



Together Towards Success

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Lots to look out for on our website:

- School Opening Arrangements
- Remote Learning Policy and Information
- Extreme Weather Guide

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NHS Advice



Wear face mask



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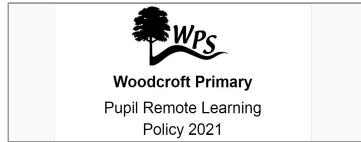
PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about ...

Safer Internet Day



Woodcroft Online - Remote Learning Policy



This week we updated our Remote Learning Policy to ensure we comply, and in most cases exceed, the Government requirements for maintaining pupil education during lockdown. You can read this here ...



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Keeping Reading During Lockdown

Last week, in Issue 400, we focused on your child's reading. We believe that this is **THE** most important thing you can do during lockdown! I have included our guide again this week on page 2. Let us know how your children are doing with reading using the email address ...

woodcroftonline@woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk

The Woodcroft FREE Stationery Shop



Don't forget we are always here to help. One way is to provide FREE learning materials to support you at home if needed: Pencils, pens, crayons, paper, exercise books, rulers! Just pop down to school and we'll put together a pack of essential items, and if we haven't got what you need we will do our best to get it.

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 9th February



Tuesday 9th February 2021 is Safer Internet Day. Classes will be thinking about this year's themes, 'Together for a better internet' and '#AnInternetWeTrust' Pupils will be discussing how we can trust what we see on the internet, and thinking about strategies they can use to check if things they see and hear online are true or false.

Staff Now Testing for COVID19

This week staff at Woodcroft have begun testing twice weekly for COVID19 in line with Government guidance. This form of 'lateral flow testing' helps to identify and isolate more asymptomatic people who test positive and are therefore more likely to spread the virus. Primary school pupils are NOT being tested and there are currently no plans to begin testing younger children.

Remote Teaching of Reading

Woodcroft staff have been investigating ways to improve our teaching of reading during lockdown.

Our aims for improving the remote teaching of reading at Woodcroft:

1. Continue to teach systematic phonics (especially for younger pupils in KS1 and Early Years)
2. Promote remote whole-class reading
3. Increase the direct teaching of vocabulary (essential for comprehension)
4. Find ways to enable all pupils to access challenging texts

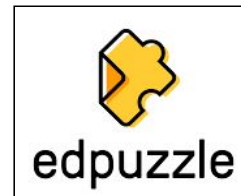
To help us achieve these aims we are introducing two apps that will be used in every class from Nursery to Year 6: these are **Readworks** and **Edpuzzle**. Teachers will be setting activities using these apps. We are asking parents to get involved and help their children get the most out of these powerful learning tools.

Online Whole-Class Reading using EdPuzzle

An important part of being at school is children listening to their teacher reading aloud and discussing books. We want to help recreate these 'Class Reader' sessions using pre-recorded videos. Across the school we will now be using Edpuzzle which we think is the best option available.

Edpuzzle ...

- is simple, easy to use and safe
- is great for a wide range of subjects - not just reading!
- synchronises with our Google Classroom
- keeps a record of your child's engagement for the teacher
- allows quiz questions about the text to be embedded on screen during the reading video to check for pupil understanding
- automatically monitors pupil answers



Teachers will be reading aloud and recording short videos that pupils will watch using Edpuzzle. The videos will automatically pause at places chosen by the teacher, and ask your child a question. It is vital that parents help their children access these reading videos.

Online Comprehension using Readworks

We have investigated a number of solutions to adequately address the need for focused reading comprehension activities. Readworks (despite some Americanised words) provides an excellent free solution that we can use from Nursery through to Year 6.

Readworks ...

- is a flexible application with lots of learning features
- automatically links with our Google Classroom
- has a library of 100s of texts and questions
- is able to support children at different reading levels
- provides excellent focused questions
- automatically marks children's responses and keeps a record for their teacher

ReadWorks.org

Teachers will be setting two short comprehension activities every week. Please create a routine at home to enable your child to maintain their comprehension skills.

Example weekly reading schedule

(this may vary according to different year group timetables - class teachers will outline expectations for each class)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class Reader (Edpuzzle)	Reading Comprehension (Readworks)	Class Reader (Edpuzzle)	Reading Comprehension (Readworks)	Class Reader (Edpuzzle)

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 Maria (Year 5) age 10





Free School Meal Voucher Scheme Option

Weekly shopping vouchers worth £15 to spend at supermarkets will be sent to your smartphone!



Children eligible for free school meals can now benefit from the national voucher scheme again. Woodcroft will provide every eligible child with a £15 weekly shopping voucher while schools are closed due to COVID19. This scheme will allow Woodcroft to provide vouchers to families electronically, directly to your phone via email. These £15 per week, per child vouchers can be spent on food at a range of shops including Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose and M&S, etc. To be eligible families will be in receipt of certain benefits. Please note that this is a scheme to the universal infant free meals. Go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> for more information.

What if I have phone problems or home Internet issues?

If you do not own a smartphone or have internet problems at home please let the school know so we can arrange for support to access the vouchers.

Are you receiving voucher texts?

Texts are being sent to qualifying families with information about the voucher scheme. If you are not receiving these please contact the office so that we can check your status.

Do you now qualify for Free School Meals?

If your circumstances have changed, and you think you may now be eligible, please check your status on the government website and then call the school office as soon as possible:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

We will then arrange for you to provide your evidence so that you can begin to receive one of our free food or voucher offers.

***Please note:** eligibility for Free School Meals is different from the Universal Infant Free School Meals given to every KS1 and Reception pupils. You must be in receipt of certain benefits to claim your voucher.

If you qualify for free school meals but ARE NOT receiving a voucher please contact the school office immediately so that we can check our records.

Half Term Week 15th - 19th February

School will be **CLOSED** as normal during half term week. Both our Key Worker Provision and Online Schools will finish at 3.00pm on Friday 12th February and reopen on Monday 22nd February.

Dates for Your Diary

1st - 5th March is **Book Week**

8th - 12th March is **Art Week** - Theme 'Futuristic Art'

- We will be linking our art activities British Science Week (5 - 14th March) theme of 'Innovating for the Future'

19th March is **Comic Relief Day** - Our Theme - 'Everything's Gone Green' (for a sustainable future!)

- We will be asking pupils, whether at home or in school, to dress in as much green as possible as we raise money with online donations for Comic Relief.

16th & 18th March will be **Online Parent Evenings**

31st March is the Last Day of Term (2.00pm)