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*With our **AIM Values***

New on the Website

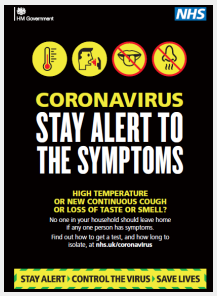
- Music Mark Award
- School Meal Menus
- Year 2 Show

Twitter

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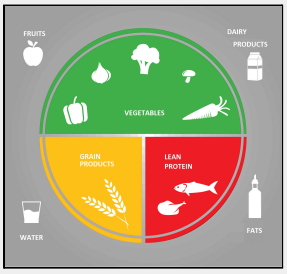
COVID Advice





PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about: **Healthy Eating**



COVID19 Updates: We currently have confirmed cases of COVID in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5. Affected individuals are self-isolating in accordance with the latest guidelines.

Special Chinese New Year Lunch



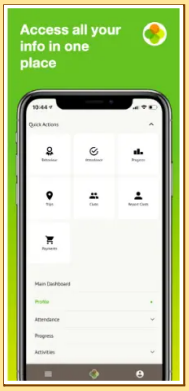
Our school kitchen is celebrating Chinese New Year! Take a look at the special menu poster over the page. This will be served on Thursday 3rd February for children already taking school dinners.

Come and work at Woodcroft

We are looking for new **Mealtime Supervisors (MTS)** to start this term, the details are later in this newsletter. If you are interested in joining our staff, or know someone who might be, please come and have a chat with Mr Tallon or Mr Russell; or you can simply fill in an application form.

Deadline For Applications is Monday 24th January

https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/mealtime-supervisor-vacancies/



Arbor Parent Portal

85% of Woodcroft families are now signed up to the **Arbor Parent Portal.**

If you have not registered do it NOW! Please check your inbox and spam folders for the welcome emails from Woodcroft's Arbor account.

Download the Arbor App from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store to easily log in to your school account.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- **The first time you log on you will need to use a computer, laptop or tablet as 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 it is easy to login using your phone.**

New Uniform Supplier Coming Soon

Woodcroft is moving to a new uniform supplier, **Essential Schoolwear**. Parents will be able to order and pay for items directly with the supplier on a dedicated webpage. Look out for more news next week!





BIG SAVINGS - Uniform Sale - NEXT WEEK!

Because we are moving to a new uniform supplier we shall be selling off all of our current stock of red jumpers with the Woodcroft logo at reduced prices for CASH ONLY. This will be sold on a first come first served basis.
Look out for more information next week when we will tell you about the day of the sale and the fantastic reduced prices available.

Personal Refillable Water Bottles

Woodcroft encourages the regular drinking of water throughout the day.



1. Every child should have a named reusable water bottle.
2. Bottles should be brought to school **filled** with fresh water **every day**
3. Personal water bottles are taken home every day to be washed.
4. **We do not allow disposable bottles in school.**



Spring Term Events Diary 2022

When	What
1st February	Celebrating Chinese New Year - Year of the Tiger
7th February	Children's Mental Health Week
8th February	#SID 2022 Safer Internet Day - the theme will be 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and online'
Half Term School Holiday Week: 14th February to 18th February	
28th February	Book Week - featuring The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling ★ 28th Feb - M&M Theatre perform The Jungle Book to KS 1 and KS2 ★ 3rd March - World Book Day ★ 4th March - Animal Magic 'Dress-up' Day
14th March	Art Gallery Week - an Art of STEM (Science, Teachnology, Engineering, Maths) project will link our art work to the British Science Week theme of GROWTH when we update our Gallery Corridor
18th March	Comic Relief Day - join the Woodcroft Wild Bunch!
22nd & 24th	Parent/Carer Consultations with teachers
31st March	Easter Parade for Nursery, Reception and Year 1
1st April	Last day of term (2.15pm finish)
Easter Holiday: 4th to 19th April (School Closed)	
20th April	Pupils Return for the start of the Summer Term



The Birthday Book Club



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

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to ***Adelina (RP) age 5***



WOODCROFT COVID UPDATE: 21/1/22

Following the Prime Minister's announcement about Plan B this week, the Government's Operational Covid19 Guidance for schools has been updated. You can read it here … DfE guidance for schools

Below is a very edited summary of what is covered in the new guidance for schools:

Summary

- If you have tested positive you will need to self-isolate for a minimum of 5 days and only return after two consecutive negative LFDs e.g. on the morning of the 5th and 6th days after which you can return to school if negative on the 6th day.
- If you are symptomatic, stay home and take a test. Only return when symptoms have gone and you have tested negative. If you are positive then self-isolate.
- Children and adults that have been a close contact should take a daily test for 7 days, but you can continue to attend school if negative.
- If you have someone in your household that is positive you do not have to self-isolate if you are under 18 or fully vaccinated. In this case you should take a daily test for 7 days or until the person in your house is negative. You should continue to attend school if you are negative.
- Children under 5 should take a PCR test if they live with someone who has tested positive. They do not need to do a daily LFD test. Children under 5 can attend school if they take a negative PCR test.
- Face masks will become optional in communal areas from 27th January.

What will happen in school:

We shall be **continuing** with the following as contingency measures to keep people safe:

- ➢ Separate lunch and break times
- ➢ Online assemblies. We shall begin to phase in in-person assemblies for KS1 after 27th January as long as case numbers in school are low.
- ➢ Dedicated staffing will remain in year groups – although staff can now be redirected to move between classes within the school day
- ➢ Masks will be optional in school after 27th January
- ➢ We shall continue with our ventilation and hygiene routines
- ➢ Social distancing protocols shall be maintained e.g. adults 2m apart at all times and restricted pupil close contact

Mealtime Supervisor Vacancy

DEADLINE for applications is Monday 24th January 2022

New Mealtime Supervisors (MTS) required to start during the spring term 2022

We are looking for enthusiastic people to join our committed team.

Experience of working with children in play settings is desirable, but not essential. A calm manner, and desire to help others, however is required.

Our job description and person specification gives more details about the post. These are available from the school website on the vacancy page (Information Section).

https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/mealtime-supervisor-vacancies/

MTS Post Details

- Part Time
- Term time only
- Hours per week: 6 ¼ (with opportunities for additional hours)
- Pay Scale: Mealtime Supervisor Grade A
- Basic Annual Salary (Full Time Equivalent) £21,279
- Actual Annual Salary (Basic 6 ¼ hours per week) £3,230
- Start date: ASAP

Safeguarding

Woodcroft Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to submit satisfactory references and undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) before they can be appointed.

Application forms can be downloaded from the website and should be returned to the school by 4.00pm on Monday 24th January. If you require a paper copy of any forms please enquire at the school office.

Closing date for applications: Monday 24th January 2022

Interviews will take place on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th January 2022

Visits and More Information

Visits to the school are welcomed. For further details please contact the school office (02089593244) and speak with Mr Russell (Deputy Headteacher).


Join us on
3rd February 2022
To Celebrate the
Chinese New Year!

Happy Chinese New Year!

Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice

or

Vegetable Chow Mein

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Sweetcorn & Carrots

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Orange Jelly & Ice Cream



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