



Together Towards Success

New on the website

Lots to look out for on our website:

- Reception Applications for 2021 - UPDATED
- Extreme Weather Guide

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 the festivals of ...

Hanukkah



Christmas



Christmas Message from the Chair of Governors

This has been quite a year! We should all be extremely proud of the way in which the Woodcroft Primary School community has navigated through these challenging times. I would like to commend the leadership and all the staff who have worked so hard to ensure the children could continue their education in such difficult circumstances. I do not think there has been a time when this message has been more heartfelt. So, on behalf of the school's Governing Body, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope that the New Year will see us all return to a more normal life.

Richard Burrows (Chair of Governors)

Woodcroft Online - Our Continuity Curriculum

Woodcroft staff work hard to minimise the impact of COVID19 on your child's education. Through our new and updated **Curriculum**, unrivaled **Woodcroft Online** remote learning provision, fully **Blended Learning** using Google Classroom, our integrated '**Treehouse**' **Virtual Learning Environment**, extensive suite of **Independent Learning Apps** and excellent **Technical Support** via email woodcroftonline@woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk ...

Whether you're learning at home or in school, 'we have got it covered'!

How can families help?



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.

Even from as young as Year 1 we recommend using a device with a proper keyboard. If your child has a **basic** chromebook, dedicated for school, they will be able to use it for homework and further study all the way to Year 6! We think this is an essential long term investment for your child's education.

Remote Learning Engagement - **GO GREEN!**

During periods of remote learning every child's online engagement is tracked. We aim for pupils to go green ...

GO GREEN!

Red:

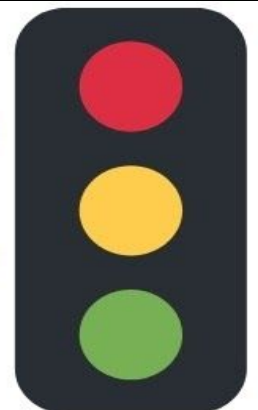
No comments, little work completed - the school is getting worried about your child.

Amber:

You are visible online and have completed work on some (but not all) days of the week.

Green:

Completing ALL work and being visible online EVERY day!



NEWS UPDATE: School now finishes on Thursday 17th December at 3.00pm. Pupils return on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Monday is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' Panto Day



It is a Woodcroft tradition to hold our very own staff pantos for the children where all of the staff join in to put on a special show for the children. Unfortunately, this cannot take place as normal. However, we didn't want pupils to miss out on the panto tradition so we have subscribed to watch **Jack and the Beanstalk! Oh yes we have!** Even the pupils who are still self isolating can receive the link to watch it at the same time as the rest of their classmates and join in the online chat! Information will be posted by teachers on the Google Classroom.

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 17th December (optional Christmas jumpers and hats allowed to be worn in school - please DO NOT buy one especially for this day)
- **Jack and the Beanstalk** - Online Panto - Monday 14th December
- **Y1, Y3 & Y4 Parties** - Tuesday 15th December (non-uniform on party days)
- **Y2, Y5 Parties** - Wednesday 16th December (non-uniform for year group party days)
- **Y6, Nursery and Reception Parties** - 17th December (non-uniform on party days)
- **Nursery Last Day** 17th December
- **Last Day of Term Thursday 17th December (regular 3.00pm finish)**
- Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021



Party Clothes and Christmas Jumpers: Children do not need to wear school uniforms on their class party day. But please make sure they wear sensible shoes and bring a warm coat because they do have to play out at their regular times.

We have Lots of requests to wear **Christmas jumpers** on our Christmas Lunch day. We allow this but do not expect children to wear one. At Woodcroft we do NOT think you should have to make a special purchase for one day. However, if your child already has one (or a santa hat) then they can wear it on Thursday 17th. Ho Ho Ho! **Party Food** is not needed this year. We are not asking parents to provide anything for class parties.

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.



School Term and Holiday Dates for 2021

SPRING TERM 1 PUPILS RETURN Tuesday 5 January 2021

Half Term School Holiday Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February

SPRING TERM 2 Monday 22 February - Wednesday 31 March

Last Day of Term Wednesday 31 March (Nursery Finishes Tuesday 30 March)

Easter School Holiday Thursday 1 April - Friday 16 April

SUMMER 2021

SUMMER TERM 1 PUPILS RETURN Monday 19 April 2021

May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 3 May

Half Term School holiday Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

STAFF TRAINING Monday 7 June (School Closed)

SUMMER TERM 2 PUPILS RETURN Tuesday 8 June 2021

Last Day of Term Friday 23 July (Nursery Finishes Thursday 22)

AUTUMN 2021

STAFF TRAINING Wednesday 1, Thursday 2, Friday 3 September (School Closed)

AUTUMN TERM 1 PUPILS RETURN Monday 6 September 2021

Half Term School Holiday Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October

AUTUMN TERM 2 Monday 1 November - Friday 17 December

Last Day of Term Friday 17 December (Nursery Finishes Thursday 16 December)

Christmas School Holiday Monday 20 December - Monday 3 January (Staff Training 4 January)

PUPILS RETURN Wednesday 5 January 2022