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Together Towards Success
*With our **AIM Values***

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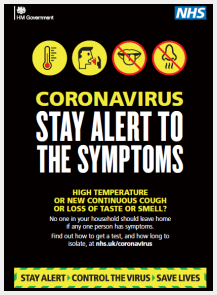
- Music Mark Award
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Twitter

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COVID Advice





PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about:
Setting our goals for success in 2022





Happy New Year

Welcome back to the start of a new spring term. It has been great to see our pupils return so enthusiastically this week and be ready to learn. Our attendance is currently 91%, well above the national average of 88.9%.

We have got lots of exciting things planned for this term; but we will have more news about these things next week. In the meantime, thank you to all of our families for your continued support and understanding during these challenging times. It is only by working together that we will be able to continue to provide the highest quality of education for your children.

Updated COVID19 Guidance

You will have watched the Government announcements in the news and media over the past few days. Rest assured, because of Woodcroft's consistently high standard of safety we already meet and exceed all of the upgraded Plan B guidance.
We will be retaining the additional measures put in place last term to limit the spread of COVID within school, and enable us to **stay open safely**. This involves:

Face coverings

- All staff will wear face coverings in communal areas
- Parents & carers are encouraged to wear face coverings when on-site
- All visitors to the school to be asked to wear face coverings inside

Testing

- Pupils who are close contacts requested to test negative before returning
- Staff will continue with twice weekly lateral flow device (LFD) testing

Good hygiene

- CO2 monitors are now installed in every classroom
- Air filtration units have been installed in communal areas
- Classes are well ventilated and hygiene routines have been reviewed

Social Distancing

- Staff follow strict social distancing protocols
- Pupils work, play and eat only within their year group bubbles
- We avoid large groupings e.g. assemblies are delivered online
- Afterschool and Breakfast Clubs keep pupils in year group areas
- Events and visits will still be limited to essential requirements only

Setting Goals To Achieve Success

A new year brings with it new possibilities. It is a good time to set goals to help you achieve even more success. At Woodcroft we are guided our AIM Values and The Woodcroft Code.

Woodcroft AIM Values



We encourage children to adopt a core set of values. We call these our **AIM Values** because we think that having **A**spirations and **I**nspiration **M**atter in life. That is why we strive to enrich and extend the National Curriculum through our **AIM Programmes** (AIM Digital Technology, AIM PE and Sports and AIM Arts).

The Woodcroft Code

We measure our behaviour and attitudes against The Woodcroft Code. We believe that everyone should feel …

- ➔ **Safe**
- ➔ **Respected**
- ➔ **Able to learn**

School Motto

By demonstrating our values and following The Woodcroft Code we hope that everyone will work …

Together Towards Success

Reception Class Applications for 2022

Parents of children in Nursery should be now completing their application for a Reception Class due to start in September 2022. The **Deadline is 15th January**. If you need any help completing the form please speak with Mrs Glass or make an appointment with the School Office. For more information visit …



https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/nursery-admissions/

Please remember that a place in Woodcroft nursery does not guarantee a Reception Class place. Please ensure applications are submitted on time.

Arrangements for dismissal on days of 'extremely' bad weather



If we are experiencing extreme rain, sleet or snow at 3.00pm we shall modify our dismissal procedures for 3.15pm:

- 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. Take a look later at Newsletter Issue 434 https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/woodcroft-weekly-news-issue-434/

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.

Congratulations to Mrs Harris

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Harris gave birth to her second child over the Christmas holiday. I am sure that you will join me in sending Mrs Harris and her family our very best wishes.





Class 1HS

We are very fortunate that Mrs Seth-Smith is able to increase her days and take on more of the class responsibilities for 1HS. She will however be supported by Mr Feldman. Mr Feldman is a very experienced teacher who taught our Year 6 last year and is currently running learning intervention groups across the school. This arrangement provides a seamless transition for 1HS and maintains consistency for the pupils supporting their learning and development.

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 also be able use it for homework and further study should there be a further lockdown. It is an excellent long term investment for your child's education.

Message from the Barnet School Health Team for Reception Parents

Dear Parents and Guardians

Every year children in Reception Year and upon school entry are offered a Health Needs Assessment. This questionnaire is an opportunity to have your child's health and development reviewed by the School Nurse team. We have developed a secure on-line link that parents/guardians can use to register and fill out the questionnaire. The process is quick and easy and will take around 10-15 minutes to complete. Here is a short video explaining the new method of collecting this information. **https://vimeo.com/442663214**

Please Click/open the following link (using Google Chrome only) to complete the health questionnaire and find out more information: **https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Barnet/p/bh108/134677**

If you have more than one child that requires the questionnaire you must fill in a separate questionnaire for each child. Once you have completed the questionnaire you will be able to view your responses and download any relevant health messages and links to further guidance. A nurse will review your questionnaire and may contact you to offer health advice, information and support. If you require any assistance filling in the questionnaire, please contact us by email: **clcht.barnetsnaadminwestteam@nhs.net**

Kind Regards,

School Nurse Assistant - Grahame Park Health Centre - 02081024730

The Birthday Book Club



We are always happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays and have celebrated by donating a book for their Class Library.



Congratulations and Happy Birthday to ***Leo (2H) age 7 and Stefan (3H) age 8***

WOODCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL
London Borough of Barnet
School Term and Holiday Dates
2021/22 Academic Year

SPRING TERM #1
Tuesday 4 January 2022 - Friday 11 February 2022

STAFF TRAINING Tuesday 4 January (School Closed)
PUPILS RETURN Wednesday 5 January 2022

Half Term School Holiday Monday 14 February - Friday 18 February

SPRING TERM #2
Monday 21 February 2022 - Friday 1 April 2022

PUPILS RETURN Monday 21 February

Last Day of Term Friday 1 April (Nursery Finishes Thursday 31 March)

Easter School Holiday Monday 4 April - Monday 18 April
(Easter weekend 15 - 18 April)

SUMMER TERM #1
Tuesday 19 April 2022 - Friday 27 May 2022

STAFF TRAINING Tuesday 19 April (School Closed)
PUPILS RETURN Wednesday 20 April 2022

May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on Monday 2 May 2022 (School Closed)

Half Term School holiday
Monday 30 May 2022 - Monday 6th June 2022
(Note: The Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 has moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will allow a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

SUMMER TERM #2
Tuesday 7 June 2022 - Friday 22 July 2022

PUPILS RETURN Tuesday 7 June

Last Day of Term Friday 22 July (Nursery Finishes Thursday 21)

Total 195 School Days (inc. 5 Training Days + 1 Additional Bank Holiday for Platinum Jubilee)

2021/22 Academic Year

Pupil Return to school on Monday 5th September 2022

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IMPORTANT – HELP GET EXTRA MONEY FOR SCHOOL

Pupil Premium Funding – please act today!

Did you know that schools are also partly funded by the Pupil Premium Grant? We receive an extra **£1320** for every pupil who is eligible. This also enables you to continue to receive Free School Meals in years 3 to 6! It is vital that we know who qualifies. This money helps us to provide essential staff and resources to support all pupils.

We cannot claim this extra funding unless we register all eligible families. Unfortunately, we are **NOT** told who qualifies – it is up to parents and carers to inform the school office.

You are eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following…

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

It is essential that we receive the maximum funding available. **If you think you might be eligible please help** and return the reply form, or call the office, as soon as possible. The information we submit now affects our funding for the rest of the year!

Confidential Pupil Premium Reply Form: January 2022

Child's name ……. Class……...
(You only need to return one form per family we will add any brothers or sisters)

☐ I think I am eligible for Pupil Premium and would like to help get an extra £1320 to support the work of the school

☐ I am unsure of my eligibility for Pupil Premium but I would like to check with the school to see if I can help you get an extra £1320 to support my child

Please return to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.