



Together Towards Success

## New on the website

Lots to look out for on our website:

- School Opening Arrangements for March 8th
- Remote Learning Policy

## 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 ...

Being Welcoming To Everyone



## Welcome Back!

We hope that you are all really excited to see everyone coming back on Monday 8th March.

### Getting Back Into A School Routine

Getting back into a familiar routine as quickly as possible will be vital to make our return to school as successful as possible. If you haven't been part of our key worker provision, you will need to make sure that all of your school equipment and clothing is ready so you are not panicking on Monday morning.

### Attendance

Please note that attendance will be mandatory again so all children are required to attend school. Please notify the office if your child is unwell, especially if they are demonstrating any COVID19 symptoms.

### School Shoes - Policy Relaxation

We have agreed to a temporary relaxation of our school shoes policy. Small feet will have grown, but non-essential shops remain closed. If your school shoes no longer fit - don't panic. It is fine to wear alternative footwear such as trainers for the time being. As social restrictions are eased and we can get back to the shops we will review this policy again but give you plenty of notice of any changes.

### Safety

We will make school as safe as possible. Take a look at the website for all of the latest updates and plans ...

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/full-opening-from-march-8th/>

### Air Purifiers

**Air Purifiers** have now been placed in both 'high use' entrance foyers and the main staffroom to remove contaminants and kill viruses. These devices use the latest plasmawave technology to kill airborne viruses naturally without the use of chemicals. **If the light is blue** - the air quality is good!





## The Arbor App is coming

Keep a look out next week for an email about the **Arbor Parent Portal**.

Arbor is the secure system that we have begun to use in school to store pupil information. Now that we are hopefully preparing to return to more normality we are going to switch on more of the system's features.

To start with we would like all parents to register with the Arbor Parent Portal. A leaflet telling you more about what to look out for is being distributed along with this newsletter.

Over the coming months we hope to add Messaging, Parent Evening Bookings, Attendance Figures and Payments to the app.



You will also be able to directly update your own personal information like mobile numbers and emails.

## Revised Dates for Your Diary

**15th March** is now **Book Week** - Our theme will be 'Animal Magic'

**19th March** is **Comic Relief Day** - Theme: 'Back to Nature' pupils can dress in green or as their favourite animal. The week will feature our very own WPS Masked Reader Competition 🐱

**22nd March** is now **Art Week** - Theme: 'Futuristic Art'

**Online Parent Evenings** will now be moved to 23rd and 25th March to enable all pupils time to settle back into school.

**World Autism Awareness Week** is from 29th March

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



## ACORNS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Acorns is our non-profit after school club provision exclusively for Woodcroft pupils. Due to the pandemic the number of children attending the club fell substantially. We then decided to temporarily change our hours of operation upto 4:30pm and reduce the cost to only £6.50 per session to support parents during this current pandemic. We will now be asking parents to tell us if you need this service to start again. We need a minimum of 10 pupils per day to run the reduced service and a minimum of 20 bookings to fund the full service. Today we sent out an electronic survey questionnaire. Please complete this if you want the club to restart. If we have sufficient interest we shall then make plans to restart the club from 15th March. Thank you.

*Mrs Hurley and Mrs Clark (Acorns Coordinators)*

## What do I need to remember for Monday 8th?

It will be important to prepare your child for school on Monday 8th.

### These are some things you can do:

- Make sure you talk about return to school in a positive way
- Discuss how things are being made safe for everyone
- Check your child's uniform - everyone will have grown!
- Make sure your child has a personal water bottle. We will not be supplying water bottles and communal water fountains are not allowed to be used.
- Refill your child's pencil case with essential equipment.



### Pencil case essentials:

- Pencil and sharpener
- eraser
- Ruler
- Basic colouring pencils

### Optional extras

- Glue Stick
- Protractor
- Handwriting Pen (Y3 to Y6)



**Don't forget your water bottle**

## Remember about PE Kit Days

Pupils now come to school in their PE Kits on class PE Days. We wear our plain **navy blue** kit including sweatshirt and joggers. Remember, do not arrive in only T-shirts and shorts, it's still a bit chilly!. We also do not recommend plimsolls in school. And don't forget to check clothing is named; it all looks the same!

### A FULL PE kit uniform must include

#### Indoor



- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain navy shorts
- no high tops or plimsolls please

#### Outdoor



- Plain navy blue jumper (no hoodies)
- Plain navy blue joggers
- Trainers that are below the ankle
- please avoid branded items, thank you

### PE Kit Timetable

Please note the day your child should wear their PE kit to school:

**Tuesday:** Year 2 (2M and 2L) and Year 5 (5M and 5R)

**Wednesday:** Year 4 (4T and 4B), 3H (Mr Hughes) and 1A (Mrs Patel / Mrs Seth-Smith)

**Thursday:** Year 6 (6G and 6J), 1S (Miss Stewart) and 3J (Miss Hargreaves)

*\*These arrangements do not currently apply to Nursery or Reception\**

We hope to make as much use of our outdoor space as possible so please remember your blue sweatshirts and joggers on PE days.

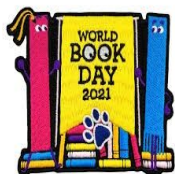
## The Birthday Book Club

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 Jessica (Year 4) age 9**



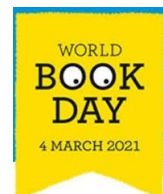




## Woodcroft Book Week

**15th to 19th March - Theme 'Animal Magic'**

At Woodcroft we have chosen to postpone Book Week, normally held during the same week as World Book Day, until all the children are back in school. This way we can celebrate it properly!



We are planning lots of reading based excitement including a 'Book Face' competition and our very own Animal Masked Reader!

On Friday 19th children can come to school dressed as their favourite animal or wear green when we combine the climax of book week and national Comic Relief Day in one event.

Digital World Book Day vouchers were sent out yesterday (Thursday 4th). These can be used at participating retailers until 28th March. We will also be sending home the physical vouchers next week. Look out for the £1.00 books in stores or use the voucher to get a discount on any book of your choice.



Guess who is behind the Book Face?

We have also rescheduled our annual M&M Theatre show to the end of June when we hope to be able to enjoy these types of events again.

**The Book Week Masked Reader, hosted by Miss Lloyd, is coming to Woodcroft very soon ...**





## World Autism Awareness Week from 29th March to 4th April 2021



**National  
Autistic  
Society**

The coronavirus pandemic has been particularly tough for many autistic people and their families. Services have closed and many people have been left stranded. The ever-changing guidelines and restrictions can be confusing to understand and extremely difficult to implement for autistic people with high support needs. One in every 100 UK school children is autistic and, without the right support, school can be a confusing and difficult place.

At Woodcroft we are going to join in with World Autism Awareness Week and help improve understanding of autism among our community.

## Back to School in Barnet

### Helping children back to school advice from Barnet Local Authority



It's been a challenging year for children and young people which is why it's so important that we do what we can to help support their mental health and wellbeing as they return to the classroom on 8 March.

Barnet has a wide range of useful resources for parents, carers, teachers, children and young people on their [Back to School page](#). Some of these include links to the latest government guidance, tips on how to get back into a routine, important information on potential changes to the school setting and advice on dealing with anxiety:

- [Back to School booklet](#) for parents, carers and guardians with methods to help manage your child's anxiety, fix disrupted sleep patterns and build their resilience
- [Back to School video](#) for primary and secondary school students, talking about what they can expect when they return to school and useful tips to help them along the way
- [Back to School presentation for primary and secondary school pupils](#)
- [Back to School presentation for primary school pupils](#)

Also, Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS) have organised a series of FREE wellbeing workshops for children, young people, parents and carers. View the list of workshops and details on how to book [here](#).

We're wishing you and your child the best of luck on their return to school!

### A few things to remember:

- Staff are only working in one year group to keep them as COVID secure bubbles
- We will return to staggered entry between 8.30am – 8.55am (however, we encourage pupils to arrive by **8.45am** to maximise learning time!)
- Families will follow the familiar one way system for drop off and pick up
- Lessons will start at 8.55am with early work in class from 8.45am (please be punctual)
- Breaktimes will be staggered so pupils will not mix with other years
- Each year will have its own dedicated lunchtime sitting and seating area
- End of the day collection is between 3.00pm to 3.15pm (try not to arrive before 3.00pm to avoid lengthy queues building up)

### Masks



- **Children do not need to wear masks in school.** If parents choose for their child to wear a mask you **MUST** also send a plastic bag to store it in when not in use.
- **All Adults should wear a mask at all times on school premises.** We understand that not everyone is able to wear a mask. Those who are exempt can display their exemption tags/lanyards to reassure the rest of the community.

### **Bubble Closures and Self Isolation**

Please be aware that we will still be required to close Year Group Bubbles if we are notified of any confirmed cases of COVID19.

If your child has been in close contact with any confirmed cases please self-isolate immediately. Prompt action can avoid the spread of the virus, avoid the school needing to close bubbles and ultimately save lives.

### **Continuity Curriculum**

If we are required to send a year group home then your child's education will immediately switch back to online learning the following day.

If your child is required to individually self-isolate then you can access daily tasks linked to the classes curriculum via the Google Classroom. A weekly schedule will be posted every Friday outlining activities for the next week. Check back daily for any updates.

### **Digital Brain Builder Homework**

Google Classroom Homework Assignments will be posted every Friday. This will usually include:

- I. A Maths learning app suggested activity
- II. A short English task that reinforces a learning objective from that week
- III. A Topic-based revision activity that will often be linked to a learning website to reinforce the week's study. For example, this could be Brainpop (KS2 only), A Developing Experts science mission , or Quizlet topic vocabulary
- IV. Spellings and reading expectations continue as normal