



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

Parent Evenings

Monday 3rd &

Thursday 6th October

Monday 4.00 - 7.00

Thursday 4.00 - 6.00

(Nursery Monday only)

Flu Vaccinations

Monday 10th October

R to Y6

Booking Required

Harvest

Thursday 13th

Harvest Basket and

Coin Assembly

(Food Donations from

Monday 10th)

International Colours Day

Monday 17th October

Wear International
dress or the colours of
your home flag

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PSHE Theme

Building Positive
Relationships



Harvest

HARVEST COLLECTION 2022



We shall be making our annual Harvest collection in two weeks when we ask families to make a donation of food and coins to support those in need within our local community. The children will be celebrating with a Harvest Assembly on **Thursday 13th October**.

Class Hampers

Each class will be **collecting food** to make a **class hamper**. Children are asked to bring in **canned or dried food** that they will put into their special class hamper. This will then be decorated in the classroom and displayed in Thursday's assembly. The **Harvest display** will be open for viewing in the Main Hall from 3.15pm

Fill the 'Harvest Basket' Coin Collection

We shall also be collecting coins again this year. This year we are again aiming to **'fill the harvest basket'** with loose change. Children will get the opportunity to drop their coins in a special harvest basket as they enter assembly. Let's try and fill it to the top!



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FOOD BANK AID
North London

The proceeds from our food and coin collections will be supporting the local charity **Food Bank Aid (North London)**.

****Please bring in canned or dried food and coins from Monday 10th October 2022 and your coins on Thursday 13th October ****

Class of 2022 - Bronze Arts Award Presentation Evening



Thirty six pupils who left us in the summer made an exciting return to Woodcroft on Wednesday evening to receive their prestigious Bronze Arts Award Certificates. It was lovely to see so many of our Y6 Leavers come back for our annual Arts Award party and presentation evening.



To achieve Bronze, an accredited Level 1 national qualification, pupils presented detailed portfolios to an assessor from the prestigious [Trinity College London](#) to show they had taken part in arts activities, experienced art events, researched artists and shared new skills with others. The award is run by Arts Council England and awarded by Trinity College. Well done to all of our amazing pupils. Thank you to the Woodcroft staff who have trained as Arts Award Advisers to be able to run this programme. Our current Year 6 are now being given the opportunity to obtain this nationally recognised qualification for themselves.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications



Year 6 families are now completing their applications to transfer to secondary school next year in September 2022. Copies of key documents can be found on the school website:

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

Mr Tallon will also be holding confidential drop-in sessions for parents who need to discuss their application or require help with the online process. No appointment is required, please come to the main entrance at any of the time below.

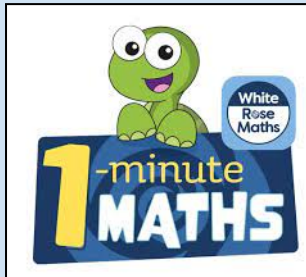
- Wednesday 5th October 8.45am to 9.45am
- Friday 7th October 8.45am to 9.45am
- Monday 10th October 8.45am to 9.45am
- Tuesday 11th October 8.45am to 9.45am

Remember, the **deadline for applications is October 31st 2022.**

Parent Consultation Evenings Monday 3rd & Thursday 6th October

Booking forms for parents and carers to request an appointment were distributed last week. Teachers have now distributed appointments for Monday and Thursday and the online booking form is now closed. If you did not submit a request but need to speak with your child's class teacher please contact them directly.

1-Minute Maths App for Younger Pupils

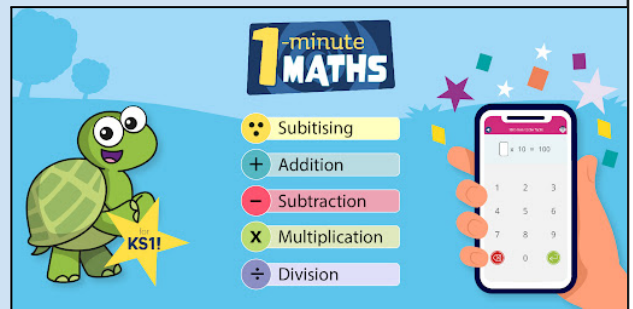


In school we use a fantastic maths scheme called White Rose Maths. They have recently produced a simple little app to practise basic number facts. It is aimed at younger children who are beginning to learn their number bonds and times tables

We recommend that you download this app and encourage your child to spend just a few minutes practising each day. Short periods of daily practice is **the** best way to help your child learn.

For more information check the app store on your device or visit:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths>



Personal Water Bottles



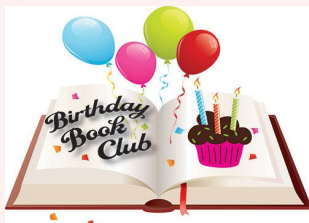
It is important that children stay hydrated in school to maximise their learning potential. Woodcroft encourages the regular drinking of water throughout the day. However, we have been asked to clarify the policy on personal water bottles in school.

1. Every child should have a reusable water bottle. We will not be supplying paper cups
2. Personal water bottles should always be named
3. Water bottles should be brought to school **FILLED every** day with water
4. We do not allow juice in bottles as regular sipping of any drink other than water causes tooth decay.
5. Personal water bottles are **TAKEN HOME every** day to be washed.
6. We do not allow disposable bottles in school.

Reminder: Half Term Break 24th to 29th October - School Closed

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!



Don't forget to bring in a book for your class when it's your birthday!

Barnet Local Offer SEND Conference
3 November 2022 from 9.30am to 2.30pm (virtual)

The Barnet Local Offer SEND Conference takes place on Thursday 3 November; this is a one day event and will be held virtually. This is a free event for parents, carers and professionals within Barnet.

The conference has been developed to ensure that our community has an opportunity to gain greater awareness of SEND developments, structures and services in Barnet from key professionals and leaders across education, health and social care.

Dame Christine Lenehan the keynote speaker this year. As Director of the Council for Disabled Children, Christine works tirelessly to champion the rights of children and young people and brings a wealth of experience and expertise with a career spanning over 35 years.

To book your free place, click on the following link: [Local Offer SEND Conference Booking Link](#)

Attendance & Punctuality at Woodcroft

My name is Emily Haley and I am the Education Welfare Officer for Woodcroft Primary School. I work alongside Woodcroft Primary to identify pupils who fall below the 97% attendance expected by the school and Barnet's Education Welfare Team for children to achieve their educational potential.



When a child falls below 90% attendance they are considered a persistent absentee by the borough of Barnet. I have a duty to secure children's education and ensure attendance is kept to expectations. If your child falls below these expectations, and/or has unauthorised absences on their record, I will invite you to a meeting to give an explanation for these absences. You will have the opportunity to explain reasons for absence and any family circumstances you consider important. Sanctions used by the Education Welfare Team are:

- Education Supervision Orders
- Fixed Penalty Notices
- Prosecution at Magistrates' Court

Punctuality

Fixed-penalty Notices for Unauthorised lateness to school

Parents need to be aware that arrival to school after the official close of register, without good reason, is recorded as an unauthorised absence and will affect attendance figures. Under the Local Authority's revised code of conduct concerning Fixed-Penalty Notices, this could result in the imposition of a penalty notice.

The absence is coded in the register as unauthorised late and each parent, much like term time holidays, will receive a separate Penalty Notice for each child taken out of school, under the Education (Penalty Notices) (England) Regulations 2004.

The fine is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days of issue, otherwise the penalty notice will be £120 per parent per child. If the notice remains unpaid after the 28th day, the Local Authority will prosecute the parent(s) in the Magistrates' Court. If found guilty, parents will have a criminal record, and can be fined up to £1000.

Yours sincerely
Emily Haley
Education Welfare Officer



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 ½ 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.
3. 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



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Barnet
A Sure Start Children's Centre



**0-19
Early
Help
Hubs**

Little Oaks Stay and Play

Run in conjunction with Woodcroft Primary School

New community stay and play session at Woodcroft Primary School

Group starts 29th September
Term time only
From 9.00am - 10.30am
For 0 – 5 years

Woodcroft Primary School
Goldbeaters Grove
HA8 0QF

Access via the Oak Suite Entrance

Opportunities to play inside and out for you and your child
Information and advice from Children's Centre staff

Free early education information

For more information, please contact
Silkstream Children's Centre
020 8905 7605
Silkstreamcc@barnet.gov.uk



www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/childrens-centres

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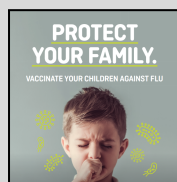
Bookstart Treasure Packs for Nursery and Reception

The BookTrust offers free high-quality book packs for every child in England aged 3-4. We have enough copies in school to provide every child in nursery and reception with their own treasure pack!

The Bookstart Treasure packs contain:

- An envelope, with activities and cut-outs on the inside
- A fun, age-appropriate picture book chosen by an independent panel of early years experts
- A clear and simple parental guidance booklet - Reading with Your Child: 3-4 years

We hope that you enjoy these materials at home.



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 [Woodcroft Flu Parents Letter 2022_23.pdf](#)
2. Please give your **consent** by Wednesday 5th October here: <https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
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.

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.