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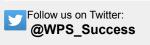
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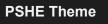


the Barnet Library Summer reading Challenge? Mr Tallon would love to see their certificates and medals in school.









Queen Elizabeth II



1926 - 2022



Schools will be closed on Monday 19th September for the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

We will be closed on Monday 19th September, the day of the late Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral. Families will therefore be able to watch and mark this significant day together. Woodcroft will re-open as normal on Tuesday 20th September.



Have You Registered Your Child?

Nasal Flu Vaccinations For Woodcroft Pupils

The annual nasal flu vaccination date for Woodcroft is Monday **10th October 2022**. This is for every primary school aged child from Reception to Year 6. (Nursery aged children will receive this via their GP service)

The children's flu vaccine is safe and effective nasal spray. (Note: The spray contains gelatine. A vegan version is available via injection and can be requested)

What next:

- 1. Read the letter that was emailed to you from Barnet's Immunisation Team or visit this link <u>Woodcroft_Flu_Parents Letter_2022_23.pdf</u>
- 2. Please give your **consent** by Wednesday 5th October here: <u>https://clchschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu</u>
- 3. Enter Woodcroft's unique code CL134677
- 4. If you want to read the NHS flu information leaflet click here: https://bit.ly/30AzELi

Note: No child will ever be administered medication at school without a parent's FULL consent.

Congratulations!

Mr and Mrs Richards

I am sure you will all be pleased to join in wishing Mr Richards every happiness as he embarks on the next chapter of his life after marrying his fiance over the summer break.

The wedding took place in Durban, South Africa, and was followed by a lovely honeymoon on the nearby coast.







Staff Achievements

Well done to Mrs Gignac and Mr Tallon who successfully completed a year long course with the University of Buckingham to become accredited Science of Learning practitioners.

Well done to Mrs Patel and Mr Mansour who are the latest members of Woodcroft staff to qualify as certified Sounds Write phonics teachers. They have both successfully completed an intensive 6 week assessed course.

Notice to parents about the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)

The Reception Baseline Assessment, or RBA, is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin in school. It will be undertaken with your child's class teacher or their key worker. It will be used by the Department of Education (DFE) to measure your child's progress from reception class to year 6. The outcome of the assessments will not be shared with the school, the teachers or you, as parents. The data will only be accessed by the DFE. There will be no published scores at pupil, school or national level. When your child reaches year 6, you will be able to see the progress your child has made throughout their school journey. If you wish to read further on the Reception Baseline Assessment, then you can find a useful parent booklet using the link below:

Information for parents: Reception baseline assessment - GOV.UK



The Birthday Book Club

We are always really happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays. We celebrate this in our weekly news by asking children to donate a book for their Class Library. We think this is much better than bringing in



sweets or cakes! This week we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to... Filip (Y4) age 9 and Nadia (Y3) age 8

Woodcroft's New Curriculum

"Growing our knowledge and understanding of the world"

This year we are fully launching a new curriculum across the school from Nursery to Year 6. We are calling this our **Expanding Worlds Curriculum**. Currently, we are in the process of updating all of our parent information pages. Look out for lots more exciting news in future issues of Woodcroft weekly.



Nursery admissions for Autumn Term 2022

30 Hours FLEXIBLE provision is available at Woodcroft Nursery

We still have a few places left in our Nursery this term. Contact the school office to discuss enrolling your child on our register. Children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in 2022.

Contact our school office to reserve your place



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 <u>www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.</u>



Year 6 Secondary Transfer in 2023

e Admissions Apply online now

Year 6 parents and carers should now be completing their secondary transfer applications. This is all done online via the eAdmissions portal: <u>https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/</u>

Mr Tallon spoke to parents at the Y6 curriculum evening and later emailed updated information packs. Copies of all of the latest information can be found on the Woodcroft website here:

https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/secondary-transfer-2023/

The deadline for submitting applications is **31st October 2022**.

Year Group Curriculum Evenings Next Week - Parents Invited To Attend

Our Year Group Curriculum Evenings continue to take place next week:

- Y3 Tuesday 20th inc. support for transition to KS2 at 3.30pm
- Y4 Wednesday 21st inc. Y4 Multiplication Check Information at 3.30pm
- **Y5** Thursday 22nd inc. Secondary Transfer updates at 3.30pm

Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

PE Uniform Days

Pupils must wear their PE Uniform to school on their Games and PE days. This year we are increasing the amount of physical education by adding an additional sessions of indoor timetabled dance and gymnastics on a Friday. This may mean that your child requires their PE uniform two days of the week.

Year Group Games Day

Full plain **navy blue kit** comprises a white t-shirt, blue shorts, plain blue sweatshirt and plain blue joggers. Your child will be doing outside games sessions on the following days:

- Year 1: Wednesday Year 2: Tuesday
- Year 3: Thursday
- Year 4: Wednesday
- Year 5: Tuesday
- Year 6: Thursday

Extra Dance and Gymnastics Days

Classes will now be doing an extra unit of PE for part of the term. This will enable teachers to fully cover the gymnastics and dance elements of the national curriculum. Class teachers will notify [parents and carers when their child's class is taking part in one of the extra units. The extra units will only be for half of the term. This rest of the term will be focus on studying Spanish in KS2 (Y3 to Y6) and additional reading in KS1 (Y1 and Y2)

(Table showing Extra PE days for the Autumn term)

Please check below to see when your child requires their blue PE uniform on Friday						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
September to October	PE	Reading	PE (Monday)	Spanish	PE	Spanish
November to December	Reading	PE	Spanish	PE	Spanish	PE

Note: Year 3 will be receiving their additional session on a Monday. This half term 3M are taking part in a dance unit taught by our resident choreographer, Miss Williams.

Pupil Premium Funding: Do you qualify?



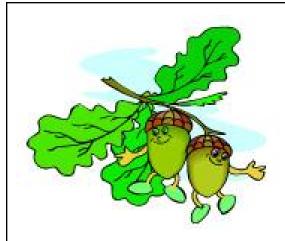
Did you know that schools are also partly funded through the Government's Pupil Premium Grant. Schools receive an extra **£1345** for every pupil who is eligible. It is vital that the school knows who qualifies as we cannot claim this extra funding unless we register all eligible families. Unfortunately, we are **NOT** told who qualifies by the authorities – we rely on parents telling us that they are eligible.

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

- > Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- > Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- > The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

> Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

In these times of budget cuts and increased costs it is essential that Woodcroft receives the maximum funding available. Please speak with our Office staff if you think you may qualify.



ACORNS CLUB

Open every evening during term time from 3:15pm - 5.45 pm For pupils from Year R* to Year 6

| Arts & Crafts | Chromebooks | Homework | Games |

*Reception pupils are only accepted once they are settled in to school

After School Care Provision at Woodcroft

We are now offering places in our after school club for Woodcroft pupils. Parents are able to register their child, and then book them into the club for either a $\frac{1}{2}$ session at a cost £6.00 per child, or a full session at a cost of £9.00 per child.

A snack will be included in the price. Please note, the school does not make a profit from Acorns.

Collection is from the main entrance of the school at the two specified times of 4:30pm and 5:45pm.

If you are interested in your child attending Acorns After School Club they will need to be added to this term's register. To do this, please contact the school by telephone, or e-mail. If you have any questions then call the office and ask to speak with Mrs Hurley, your Acorns Co-ordinator, and we will gladly give you any further information required.

As before, your child will be collected from class at the end of the day by one of our Acorns staff. Children will still get involved in a variety of activities, including sports, art and crafts and games. Your child will learn new skills whilst enjoying themselves, in a safe and secure environment.

What next:

- 1. If you are interested in your child attending Acorns After-School Club please register by calling the school office and speaking with **Mrs Hurley**, your Acorns Co-ordinator.
- 2. Once registered you will be able to book sessions in advance.
- The charges are as follows:
 3:15 4:30pm = £6.00 ½ Session (1 hour 15 min) until 4.30pm
 3:15 5:45pm = £9.00 Full session (2 ½ Hours) until 5.45pm
- 4. If you arrive after the allocated time you will be charged a £2.00 late collection fee.
- 5. Refreshments are included in the price.

Acorns After-School Club is run at Woodcroft, by Woodcroft, for Woodcroft



Keep Warm Kits and Winter Coats

With the cost of living dramatically increasing we are aware that many families will struggle this winter.

At Woodcroft we have teamed up with The Debra Reiss Foundation to help families in need of some assistance with the cost of living. They are launching a scheme to provide children with a winter coat and a 'Keep Warm Kit' this winter.

The kits include: Scarves, Hats, Gloves, Socks & Vests and will come in a handy drawstring bag.

If you would like to receive a winter coat and a keep warm kit for your child please complete the form via the link below. If you have more than one child please submit a separate form for each child.

All responses must be submitted by this Sunday, 18th September. Delivery and distribution will take place in early October.

Thank you.

Kirsty Pearlman (Executive Assistant) THE DEBRA REISS FOUNDATION

Click here to complete the form: <u>https://forms.gle/ausN9hBWN6DgjHK4A</u>