



Together Towards Success

## New Reception Classteacher

I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed a new Reception classteacher to cover Mrs Patel's duties when she takes her maternity leave. We welcome Miss Dondu Cam who joined our staff today. She will spend next week getting to know the pupils and classroom routines before taking responsibility for RP on Monday 20th October. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Miss Cam to Woodcroft.

## New Website Update - [www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk](http://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk)

Have you checked out our new website? It contains lots of information about school that we hope you find useful. The new 2015-2016 term dates have just been added for those who like to plan ahead! New content is put on every day. Keep a look out for some exciting announcements about our NEW online services that are coming soon.

## Parents' Evenings

We hope that you found your Parents' Evening consultations useful. We had an excellent **87% attendance** from families. If you are ever unable to make an appointment it is important that you call the school to inform us. Teachers are always happy to make alternative times to see parents who were unable to attend.

## Y6 Secondary Transfer Deadline: 31st October!

Can I remind Y6 parents that all secondary transfer applications need to be completed by 31st October. Go to our school website and select the 'Secondary Transfer 2015' link in the 'Information' section. Several families took advantage of our application workshops during parents' evenings this week and successfully submitted their forms.



## Attendance Surgery Starting

Joe Duggan, Woodcroft EWO, will be running a series of Attendance Surgery sessions every second Thursday (dates and times for this term are below). We hope to offer parents and carers the opportunity to come along and discuss any concerns they might have, and ask any questions, about their children's attendance and punctuality at school. These will be **drop-in sessions, no appointment necessary**. Jenny Jones, Barnet Welfare Officer, will also be on hand to discuss matters and answer queries. Please feel free to come along anytime between 9.00am and 10.00am; we look forward to meeting you.

## Autumn Term Attendance 'Drop in' Surgery Session Dates

Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.00 – 10.00am
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00 – 10.00am
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00 – 10.00am
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 – 10.00am

## Attendance Awards for the week beginning 29th September 2014

★ KS1 Class of the week: **2M (99.7%) - Top Attendance!**

★ KS2 Classes of the week: **3S & 4B (99.7%) - Top attendance!**

*3 classes tied for first place - excellent attendance all-round has also improved our school average!*

↑↑ Whole school attendance is up at **96.5%** ↑↑

☹ We must be punctual: **56 late tickets** were issued last week ☹

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## Text Service - Check

At Woodcroft we run a text service hosted by a company called *Teachers2Parents*. This is a secure, quick and easy means of messaging our school community. The text messages are limited to 140 characters so they can only be short, however they are useful for urgent messages. If you did not receive a message today at 3.00pm then you are not on our system - so please come to the Office to update your details. As the weather turns to winter we need to be able to contact parents quickly due to adverse weather. Update your numbers today - don't miss that important message.

## Pupil Premium Grants worth £1300 per pupil

Thank you to those parents who informed the school of their eligibility for the Pupil Premium this week. It is important that the school knows which families are in receipt of certain benefits as it affects our school budget. For every eligible child the school receives a grant of £1300 to support pupil progress. Keep us updated on your circumstances, even if you are only eligible for a short time we need to know!

## International Week

International week is coming! Have you thought about what you are going to wear? Have you agreed to bake a cake for your country's table at the cake sale! This is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of Woodcroft. We have never had as many different countries or languages spoken in school as we do today. We now have 45 different home languages spoken by pupils; that is one more than last year!

## Pupil Should Not Arrive before 8.30am

Please remember, pupils should not arrive at school before **8.30am** (unless they are registered to attend Breakfast Club from 8.00am). We do not have supervision before those times so cannot accept responsibility for their safety.

## The Woodcroft Code

We have been reminding pupils about The Woodcroft Code in assemblies at the start of term. It was written by our pupils through the **School Council**. They decided...

Every pupil should feel:

**SAFE**

**RESPECTED**

**able to LEARN**

To do this they decided that we should...

- ⇒ **Be safe** and act safe, listen & follow instructions, think and act sensibly
- ⇒ **Respect** others, remember that we are all equally different. Be kind and helpful, take care of everything around you
- ⇒ **Learn** to exercise your brain. Have the confidence to take part, always try your best to succeed and never give up!

We ask that you talk with your child about what the code means.

*Thank you*

## Harvest Festival - Food and Coin Collections Next Week



Next week is Harvest Festival. We will be collecting cans, dried foods and coins to help the needy both at home and abroad. These include food hampers to nominated people in the community and Barnet Age Concern, and charity collections to Action Aid and our link school in

Nepal. To support these charities could you please bring in cans and dried foods from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October to contribute to your child's class hamper.

Coins should be brought in as a charitable donation on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October to place on the coin pictures in the small hall. Parents will have an opportunity to view the display of food hampers and photos of the coin pictures Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 3:15pm – 3:45pm. Please give generously to support these worthwhile charities. Please note: parents are not be invited to the harvest assembly as we do not have the capacity in our hall.