WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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PSHE Themes

We are thinking about the …

THE WOW FACTOR

Teachers Strike - Notice of likely school closure Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July



The main teachers union, The NEU, voted to take industrial action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. We have again assessed the likely impact of the strike at Woodcroft and are notifying parents and carers that we expect that **Woodcroft will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July.**

We understand that the decision to close will be disruptive. You will also be aware that different schools are affected in different ways. This is due to a range of factors such as the number of teachers in different unions and how they collectively respond. It must be made clear that this dispute is not with the school or its families but the government. If you have any queries, please speak with Mr Tallon or Mr Russell and not with other staff members.

What will happen on strike days?
Children should stay at home with parents and carers making arrangements for their care during the day.

Will food be provided?
Families will again be invited to a FREE family lunchtime on both strike days between 12.00 and 1.00pm. Our kitchen will be serving a hot meal to enjoy in our dining hall.
A Google Form will be distributed to families today to indicate whether they will be joining us.



Family Lunchtime

Who: Pupils, siblings and parents.
When: 12.00 - 1.00pm
Where: The school dining hall
What: Hot meals of pizza, pasta and baked potatoes with salad, cake and fruit.
How: Book online here: https://forms.gle/q6pRK4pWAShDNKUb6
(Note: children are not required to wear uniform)

WASP - SEN Group
Woodcroft's Advice and Support for Parents

After a very successful Coffee Morning for our parents in June, offering support around Special Needs, we are going to be running some more sessions with different topics that may be of interest. Thank you to Sophia and Olivia's Mum and our Autism Advisory Teacher Julie O'Dwyer for their valuable contribution. If there are any topics of particular interest, just let Ms Vanner know.

Year 2 Scooter Training

On Thursday 22nd June, Year 2 took part in scooter safety training run by specialist trainers For2Feet Ltd. In groups of 15, the whole year group received this invaluable training to keep them safe on our roads.



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Barnet

Whitefield School, Claremont Road, London, NW2 1TR

Monday - Thursday 24th July - 17th August

10am- 2:30pm



Children will partake in a variety of Sports, IT, Art, Nutritional Education and more.

We will also be providing children with a healthy lunch for each day they attend.

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The Birthday Book Club



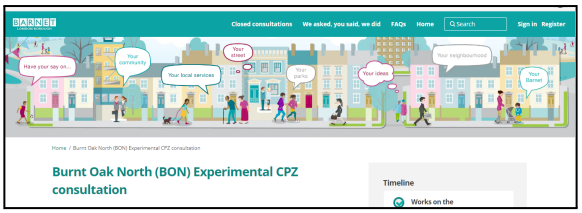
We are always happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays and celebrate by donating a book for their Class Library.



Happy Birthday to … Liana (2H) age 7

Burnt Oak North (BON) Controlled Parking Zone

The Burnt Oak North Parking Zone has now come into operation! We have now had several meetings with Barnet Local Authority to express our concerns about its impact on parents and carers of the school.



We are now collecting your views over the coming weeks to pass on to the council. Please click on the link below to access a google form. You can use this form to express any views and suggestions about the parking restrictions. These may be both positive or negative.

Parking Questionnaire: https://forms.gle/Zp43brVhTdqnoqTq6

Mr Tallon is also meeting with the Headteachers of the other schools that are affected. We would very much like to represent the views of our whole community. The parking restrictions are currently only part of a 6 month experimental trial. Your ideas can help shape any changes required to support both residents and drivers. Thank you.

Nursery admissions open for September 2023

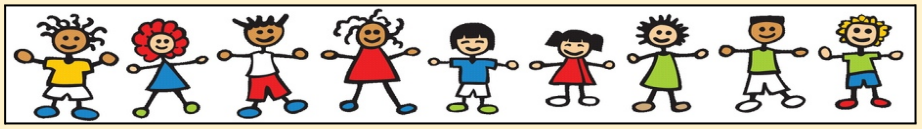
30 Hours FLEXIBLE provision is available at Woodcroft Nursery

Now is the time to reserve your place in our Nursery ready for this September. Contact the school office to discuss enrolling your child on our register. Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2023.

*****Contact our school office to reserve your place*****

30 hours free childcare

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 **www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.**



Instrumental Tuition Autumn Term 2023

Would your child like to learn a musical instrument?

We currently have spaces for **Violin** and **Brass** lessons through BEAT, Barnet's music service. The cost of the tuition is **£210 for a term (10 sessions). Pupil Premium** pupils are eligible for a **£50 reduction** each term, reducing the cost to **£160 a term.** If pupils are able to learn in **pairs** then this reduces the cost per child by half to **£105 per term** or **£55 a term Pupil Premium.** Instruments are also provided free of charge. Please let me know if you are interested by emailing the school office at **office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net.**



Mrs Baldwyn (Music and Arts Coordinator)

Summer Term Diary Dates



June

30/6 New to Reception meeting 9.15am Main Hall (revised date)
30/6 Girls football match vs Sacred Heart @ Burnt Oak Leisure Centre 3.30pm

July

3/7 Pupil Annual Reports Distributed
3/7 Nursery Sports Day (at school)

- AM Sports Day starts at 9.15am
- PM Sports Day starts at 2.45pm

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5/7 Teachers Strike - School Closed

6/7 Year 6 Secondary Transition Visits:
Check with your secondary school for confirmation. Year 6 pupils that are attending a transition day are not expected to attend Woodcroft that day. Families make their own arrangements to visit the secondary schools.

6/7 Meet the Teacher Day 9.00am - 10.00am
6/7 Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm

7/7 Teachers Strike - School Closed

10/7 Music Concert #1 - Year 3 Ukulele, plus piano and guitar instrumentalists at 11.00am

13/7 Music Concert #2 - Strings Instrumentalists and Choir 2.15pm

13/7 Barnet Football Tournament (selected squad)

17/7 Y6 Leavers Show - Matinee Performance 2.00pm (Revised date)
18/7 Y6 Leavers Show - Evening Performance 6.30pm (Revised date)

19/7 Nursery Final Day
20/7 Last Day of Term is on Thursday 20th July (2.15pm Finish)

September 2023

Pupils return to school: Wednesday 6th September 2023

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IMPORTANT!

PLEASE ORDER BEFORE 31ST JULY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Please note: This date applies to schools returning at the start of September. Parents of schools with earlier return dates will need to order sooner.

The summer is finally here and although here at Mapac we've already built up great stock levels to ensure your order is sent out in record time, we are unable to control issues with the postal service.

Last year, thousands of orders were delayed at the end of the summer due to strikes and service delays, so please order as early as possible, especially if your child is starting school for the first time!

Orders placed up to and including the 31st of July will take priority over all our current stock so please place orders as soon as possible – This will help ensure that you receive your uniform in time as orders placed after this period are more likely to be subject to delays.







DON'T DELAY

Thank you and have a great summer!

The Mapac Team

Click HERE to order!

If you'd like to have an update on your order, please email **tracking@mapac.net**

If you have received your order and have any queries, please email **parentcustomerservices@mapac.net**

Reminder: Passport applications are not now accepted until September



Parents often ask school staff to verify their identity and counter sign applications. This can be a time consuming activity that we provide for free.

We are then often separately contacted by the Passport Office to provide additional checks at any point during the application process.

Because of the earlier strikes by the Passport Office and subsequent delays in processing passports and visas, we notified parents that requests for application verification by school staff would not be carried out after the 5th May 2023. This allowed 10 weeks before the end of term for the school to be contacted.

Can I remind parents not to ask staff to help with your applications as you will be politely declined.

We will be happy to help again in September.