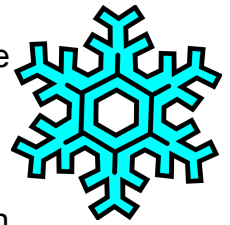
For the week beginning 30th November 2020

KS1 Class of the week: 2M 97.8% **TOP CLASS** for the week ✓

KS2 Class of the week: 5R 97.0% Best in KS2 well done

## Snow & Extreme Weather Procedures

It is getting to that time of year when we have to start planning for the possible 'extreme' bad weather. Please read the guide below and prepare yourself.



### **Arrangements for Winter 2020-2021**

We will always do everything possible to keep the school open throughout the winter without compromising the safety of your children. However, on rare occasions we may need to close due to extreme weather conditions such as heavy snow. A detailed description of procedures is available on our website. Click on the snow warning triangle on the website home page or visit:



<http://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/snow-and-extreme-weather-procedures/>

### **School Closed due to Bad Weather**

If the Headteacher decides to close the school for safety reasons:

- A text is sent to parents by 8.00am if the school is going to close. Parents are asked **NOT** to call the school (this blocks the line). Information will also be posted on the school website.
- If you do not hear from the school then assume it is a normal day and we are OPEN

### **Restricted Site Access on Snow Days**

On mornings when the school is open but disrupted by heavy snow or frost we will do the following:

- Keep the top front gate locked due to unsafe steps (the one way system will still operate)
- The Foundation Stage entrance will be cleared, however grit cannot be used on the safety surface so be careful
- The back gates *will* be OPEN but the paths may **NOT** be fully cleared of snow - please be cautious
- From 8.30am children can access classrooms directly
- On snow days we ask that parents and children **DO NOT** arrive at school before 8.30am unless they are attending Breakfast Club.

### **Early Closing for Snow and Severe Weather Dismissals**

If the school needs to close early due to deteriorating weather conditions or we have severe weather then a text will be sent to parents.

### **Text Service - Make sure we have your latest number**



Do you receive our weekly school texts? If you didn't receive these texts please call the school office to update your number. It is vital that you are able to receive all emergency notifications and general reminders. Thank you.

### **Appropriate Winter Clothing, Boots & PE Kits**

Please remember, children need a winter coat, hat and gloves for break times. If you send your child in rubber boots, please ensure they have black shoes to change into in school. Please also ensure that children are wearing their blue sweatshirt and joggers to school on PE Days.

### **Avoid Early Arrival - Remember, School Opens at 8.30am**

Please ensure that children do not arrive before 8.30am for school. It is cold, dark and dangerous during the winter months. Please enquire about our breakfast club if you need to drop children off early!



## **A message from ACORNS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Dear Parents and Carers

Acorns is non-profit after school provision exclusively for Woodcroft parents. We organise our charges to just break even. However, since reopening during the coronavirus pandemic our numbers of children attending the club has substantially fallen. We understand that everyone is affected by COVID19 and we want to continue to provide a sustainable service for those that need it.

Because we only have very few pupils requiring longer sessions, added to the levels of staffing required to keep your children safe, we cannot afford to keep the club open for the full evening at the moment without passing on significant extra costs to families.

Having spoken to our parents we also understand how crucial this child care offer is during these unprecedented times! So we have decided to temporarily change our hours of operation.

**We will continue to keep the club open but only until 4:30pm. We have also reduced the cost to only £6.50 per session to support you during this current pandemic.**

Remember, Acorns is open to every Woodcroft child from Y1 to Y6. We also consider children from Reception if they are fully independent.

The booking of places for the After School Club during COVID19 remains the same. To guarantee availability we ask that you book your child's place by Friday for attendance on any day during the following week. This is so that we can plan staffing levels accordingly. Bookings can now be accepted up to the day before, however places are STRICTLY limited so we recommend advance booking.

Thank you.

*Mrs Hurley and Mrs Clark (Acorns Coordinators)*

