

## Woodcote Primary School

Inspire, Challenge, Engage

Headteacher: Mrs. Claire Baldock

# Weekly Memo 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Follow us on Twitter @woodcoteprimary and Instagram!

PLEASE READ ALL ATTACHMENTS - Menu attached

Welcome back! We have had an amazing and positive start to the term and are really looking forward to working with you and your children this academic year!

## **Important Dates**

Attached are key dates for the year

Week Begin 9<sup>th</sup> September – Curriculum Meetings (See below)

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Junior Citizen Talks

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> September – PTFA Family Fun Day

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

## **New Information**

#### **New School Website**

Apologies for the problems with our school website as we move to our new site. Hopefully this will all (mostly) be sorted by Monday. Any problems please do report these to the office and we will support as much as we can. We look forward to your feedback on the new site.

#### **Contacting Members of Staff**

If you want to contact members of staff via email, then all staff can be contacted on 'surname'@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk (for example <a href="mailto:baldock@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk">baldock@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk</a>). Please do not send communications through ClassDojo.

#### **Children's Safety**

Our school gates are locked promptly at 8.45am for the safety of all children. If you arrive after 8.45am, then your child will need to be accompanied to be signed in at the school office by an adult. The school gates are opened at 8.30am. Any children left unaccompanied by an adult at the gates prior to 8.20am will be taken in to Breakfast Club and you will be charged. These measures are to ensure the children are safe.

#### Rate our School 2024 – 2025 (we need you to complete this for this year)

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 and prospective parents. Each parent/Carer can complete. If you would prefer a paper copy, then please do contact the school office <a href="https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views">https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views</a>

#### **Green Flag Award**

Well down to our Eco Council and Mrs Harte who have worked really hard to ensure the school was awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag. This is an amazing achievement and we look forward to the continued work of the Eco Council to improve our sustainability and school impact.

#### The 25th Purley (St. Mark's) Scout Group



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Beavers, Cubs and Scouts - have fun learning skills for life, making friends and enjoying adventurous activities and camps. To join the adventure, with places available later on this month in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts as our young people move on to the next Section, check out our socials @25thPurley or visit <a href="www.25thpurley.org.uk">www.25thpurley.org.uk</a> and click on join us.

## **PTFA Messages**

Follow us on **Facebook**:@friendsofwoodcoteprimary, **Twitter**:@woodcoteptfa, **Instagram**:@friendsofwoodcoteprimary, **Website**: www.woodcoteptfa.org.uk

WOODCOTE PTFA members will be taking part in the 10K Shine Walk for Cancer Research! Join the walk or donate here.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

NEW SCHOOL LOTTERY: First Draw - Saturday 21st September - and every week thereafter (see poster attached) The autumn term will see the arrival of a brand-new lottery scheme. It's simple - choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds raised will help the PTFA support the many good causes our school and children benefit from. Lottery tickets are available now and can be bought HERE... And remember, it Could Be You!

#### JUMPING JACKS, INFLATABLE DAY: Sunday 15th September (see poster attached)

Bring your family and friends to our inflatable day on Sunday 15th September 2024 12-3 pm. Pizza van, hot dogs, nachos, and much more on offer! Book your tickets <u>HERE</u>.

#### **FIREWORKS: Sunday 3rd November** (see poster attached)

Buy your tickets <u>HERE</u>. <u>Free entry for volunteers</u> – please email <u>fireworks@woodcoteptfa.org.uk</u> for more information.

#### WREATH MAKING – Friday 6 December

Wreath Making with 'Flowers By Liz'. Everything you need for your creation will be supplied including a complimentary glass of fizz! See more information here.

#### **OTHER EVENTS:**

- Second Hand Uniform Sale: Early September
- Christmas Fair: Saturday 30th November
- Summer Fair: Saturday 21st June 2025 (yes, we like to plan early!)

#### **Raise Money While You Shop!**

#### Stikins name labels

30% off the order price of your multi-purpose labels will go to the PTFA fund. Visit <a href="www.stikins.co.uk">www.stikins.co.uk</a> and quote our school fundraising number 25740.

### Reminders

#### 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>

#### <u>Curriculum Meetings Autumn 2024 – Save the Date!</u>

Year 5 Monday  $9^{th}$  Sept 3.30 -4, with PGL meeting 4-4.30 Year 6 Tuesday  $10^{th}$  Sept 3.30 - 4, with PGL meeting 4-4.30Reception Weds  $11^{th}$  Sept 8.30-9Year 2 Thursday  $12^{th}$  Sept 8.30-9Year 1 Thursday  $12^{th}$  Sept 8.30-4Year 4 Friday  $13^{th}$  Sept 8.30-9Year 3 Friday  $13^{th}$  Sept 3.30-4

#### **Home Learning 2024 – 2025**

Following on from the feedback from the Parent Forum, we have updated our approach to Home Learning from September. The biggest changes are no longer using Google Classroom, Paper English Homework and the Independent Learning Projects we have already started (which can be done over the holidays in preparation, or at any point in that unit of learning). To find out more about our approach and expectations visit our website <a href="https://woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk/homework/">https://woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk/homework/</a>

#### 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. https://forms.gle/ioeF9QmvzuhtB3Fc9

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