

### Woodcote Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs. Claire Baldock

# Weekly Memo 21st June Follow us on Twitter @woodcoteprimary and Instagram!

## PLEASE READ ALL ATTACHMENTS Important Dates

We have attached a set of dates for the rest of the Summer Term.

If you would like to link the school website calendar to your own online calendar you can do so using the link below. <a href="https://woodcote-croydon.secure-dbprimary.com/dav/croydon/primary/woodcote/arenas/websitecontent/calendar/cal.ics">https://woodcote-croydon.secure-dbprimary.com/dav/croydon/primary/woodcote/arenas/websitecontent/calendar/cal.ics</a>

#### **New Information**

#### **Parent/Carer Voice and Feedback**

We really want to hear what our families think about our school. This is a great way for us to know what we are doing well and have the opportunity to gather great ideas for further school improvement.

This year we have run half termly **Parent Forums** on different themes. From each of these we have been able to take actions to improve things for our children, families and staff. However, the attendance has been low ranging from 3 to 15 parents. So, we want to look at other ways to encourage you to tell us more.

We send **Google forms** for feedback, as below. But currently have received 6 responses. We would really appreciate more families completing this; *What have we done well this past year and what could we improve next year. You can still share your views using this form <u>here</u>. We can't wait to hear all your ideas.* 

**Ofsted Parentview** is also a great way to share your views, with multiple choice questions. This informs our school improvement focus but gives feedback to Ofsted and prospective parents. https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views

#### **NEW!!!!! - Quick Tap Feedback**

We received a suggestion that feedback might be received the easier we make, i.e. the least amount of clicks! So, I want to try a quick click feedback. The idea being it is 1 simple question, that once opened you only click one choice. We hope keeping this simple will encourage more people to give us feedback!

Our first Quick Tap Feedback questions is **Would you recommend this school to another parent?**<u>CLICK HERE</u>

#### **NEW!!!!! - Headteacher Open Door**

Another idea is an online opportunity for you to receive updates and to ask questions from me, as Headteacher! If successful, then we could look to run these half termly or more frequently. I would prepare a short presentation about key school developments and updates, and parents would be able to ask questions in an open forum about school life. If possible, questions could be submitted in advance so I could prepare information to share, but also live questions.

Our first Headteacher Open Door will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 5 – 6pm.

 $\underline{https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82008934251?pwd=naKSagtLkiugWpXQkahtuoTCAC73bZ.1}$ 

Meeting ID: 820 0893 4251 Passcode: 020460

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#### **Diabolo Donation Request**

We introduced a few diabolos during lunchtime in KS2, earlier in the year. Their popularity has really taken off. It's been amazing to see the children learn the basic skills and then moving on to performing various tricks. Due to the popularity, we would be grateful for any donations of diabolos. These can be handed into the school office. Alternatively, some children have been bringing their own diabolos into school. We can't recommend where to buy diabolos but we are aware that some children/parents/carers have bought them online through Amazon, Firetoys and Oddballs. Thank you in advance for any donations.

#### Open School – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 5pm – 6.30pm

We are holding our Open School Event on the evening of <u>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 5pm – 6.30pm</u>. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's class, to look at some of their learning for the year, and to talk to the class teacher. You will also have the chance to visit your child's new classroom and to meet their teacher *TBC*. You will be able to move around the school and visit other year groups, and the different places inside the building with your child.

#### WARNING - mining bees

There is an active colony of mining bees in the area by our KS2 Trim Trail, with the highest density directly underneath the swings. Please help us in keeping children away from the area and allow the bees to do their thing. They may very well be gone in a matter of a couple of weeks. They are absolutely harmless but can sting when defending their egg burrows. Stings are very slight but there is a large colony so keeping the area vacant for a while is the best option.

#### **Website**

Did you know on our website we have placed presentations from the workshops delivered this year? We hope to add and develop this page. What else would you like to see on here? Delivered in school? Shared with you? Let us know! https://www.woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk/croydon/primary/woodcote/site/pages/learning/parentsupport

#### **SEND Family Opportunities**

**Croydon Active Voices** - Free tickets (limited places) are now available for our upcoming AGM and conference. Amongst our guest speakers will be the renowned Occupational Therapist Andrea Richards, Professor Nick Gore and members of the Croydon Locality SEND Support team. There will be a number of stalls and refreshments and lunch will be provided. <a href="https://buytickets.at/croydonactivevoices/1293074">https://buytickets.at/croydonactivevoices/1293074</a>

Workshops for families of children who have been diagnosed with ADHD.

https://adhdembrace.org/our-events/

Autistic friendly summer holiday clubs in New Addington. https://a2ndvoice.pembee.app/

#### **PTFA Messages**

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**SUMMER FAIR - TOMORROW 12-3 PM!** - Check out the map of the fair and the menu - attached.

#### **CAKE DONATION'S TODAY**

Cakes - in date, no nuts: (no mufti – see attached poster)

#### **PERFORMANCES**

Experience the amazing talents of Woodcote Primary pupils! (see attached poster for schedule)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** 

There are still a few slots left that need filling including Friday after school and Saturday morning set up. **Please contact Kinza 07749115929** to offer your assistance.

#### **VOLUNTEER RAFFLE – Get your name in the hat!**

For every hour you volunteer your name goes into the hat that many times. If you volunteer 3 hours, we will add your name in 3 times!

The winning name wins a prize \*\* \*Your name will be put in a hat when you check in on the day of the fair

#### **Updates**

#### **Woodcote Weekly Focus**

This week in our Weekly Welcome, we talked about the subjects we learn; What is Maths? Science? Geography?...

Next week we will be looking at all the ways we the children are kept safe in school, including online safety and the improved playground behaviour as examples.

#### **Reminders**

#### **Nursery Closure – Election**

Woodies Nursery will be closed on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July to be used as a polling station.

#### **Hotter Weather**

Can we please remind families to send their children with full water bottles each day (children can also access fountains during the day) and a hat for the sunny weather. We would recommend applying Sun Protection Cream prior to the children attending school on the sunnier days.

#### **After School Club**

There will be no After School Club on the last day of term, Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July and Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July. Please make alternative arrangements for those days.

#### A chance to say Thank You!

Everyone enjoys receiving positive feedback. On the form below we invite parents, carers, visitors, children and other staff to share experiences of a staff member who has gone over and above. All responses are read by Mrs. Baldock and shared with staff. Thank you for taking the time. <a href="https://forms.gle/ioeF9QmvzuhtB3Fc9">https://forms.gle/ioeF9QmvzuhtB3Fc9</a>

#### **Rate our School**

Please take 5 minutes to rate our school on the Ofsted ParentView Website. Each parent can share their views, and we really value the feedback this gives us. <a href="https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views">https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views</a>

#### Free School Meal/Pupil Premium Checker

Whilst we understand all children are receiving a free meal, or may not want a free meal, we ask that if you are in receipt of benefits that you check your child's eligibility using the link below. This not only provides additional funds for the school but can entitle you to supermarket or holiday club vouchers, uniform, or support with payment for trips and/or clubs for at least six years. Please log on to the website below and complete the check. The school will be updated if you are eligible. <a href="https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/">https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/</a>