WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

Make a date

School Photographer

visits on Monday 7th October for individual portraits.

Parent Consultation Evenings

on
Tuesday 8th &
Wednesday 9th October

Social Media



Follow us on X / Twitter: **@WPS_Success**



Follow us on Instagram: @woodcroft primary

PSHE Themes

We are thinking about how to give ...

Kind Greetings



PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION EVENINGS

We are holding our autumn term parent consultation evenings on **Tuesday 8th October and Wednesday 9th October**. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and how they are settling into their new class.

We use the **Arbor booking facility** to schedule all meetings. These will be held in your child's classroom.



How to arrange a meeting

- 1. Log into your Arbor portal account
- 2. Scroll down and click Guardian Consultation
- 3. Select your child in the **Meetings** section
- 4. Click **Time Slot** and select an available appointment from the drop down list
- 5. Finally click the green **Book Time Slot** and select **YES** you are sure
- 6. You will receive a confirmation email and also be able to see your meeting time on the parent portal page

What happens on the day

- 1. Please arrive at school in good time before your appointment
- 2. Make your way to your child's classroom staff will be on hand to direct you if you are unsure where to go
- 3. Class teachers will invite you into the classroom to discuss your child's progress
- 4. Appointments will be strictly limited to 10 minutes. If you require more time teachers will schedule a follow up meeting at a mutually convenient time.
- 5. Pupils are welcome to attend with their parents. But try to avoid bringing younger preschool siblings as this can cause a distraction

Nursery will be holding a single drop in session on Tuesday 8th October. This does not need to be booked. Please visit Nursery and speak with Mrs Patel at a convenient time during the evening.



Do you shop at ASDA?

Help us raise much needed funds for school through this new supermarket initiative:

- 1) Download the ASDA app
- 2) Nominate Woodcroft as your **CASHPOT** school (enter **HA80QF**)
- 3) Spend as normal

We currently have £61.40 in our pot at the time of writing. Please tell your friends and family to nominate Woodcroft's cashpot!

Pupil Premium Funding: Do you qualify?



School budgets have been significantly cut in recent years. Did you know that we are also partly funded through the Government's Pupil Premium Grant. Schools receive an extra £1345 for every pupil who is eligible so it is vital that the school knows who qualifies.

We cannot claim this extra funding unless we register all eligible families. Unfortunately, we are <u>NOT</u> told who qualifies – we rely on parents informing the school.

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

Use this FREE site to check eligibility: https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/



The Birthday Book Club

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



Malala 3R age 8, Nadia 5R age 10, Mayla 1D age 6, Alia Nursery age 4, Batoul 1D age 6, Audrey 4T age 9, Reyansh 1D age 6

Whole School Attendance 95.3%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 2B 99.3% TOP CLASS

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 4T 97.8% Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 6C 99.0%

Woodcroft AIM Values













At Woodcroft we encourage children to adopt a core set of values. We call these our **AIM Values** because we believe that having $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ spirations and $\underline{\mathbf{I}}$ nspiration $\underline{\mathbf{M}}$ atters in life. Every Monday, teachers nominate pupils who have exemplified the Woodcroft values for a Headteacher's Award!

Year Group Curriculum Information Evening Slides

Thank you to everyone who attended the presentations that took place over the past two weeks. We hope that you found them useful. As promised, a copy of the slides is now available online by clicking the links. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. (Please click on the links of the electronic version or visit the website to download a PDF copy of the presentation slides)

Year 1	Year 1 Curriculum Presentation
Year 2	Year 2 Curriculum Presentation
Year 3	Year 3 Curriculum Presentation
Year 4	Year 4 Curriculum Presentation
Year 5	Year 5 Curriculum Presentation
Year 6	Year 6 Curriculum Presentation

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications Now Open



Year 6 families are now able to complete their applications to select their secondary school choices for transfer next September 2025.



Are you struggling to afford a new computer or laptop for your children?

2econd Chance is a not-for-profit computer recycling company. They support people with social, emotional and mental health needs including disabilities by providing refurbished computers.

You can donate your old electronic equipment or apply for second hand equipment at greatly reduced prices. Take a look ... www.2econdchance.co.uk



UK Government says NO to Mobile Phones for Children



At Woodcroft we do not allow pupils to use phones on site. Our rule is simple. If we see or hear a phone it will be confiscated immediately and then only be returned to an adult. Our policy on mobile devices is available on our website.

However, the problem is much bigger than this and many parents are now realising that children accessing mobile phones is extremely damaging. A campaign is gaining momentum called Smartphone Free Childhood.

https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/



A staggering 83% of 11 year-olds in Britain have a smartphone. This is despite increasing evidence that phones damage developing brains, raise the likelihood of childhood mental illness and open the door to inappropriate content.

Take a look at some international research by clicking the links:

- SMARTPHONES ARE HIGHLY ADDICTIVE
- SMARTPHONE LINKS TO MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS
- SMARTPHONES EXPOSE CHILDREN TO HARMFUL CONTENT
- SMARTPHONES REDUCE ATTENTION IN SCHOOL

If you want your child to be healthy, safe and successful at school then our advice would be to delay smartphone use for as long as you can.

Childhood is too short to waste on a smartphone

Be Punctual - Be On Time For Success



It is so important for children to be in school and at their desks ready for the start of the first lesson. **Doors open at 8.30am** and registration is 8.45am.

If children arrive late:

- They miss vital explanations at the start of lessons
- Disturb the whole class' learning
- Take office staff away from their administrative duties

Establishing good habits of punctuality is a way of helping your child to become successful. Our school motto is 'together towards success' so we will be reminding everyone to 'BE ON TIME FOR SUCCESS'.

School Wrap-Around Services

Woodcroft offers a full package of additional services to support families. These include

Breakfast Club

The cost of breakfasts will unfortunately need to increase to £3.00 per day. This will only cover the cost of running the service and remains non-profit.

Nursery 'Top-Up' Charges for Extra Sessions

There is a charge in Nursery for additional hours over and above the 15 free hours. Families are also still eligible to apply for the FREE 30 hours code.

The cost of additional hours in Nursery will be £6.50 per hour

For a standard 3 hour session it will therefore cost £19.50

There is also an additional lunchtime supervision charge that applies to some children who stay all day. Lunchtime will now be charged at a rate of £4.40 per session.

Acorns After-School Club

Acorns, our after school club, provides wraparound care until 6.00pm. There will be a small increase in charges from April 1st.

The first 1 ½ hours, 3.15pm to 4.30pm, will increase by 50p to £6.50 per session

To stay for the full 2 ½ hour session, 3.15pm to 6.00pm will now cost a total of £10.00 per day

Acorns still represents excellent value for money.

Booking Sessions



To book any of our services, please speak with the school office. Payments will then be added to your Arbor Parent Portal.



FAMILY SUPPORT

AT WOODCROFT PRIMARY

Jill Smith, our Family Support Coordinator is now at Woodcroft every Tuesday. You can usually find Jill on the playground in the morning.

Jill can help with lots of family problems that you may be facing:-

Finance and Debt Housing and Repairs

Family disputes Children's behaviour at home

Domestic Violence Mental Health

Benefits Advice Court Orders etc. etc. etc!



If you think Jill can help you, she probably can!

If you are unable to come into school on a **Tuesday morning**, call or speak to the office and Jill will contact you. Tel: 0208 9593244.

(All discussions remain confidential unless there are safeguarding concerns when information will have to be shared in line with school policy)



BULK DELIVERY TO SCHOOL INFORMATION!

We are pleased to announce that our bulk delivery to school option is back and now available to parents (from **Friday 20th September**).







Thank you!

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