## WOODCROFT EXTRA

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### New on the Website

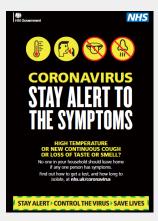
- School Organisation for September
- Year 6 Leavers 2021
- Year 5 Oliver The Musical
- Pupils at Woodcroft Excel in the Arts

### **Twitter**



#### **COVID Advice**







### **Welcome Back**

First of all, well done to all of the pupils for settling straight back into school and getting down to learning. Last year was challenging - this year is going to be exceptional.

We are really excited to fully launch some of the things we have been developing behind the scenes for the past year.

**NEW - Whole School Curriculum** 

**NEW - Phonics Scheme** 

**NEW - Learning To Read Programme** 

**NEW - KS2 Spelling Scheme** 

**NEW - PSHE and AIM@Programmes** 

**NEW - Payment and Communications Systems** 

### **SAME - Wonderful Woodcroft Community!**

You will be finding out a lot more about our new and improved offer, and how you can help your children learn, throughout the term. But make a date in your diary for a child's information evening over the next two weeks.

### **IMPORTANT MEETINGS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

From next week, we shall be holding important information evenings for parents. They will start at 4.00pm and finish around 4.30pm. Plenty of time for you to get home and log on via tablet, phone or laptop. All meetings are online using Google Meet. Each year group is on a different evening. Click the links at the allotted time to meet the teachers. You can mute your mic and switch off your camera! With time at the end for questions.

Y6 Meeting Tuesday 14th meet.google.com/jfh-zpoh-xhh

Y5 Meeting Thursday 16th meet.google.com/xce-ucwj-juj

Y4 Meeting Friday 17<sup>th</sup> meet.google.com/eyy-tyxm-bep

Y3 Meeting Tuesday 21st <u>meet.google.com/mrv-fvcp-hsd</u>

Y2 Meeting Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> meet.google.com/rco-rzhf-quq

Y1 Meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> meet.google.com/nan-jefd-hbz

### **Updated COVID Organisation for September**

We have had confirmed cases of COVID in the school already this term. Remember, if you test positive or suspect symptoms you MUST <u>stay away</u> from school! Those that need a test should book one immediately.

If family members or close contacts of a pupil test positive then you must book a text immediately for your child and keep them off school until your results are back. If your child's result is clear then they can return to school immediately. You do NOT need to self-isolate after you test negative.

Remember, you MUST book a PCR test for your child if they have been with a positive case.

### **COVID Safety Arrangements**

We have retained many of our COVID sayfety arrangements to protect you and your child. These include:

- > Extended arrival times between 8.30am 8.55am remain (try to arrive by 8.45am)
- > Separate Year Group Breaks and Lunchtimes.
- > Collection queuing and one way systems.
- > We only allow two year groups to sit in the hall at the same time for assemblies and events.
- > We have dedicated year group cover staff to avoid transmission
- > Washing stations installed in every classroom
- > Increased hygiene and cleaning

Take a look at our website for all of the latest COVID news

### **Contacting the School**

We will continue to keep the Office Window closed at the start and end of the school day to avoid queuing and congestion. Please email the <a href="mailto:office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net">office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net</a> or call 02089593244.

### **Reporting Illness and Self Isolation**

All children must attend school unless they are waiting for test results, ill or exhibit symptoms of COVID19.

Please inform the office immediately if your child is going to be absent so that we can take any appropriate action to maintain everyone's safety.



### **Nursery Places for September 2021**

### 30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery



A few places still remain in our Nursery to start this September 2021! Contact the school office to discuss putting your child on our register. Woodcroft offers the FREE flexible 15 hours provision for all children, with the option to pay for extra sessions as required. Parents of three and four year olds that are registered with Woodcroft's

Nursery can also apply for the government's **30 hours free childcare** offer through the Government website **www.childcarechoices.gov.uk**.

### Woodcroft is a Nut Free School



Did you know that we have three children in school with severe food allergies that need epipens to be available at all times? This requires close supervision of all food in the class and dining room.

Now that we're getting back into the school routine it is easy to forget. If your child has packed lunch please check the ingredients and avoid

any items containing nuts. This could be a matter of life and death!



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL PAYMENTS

### We have now switched school payment providers!

**Please DO NOT try to use School Money** for any Woodcroft payments. We are switching to Arbor for all school parent services. If you have not done so already you will need to activate your Arbor Parent Portal. All balances will be transferred across from School Money over the next week.



Please be patient while we make all of these transfers.

### **Visit The Arbor Getting Started Webpage Today!**

You will find lots of helpful information and handy videos right here ... https://bit.ly/2YrKrsL



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### **Arbor Parent Portal**

We are putting everything for parents in one place within the **Arbor Parent Portal**.



You are now able to make online payments and see your child's information through the Arbor portal.

Most parents have already registered to access their account. Reminder emails have been sent to everyone who still needs to log on. If you have not registered, please check your inbox and junk folders for the welcome emails from Arbor.

The Arbor system will be used for Email, Messaging, Assessment Information, Behaviour Reports and now **Cashless Payments**. All this from one convenient and secure login!

IMPORTANT NOTE: The first time you log on you will need to use a computer, laptop or tablet.

Parents who have done this already report that it is quick and easy. However, some phones do not allow you to press the 'accept terms' button because of their screen size. However, once this is done for the first time they say that it is easy to login using your phone.

You can also download the Arbor App from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store to easily log in to your school account.



Look out for the Arbor reminder emails in your inboxes on Friday

### **Year 6 Secondary Transfer**

Year 6 families should now apply for secondary school places. A pack was sent out to every Year 6 child this week that contained:

- 1. Barnet Letter to Parents
- 2. Secondary Transfer 2022 Applying for a School Place Leaflet
- 3. Online Admissions Guide 2022
- 4. Open Evening Schedules
- \* You can also download these documents by clicking the above links.

Remember, the **deadline for applications is October 31st 2021**. It is a straightforward online process, however starting during the week beginning the 4th October Mr Tallon will open the school computing suite in the mornings to support any parent or carer complete their applications. More details in due course.

As the school receives brochures and posters, they will be distributed or added to the Weekly News.

### Note to Year 5 parents:

There is nothing to stop you looking at the documents and visiting the secondary school open days in advance to get a feel for the schools and prepare for next year.

### **Dairy Dates**

**Music Instrument Lessons restart on:** 

Guitar 13/9/21 Brass 15/9/21 Woodwind 17/9/21 Violin 23/9/21 \*Please make sure you have your instrument \*



Parent Consultation Evenings - 5th & 7th October

Harvest Basket Assemblies - Thursday 14th October

International Day - Friday 22nd

Half Term Break - 25th to 29th October



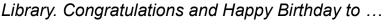
### No Glass Please

Please do not send pupils to school with glass bottles or jars in their packed lunch. We had two bottles that were smashed this week. Thank you



### The Birthday Book Club

**WOW!** We are always happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays and have celebrated by donating books for their Class



Emilia (Year 1) age 6 and Adem (Year 5) age 10

### **OPEN EVENING**



# YOU ARE INVITED TO LONDON ACADEMY'S OPEN EVENING

## To be held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 6:00pm to 8:30pm

London Academy is a richly diverse and vibrant community with over 1500 students and 200 staff dedicated to the highest standards and achievement for every young person.

Our motto is "Leaders for Tomorrow". The education our young people receive is designed to encourage an active participation in shaping the future world through the local, national and ultimately, international community.

Our aim is to realise the huge potential in students and staff through a relentless focus on learning underpinned by our belief that there are no limits to what can be achieved with continuous effort and practice.

### **OPEN DAYS**

If you would like to visit London Academy during normal school hours please contact us:

By Telephone 020 8238 1100 ext 247

Or

office@londonacademy.org.uk

The Principal's talk will be at 6:30pm, 7:00pm, 7:30pm & 8:00pm



### Ofsted (May 2018):

Outstanding Leadership and Management, Early Years Provision and Personal Development and Welfare.





## PROSPECTIVE PARENTS' OPEN EVENING

15TH
SEPTEMBER
2021
5PM-8PM
LAST ENTRY 7PM



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

enquiries@copthall.barnet.sch.uk

Tel: 0208 959 1937

## Secondary transfer? Come and see our amazing school

We're hosting an Open Evening for prospective families and we'd love to see your families there. Please forward this to your Y5 and Y6 families so that they can join us at Copthall School on 15th September 2021.

To register and book: https://www.copthallschool.org.uk/2932/open-events