



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

January

22nd Jan Chinese New Year - Year of the Rabbit

February

6th Feb Children's Mental Health Week

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

7th Feb [Safer Internet Day](#)
#SID - Safer Internet Day 2023

13th - 17th Feb ½ Term
(school closed)

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PSHE Themes

Growing our knowledge



and
The Woodcroft Oak



Woodcroft Awarded a GOLD Star!



The new year has begun in golden style for Woodcroft with the news that we have been awarded the top Gold Level Accreditation in the [TfL STARS](#) sustainable travel scheme. This means we are placed in the top 10% of London schools for setting the highest standards to inspire others to transform travel habits and fully engage the wider community to promote best practice!

Mrs Valoti, who coordinates our school travel plan commented:

"We were delighted to be able to restart our 'travel safe' projects this year, such as our pupils successfully completing their Bikeability training, and our gold accreditation now lasts until 2025!"



Remember 8.45am

The New School Registration Time

ALL children must be in school for registration at 8.45am. Pupils who arrive after 8.45am will be issued with a late mark.

The School Day

- 8.00am Breakfast Club Opens
- 8.30am Doors open and pupils can enter class
- 8.45am Registration, don't be late!
- 3.15 Dismissal (pupils can book Acorns Club until 5.45pm)

Nursery and Reception Parents



The Reception Team and Nursery Team will be holding a series of Parent Workshops and Stay & Play sessions over the next few months. All parents in Reception and Nursery are invited to come along and find out about how to support your child in school

Reception will host each 'Stay & Play' for all parents the week after each workshop. However, due to the reduced size of Nursery, Mrs Glass will invite Nursery parents.

The Parent Workshops are on the subjects of the Tapestry portal, Maths, Writing and Phonics. Learning to read, write and understand mathematics are probably some of the most important things your child will do in Reception and Nursery (apart from having fun and making friends). These workshops are designed by our teachers to help parents support their children at home.

'Parent Workshops' take place in school on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 am. A crèche will be available between 9:00 – 10:00 am for the Parent Workshops only.

'Stay & Play' sessions on alternate Wednesdays give parents the opportunity to spend some time in class and observe lessons being taught.

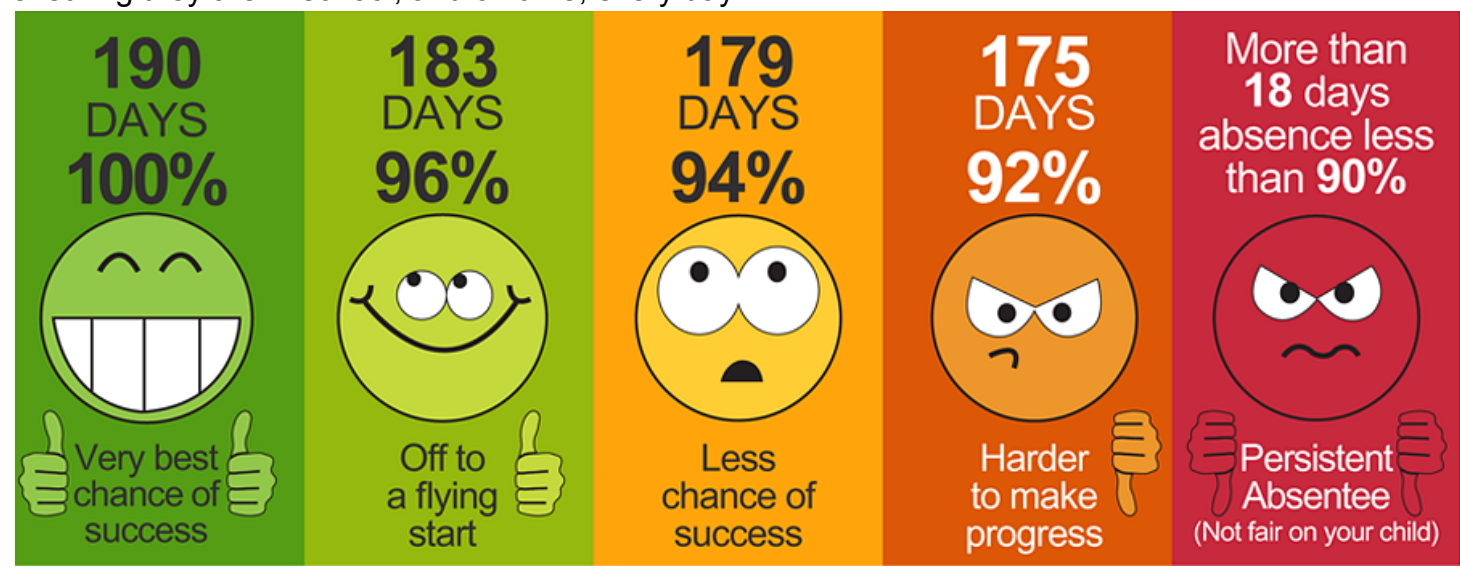
Why not come along after dropping your children off to the first session next Wednesday 11th January? We shall be talking about how to use the Tapestry portal, our Woodcroft Treehouse and Home Link Books.

Check out the timetable below ...

Subject of Parent Workshop	Date of Parent Workshop	Date of 'Stay & Play' session	Workshop leader	Supporting staff
Tapestry, Treehouse and Home Link Books	11.01.2023	18.01.2023	Mr Russell	Mrs Patel
Phonics	25.01.2023	01.02.2023	Mrs Khan	Mr Russell
Half term 13.02.2023 to 17.02.2023				
Writing	22.02.2023	01.03.2023	Mrs Baldwyn	Mr Russell & Miss Lloyd
Mathematics	08.03.2023	15.03.2023	Mrs Patel	Mr Russell & Miss Maynard

Attendance Matters at Woodcroft

Regular attendance at school is closely linked to pupil achievement. Help your child succeed by ensuring they are in school, and on time, every day!



Information for Nursery Parents about Applications for Reception Class

REGISTER NOW!

Starting 'full time' school is an exciting time for both parents and children. Parents of Nursery age children should now be thinking about applying for your child's Reception class place for next September. Generally, this will be children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019.

Online applications are now open and all parents need to apply by

Wednesday 15th January 2023. Please remember that attendance at our Nursery is not a guarantee of a place in Woodcroft's Reception classes. For more information visit:

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/reception-class-admissions/>

Applications can be started at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>



Pupil Mobile Phones In School



At Woodcroft we are concerned about the issues related to the use of pupil mobile devices. We do not allow pupils to use mobile phones on the premises. Any pupil seen with a phone, or any device found to be switched on while in a bag will be confiscated immediately and only returned to the child's parent or carer. Pupils who are in possession of a mobile phone must switch it off and place it in their bag before coming through the school gates.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of recent incidents of pupils not following our rules. We are therefore reissuing our policy and asking all parents and carers to sign a new authorisation form. All parents and carers who wish their child to possess a mobile phone in school need to read the policy, complete an authorisation form and return it to their child's class teacher before the end of term. Pupils without a signed authorisation from 13th January* will have their phones confiscated and only returned to an adult.

[Click here to read: Woodcroft Personal Device Policy 2022](#)

Please Note: The school takes NO responsibility for lost or damaged devices. We recommend a basic, cheap device without smartphone features for school use. Thank you.

* we have extended this date to 13th January due to the extreme weather disruption before Christmas.

Spring Term Diary

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Theme: 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'

13th - 17th Feb ½ Term (school closed)

27th February to 3rd March - **Book Week**

Focus text '**The Secret Garden**' by Frances Hodgson Burnett

27th February **M&M Theatre** perform The Secret Garden

March

2nd March - **World Book Day**

17th March - **Comic Relief - Red Nose Day**

21st & 23rd March - **Parent/Carer Evening Consultation Meetings** (in person)

31st March - **Last Day of Term** (2.15pm)

3rd April to 14th April - Easter Holiday
(Easter Weekend Friday 7th - Monday 10th April)

Pupils return back to school for the summer term on Tuesday 18th April

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding: Do you qualify? **SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS EVERY HALF TERM**

Every half term we distribute **vouchers** for supermarkets. Before Christmas every child who qualified received a **£42.30** voucher.

If you do not declare your eligibility you are missing out!

You are eligible 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



Contact the office today if you think you qualify. Do not miss out on your FREE vouchers!!!