



Together Towards Success

## New on the website

Lots to look out for on the website. Recent additions include:

- ★ Dance Festival
- ★ Christmas Shows

## Forthcoming Events

- Tuesday 10th January - Swimming starts for Y4
- 10th Jan - CommUNITY Barnet Parenting programme begins
- 11th Jan - Y6 Football tournament
- 12th Jan - Violin lessons restart
- 13th Jan - Brass and Cello lessons start
- 13th Jan - Football Match v Moss Hall
- 15th Jan - Closing date for Reception Class application for September 2017
- 16th Jan - Boccia Tournament at Burnt Oak Leisure
- 18th Jan - Girl's Football Tournament
- 18th Jan - Early Years Phonics workshop for parents
- 19th Jan - Y4 Dodgeball Festival

## Twitter

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## PSHE Theme

We are thinking about ...

*Going For Goals*

## Happy New Year

Welcome back to the start of a new school term. We hope that you all have had a good Christmas holiday. Staff and Governors would like to wish all of the Woodcroft community a very Happy New Year.

## Thank you

Staff would also like to thank pupils and parents for the many cards and generous Christmas gifts.

## An Exciting Term Ahead

The spring term is looking as exciting as ever with lots of activities already planned. We will be having a number of special event weeks:

**Internet Safety Week** begins on 6th February. We will be having a special technology day on the 7th February and a parents workshop on Thursday 9th February.

**The Big Read Week** starts on 28th February to coincide with World Book Day (on March 2nd). There will be lots of reading activities that week including a live theatre performance of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, competitions, buddy reading and storytelling sessions.

**Visual Arts Week** starts on Monday 20th February. This term's theme is Fashion as the week coincides with London Fashion Week. We are planning lots of activities based around famous designers, jewellery design, historical clothing, textiles, printing and international costume.

**Red Nose Day** is on Friday 24th March. The theme for our non uniform day is Funny Fashion! So you can hilariously accessorise your clothes, dress back to front or inside out, mix and match some crazy colours or come in your beach wear. Whatever you choose, the funnier the better!

**The WOW Factor** takes place at the end of term so pupils need to think about their acts for this year's competition. Class auditions begin on 6th march with the grand final evening show scheduled for 29th March.



**Online Calendar** - There are also a host of trips, special assemblies, music concerts, activities and sporting events already booked in the diary - take a look on the website and click on the calendar icon for

more details

## Deadline for Applications for Reception in September 2017

Nursery parents, don't forget that you must have applied for your child's place in Reception by 15th January 2017. Children born between 1st September 2012 & 31st August 2013 are eligible for primary Reception classes starting in September 2017. The national deadline for applications is **15th January 2017**. Remember, everyone is required to apply. More information can be found on our website.

## Clubs Starting Next Week

The majority of clubs will start next week. Club leaders will notify parents if arrangements are different for a particular club.



## Festival of Dance



A mini tradition at Woodcroft is our Festival of Dance on the final day of term. We were treated to an amazing showcase of Woodcroft talent with 5 different dance groups performing, plus a special surprise performance at the end of the show!

Class 4J took us on a magical journey with their composition created as part of their project with the Royal Ballet. They were followed onto the stage by Class 4B who told a mystical woodland story through dance, also created as part of the Royal Ballet project. Some of our youngest dancers in the school from Y1 to Y4 then performed as part of their weekly Zumba Club. And then our

more experienced dancers from the WPS Dance Team took to the stage to showcase their new composition. Our Cheerleaders finished the show bringing some noise and colour to the stage! However, not to be outdone, the teachers were challenged to join in and surprised us all with a fantastic performance of their own! Take a look at the website for photos.

### 'Help your child to read' Workshops for Reception and Nursery Parents



Learning to read and write is probably one of the most important things your child will do in Reception and Nursery, and parents can help at home too. Mrs Patel will be holding a parent workshop on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 9:00 – 10:00 am** in the Oak Suite to share what we do in school and how you can help at home.

**Phonics** is the approach to teaching children the letter sounds that make up the words, then 'blending' them together to read and write. Come along after dropping your children off at school and see how you can support Phonics and Reading at home. There will be a crèche available for younger siblings. More workshops will be scheduled for future weeks.

### New Boiler

You will have noticed that major works have begun by Woodcroft's main entrance as our ageing boilers are being replaced. This work is scheduled to continue up to the February half term. While the new boilers are being installed we will be having a temporary boiler sited along the front pathway adjacent to the hall. This section of path has now been fenced off for the duration of the project. We have been assured that work will not disrupt the regular running of the school. However, if you have any concerns during this period please let us know.

### Instrumental Lessons Start Next Week

Pupils who learn a musical instrument are reminded that lessons start next week. Please remember to bring in your instrument on your allocated day, and don't forget to practice over the weekend. Unfortunately, Barnet Music Service have increased their tutor fees so termly subscriptions per pupil will now be £40.

### A Sad Goodbye

We are sad to announce that one of our longest serving members of staff, **Sandy Jehan**, decided to retire at Christmas. Mrs Jehan has served the Woodcroft community as a Mealtime Supervisor for a staggering 32 years. We will all miss Mrs Jehan greatly, but wish her well in her retirement.

### MTS Vacancy

The unexpected departure of Sandy Jehan means that we now have a vacancy for a Mealtime Supervisor. If you are interested in applying for the position more details and an application form can be found on the school website (Information Section) or from the Office.

### Attendance Matters

Overall attendance has decreased to 95.6%. This is now below our school target and the minimum levels set by the Government. We must all work together to improve our attendance. Our aim is to achieve 96%

Every day of school counts. Remember only 10 days absence across the school year drops a child attendance to 95%.



### Whole School Attendance

↓ 95.6% ↓

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