



Headteacher: Mrs. Claire Baldock

## Weekly Memo 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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**PLEASE READ ALL ATTACHMENTS**

### Important Dates

*Attached are key dates for the year and are being updated with new dates*

You can also synch to our new website calendar <https://woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk/calendar/>

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> September – Reception 2025 Tour 10.30am  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Reception 2025 Tour 1.45pm  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Nursery 2025 Visit 10am  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 Space Dome Visit  
7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 PGL Trip  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Reception 2025 Tour 10.30am  
14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 Hearing Tests  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – 2R & 2W to Brooklands Museum  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Collection for NightWatch  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 2B and 2M o Brooklands Museum  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Wear Red Day  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – KS2 BigFoot Workshops  
Half Term 21<sup>st</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – PTFA Fireworks  
Children return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

### New Information

#### Communication

We try hard to keep families informed about our school life and their child's learning. Each week we send this memo, and may send some other email during the week if specific to one-year group. Each week teachers will also post examples of learning, homework answers and any reminders on ClassDojo. Please ensure you are checking both.

You can also find lots of information on our school website, including information about all the subjects we teach, what we are covering to develop your child's personal development and useful information like Parental Forms, School Menu, Uniform Expectations etc..

It would really help us if parents could check the above before contacting the office. We have over 500 families so the amount of emails/calls received by the school is significant. Whilst it might seem like a small thing to email/call to you can add to the workload of our fantastic office team. So, any help you can give in reducing this is greatly appreciated.

#### School Gates

Our school gates open at 8.30am and 3pm for drop off and pick up. Please wait for the gates to be opened by an attending member of staff or automatically. We ask that you do not buzz for the office and additionally we ask that you do not enter the school grounds before the gates are officially opened, as this is part of our safeguarding measures.

## Woodcote Weekly Welcome

Each Monday, Mrs Baldock runs her Weekly Welcome Assembly for the whole school. We discuss different themes linked to our Six School Values, and have weekly focuses for the children and staff to work on.

This week we acknowledged National Poetry Day and the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. Our Eco Council shared the school Eco Code they had written, and our focus for the week was a reminder of the new responsibilities' children are taking part.

Next week we will be thinking about how we stay safe online, celebrating the Home Learning Projects many children completed over the Summer, and thinking about inclusion in terms of all the different languages spoken by the children in our school.

## **Headteacher Coffee Morning**

Last year we tried a range of ways to gather parent voice and to give you information – some were more successful than others! On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a Headteacher Coffee Morning in the Staffroom at 8.45am. This is an opportunity for people to meet with Mrs Baldock, Miss Carr and Mrs Hannan to find out about our school priorities and to ask questions or share ideas. If this is successful we will look to hold more of these moving forward.

## **Black History Month**

In the next week or so you will receive additional information about how we will be focussing on Black History, and the activities we will be doing to support learning and discussion. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October we encourage all children and staff to wear red as part of Show Racism the Red Card.

## **Parking**

We continue to have residents and members of our community raising concern about the unsafe and antisocial parking and driving habits of a few of our families. Please support us in being good role models for all children by parking safely and appropriately.

## **Reviewing Details, Needs and Permissions**

Please can all families review their child's details, needs and permissions using the Sims ParentLite App. This ensures staff have the most update to date information about things such as your child's photo permissions.

## **PTFA Messages**

Follow us on **Facebook**: @friendsofwoodcoteprimary, **Twitter**: @woodcoteptfa,  
**Instagram**: @friendsofwoodcoteprimary, **Website**: [www.woodcoteptfa.org.uk](http://www.woodcoteptfa.org.uk)

**INFLATABLES DAY UPDATE:** We hope you enjoyed the Inflatables Day last Sunday as much as we did! We made a profit of £850 with the pizza van & inflatables and an additional £285 on our uniform sale! Thank you all again!

**WOODCOTE PTFA members will participate in the 10K Shine Walk for Cancer Research this weekend! You can join the walk or donate [here](#).**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**SCHOOL LOTTERY: First Draw THIS SATURDAY at 8PM and every week thereafter (see poster attached)**

**Last chance to buy your tickets for the first draw this Saturday!**

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!* 🍀 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!**

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

**Volunteers needed!** Free entry for volunteers – please email Mo at [fireworks@woodcoteptfa.org.uk](mailto:fireworks@woodcoteptfa.org.uk) to volunteer or for more information. Buy your tickets [HERE](#).

### **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: Coming soon**
- **Christmas Fair: Saturday 30th November**
- **Summer Fair: Saturday 21st June 2025** (*yes, we like to plan early!*)

### **Uniform Donations**

Thank you for your generous donations of school uniform to the PTFA! We have more than enough at the moment, so we aren't accepting any more for now. We will let you know when we start accepting donations again.

### **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 [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) 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. <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

### **Asda Parentkind**

Asda have teamed up with Parentkind to donate millions of pounds to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school, at no cost to yourself.

1. Download the Asda Rewards app and register.
2. Once you have the Asda Rewards App, opt in to Cashpot for Schools.
3. Choose Woodcote Primary School (CR5 2ED)
4. Shop in store and scan your Asda Rewards app barcode at the checkout or shop online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com)

For every customer who selects our school, Asda will automatically add £1 to our cashpot. Any customer using any Asda store can select our school, regardless of locality or which store they use, so please let family and friends know too. For further information, visit: <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

### **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>

### **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 [baldock@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:baldock@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk)) . Please do not send communications through ClassDojo.

**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 <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>