



# Welcome to the Y4 Information Evening

Wednesday 17th September

4S and 4M



# Agenda

- Your teachers this year (contact details)
- Polite reminders
- The Y4 curriculum
- Routines and expectations
- Uniform reminders
- Keeping up-to-date
- School services

*Should there be any questions, we are happy to answer them at the end of the presentation.*

## The year 4 teaching team

**Teachers:** Mr Stephenson (4S) and Miss Manktelow (4M)

**Teaching assistants:** Miss Townsend (4S and 4M), Mrs Longier (4M), Miss Angel (4M)

**Year Group Support:** Mr Russell

(Key contact details displayed on the next slide)



## Teacher contact details

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# Reminders

- **School starts at 08:30 (register at 08:45). Please ensure your child reports first to the Reception Office if arriving late (after 08:45).**
- **Tasks are prepared for children to engage with between 08:30 and 08:45. Lessons end at 15:00 with collection at 15:15**
- **Healthy snacks (next slide) are allowed for a break time. Toys and personal belongings from home are not allowed.**
- **If your child is having a packed lunch, we recommend and encourage a healthy balanced one.**
- **Water bottles and pencil cases (see later slide).**

## Healthy Snacks for Break Time in KS2 (Y3 to Y6)

We encourage pupils to lead healthy lifestyles. Children in EYFS & KS1 are provided with snacks in school every day. But a healthy snack for breaktime is a great choice for pupils in Y3,4,5 and 6. If you wish to send your child with a snack please make sure it is wrapped or boxed.

Suggested snacks:

- Sliced fruit
- Cheese sticks
- Cut veggies
- Raisins
- Cereal bar (check the sugar)
- Small sandwich or crackers



**Note:** we do not allow any chocolate or nut products in school. Pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are given healthy snacks in school so are not required.

## Make Sure Your Child Is Prepared For School in KS2 (Y3 - Y6)



### Classroom Kit for Year 3 to Year 6

We recommend children in KS2 have their own pencil case with essential equipment. This should be a simple, one pocket zipper case (nothing complicated!). It should only contain school essentials.

#### Pencil case essentials

- Pencil and sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Basic colouring pens/pencils
- Handwriting Pen (blue) (not biro)

#### Optional extras for KS2

- Glue Stick
- Protractor (angle measure)
- Highlighter (single)



Pupils in KS1 (Y1 and Y2) and EYFS do not require any additional equipment and should not bring pencil cases to school.

**Refillable Water Bottles Only:** Always remember your refillable **PLASTIC** water bottle. We do not allow disposable single use bottles in school. Metal bottles are also discouraged.

# The Y4 curriculum



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- **Broad and balanced (a variety of subjects - see *timetable, shared weekly on the Google Classroom*).**
- **Focus on reading, spelling and times tables (statutory times tables testing in June).**
- **Preparing children for upper KS2 (Y5 and Y6).**
- **School Trips (TBC) + swimming after Easter.**



# How can I support my child's learning?

- Ensure homework tasks are completed and returned on time
  - Times Tables and essential number bonds are practised - Mathsframe
  - Spelling - learn and complete sheets
  - Daily reading - please hear your child read as often as possible, record and sign in Home Link books
  - Encourage neat handwriting and presentation
  - Practise typing and digital skills
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- Use the Woodcroft apps and links on the website! (essentials on the next slide)



# Y4 apps / sites to support learning

**Computing and digital skills** - Code.org  
and Typing Club

**Maths** - TTRS and Prodigy

**English** - Prodigy



# The Google Classroom



- Regularly used in Y4, children are encouraged to check the Google Classroom as often as they can. Important updates and **weekly learning timetables** posted here also.
- Pupils are already enrolled and able to sign in. **Pupils must sign into the school website with their login details** to access the Google Classroom. Log in details can be found in their Home Link books
- Parents are to be invited to join via an email link soon.
- **Brain Builder homework** posted here.



# Spellings and spelling books



- Purple book to use at home to practise spellings. Children are to complete the sheet given to them.
- Books handed in every **Monday** where they will be checked. Books will be handed out again with new spelling words each **Friday**.
- Spelling quiz takes place every **Monday** after books have been handed in.
- Spelling sessions included in the weekly timetable to support the development of spelling and vocabulary for that week's spelling list.

## Brain Builders (homework)

- Used to support in class learning and strengthen key skills and concepts.
- Posted on the Google Classroom and returned copies to the teacher.
- Shared every Friday and handed in the following Thursday.

# Home Link Books



- Children record their reading in their Home Link Book (**they can record their reading of their chosen book from the class library box or a book from home**).
- **Parents and children must read and sign the first pages of the book together.**
- Record reading 3 times each week (minimum) and **ensure each week has been signed by parent/carer**. Number of pages read and book title must be noted each time a child reads at home. **Home Link Books will be checked and returned back to pupils every Wednesday.**
- **Home Link Books can be used to communicate messages between parents and teachers** (use the notes page each week).

# The Benefits of Reading Aloud Together at Home

Whatever the age of your child, Nursery to Year 6, reading aloud together improves accuracy and fluency

**Why read aloud?** Research shows that reading aloud with your child is the number one thing you can do to help prepare them for future success. In fact at Woodcroft we could say, ***read aloud 'together for success'!***





# Times Tables



- **Huge** push in Y4 (especially with TTRS) - statutory assessment at the end of the year (June).
- As we go through the school year, teachers will be sending information home regarding your child's progress and the statutory assessment.
- Children **are expected to know** multiplication facts up to **12x12 by the end of Y4** (speed & accuracy are essential).
- Weekly times tables lessons in school (efforts outside of school are vital for success).



# Uniform (see newsletter/Mr Tallon for more info)



Parents at Woodcroft will be reassured to know that we currently meet all of the criteria set by the Government regarding school uniform. We do this by:

- Regularly reviewing our uniform policy
- Keeping branded items 'to a minimum'
- Selling items at the cheapest price to parents.

## **Uniform Reminder about School Footwear**

Pupils are dressing very smartly for school at Woodcroft, however need to remind parents and carers about our footwear. If the footwear is made from fabric or has a prominent logo then it is not appropriate for school.



School footwear must be **plain black**.

## **Uniform Ordering**

Please visit our uniform page <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/uniform/>

You can order both uniform and PE kit directly from our supplier, Mapac at ...

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/woodcroftprimaryha80qf>

# Uniform (P.E)



## **PE Uniform Days**

Pupils must wear their blue PE Uniform to school on their Games and PE days.

### **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



### **Year Group Friday PE Day**

# P.E and Swimming (TBC)

- P.E every Wednesday (and on Fridays every other half-term).
- Swimming takes place in Y4 after Easter 2026 (2 weeks in total - more information to follow)
- Lessons will take place at Copthall Leisure Centre with a team of coaches.





Sign up to the Arbor  
App!



# PUPIL PREMIUM

Please inform the school if you are eligible for extra benefits and approx **£1345 EXTRA FUNDING!**

Check with the office if you are unsure.



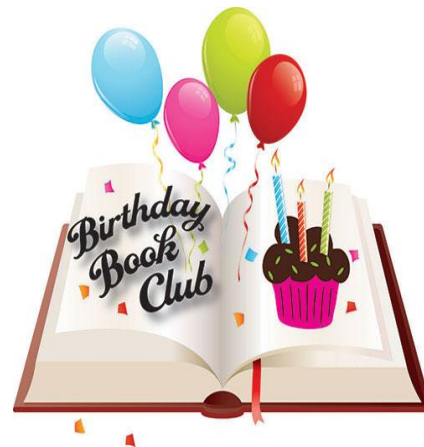
# Say **NO** to mobile phones



## **UK Government says NO to Mobile Phones for Children**

There is increasing evidence that phones damage developing brains, reduce the ability to concentrate in class, raise the likelihood of mental illness and open the door to inappropriate content.





## The Birthday Book Club

*We always always to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays. We celebrate by donating a book for class library. We do not bring in sweets or party bags.*

*Here is how it works:*

- 1. Children give a book to their class library.*
- 2. They visit the office for a birthday sticker*
- 3. Their names are then included in the following week's newsletter*



# Keeping up to date!

- Newsletter
- Woodcroft website
- Twitter/X/Instagram
- Google Classroom
- The school office
- Using Home Link Books / emailing teachers.

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Together Towards Success  
With our AIM Values

**Diary Dates**

[Make a date](#)

Year Group Information Meetings for parents -  
Please go to the Main

**Parents Invited To Attend**

**Year Group Curriculum Information Evenings**

The remaining Year Group Information Evenings take place next week. Each meeting occurs on a different day to enable all parents the opportunity to attend. They are hosted in the **main hall**, directly after dismissal at **3.30pm**. Next week's meeting schedule is:

- Y3 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>
- Y4 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>
- Y5 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

*Please make every effort to attend*

**Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications Now Open**

- Parent evenings - Tuesday 7th October & Thursday 9th October

# Questions?

Thank you for attending!

We look forward to seeing you all throughout  
the year.