



Headteacher: Mrs. Claire Baldock

Weekly Memo 11th October 2024

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PLEASE READ ALL ATTACHMENTS

Important Dates

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

Monday 14th October – Reception 2025 Tour 1.45pm
15th and 16th October – Year 1 Hearing Tests
Tuesday 15th October – 2R & 2W to Brooklands Museum
Tuesday 15th October – Nursery 2025 Tour 10.00am
Thursday 17th October – Harvest Collection for NightWatch
Thursday 17th October – Headteacher Coffee Morning 8.45am
Friday 18th October – 2B and 2M to Brooklands Museum
Friday 18th October – Wear Red Day
Friday 18th October – KS2 BigFoot Workshops
Half Term 21st October – 4th November
Sunday 3rd November – PTFA Fireworks
Children return on Tuesday 5th November

New Information

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 17th 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 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.

Show Racism the Red Card Day – Friday 18th October

As you will know we have been focussing on Black History Month and the children have been learning lots! We will be holding a Show Racism the Red Card Day on Friday 18th October. Children and staff are asked to wear red. This can be own clothes or uniform with red items – whatever works for you! The important part is that we all stand up against racism!

We have also been shared the following by one of our parents as they have been making some short form content for Black History Month on ITV X now. The series called Black Magic with Trixy is recommended to be the most age appropriate – so maybe take a look! <https://www.itv.com/watch/black-magic-with-trixy-fresh-cuts/10a6030>

Non-Bookings for After School Club

We have seen an increase in families not booking After School Club in advance. Whilst we already issue a fine for the non-booking, we ask that bookings are made in advance as it takes time for the admin team to make calls and check if a child should have been collected. Moving forward if we get repeated non-bookings then contact will be made with you by a member of the Senior Leadership Team to understand what the issue is. We are very flexible in enabling bookings up to 24 hours in advance, so please do use this.

Parents Evenings/Meetings

For most year groups the first formal meetings of the year will take place in January. This enables the teachers to talk to you about your child's assessments, any areas of focus, their attendance and discuss any further matters. You will have another meeting at the beginning of the Summer Term and receive your child's written academic report at the end of the year.

This year we have introduced an earlier meeting for Reception and Nursery, to discuss baseline assessments and how they are settling in, and for Year 6 with a focus on SATs preparation. These year groups will continue to have 2 parents' meetings and the written report, so will not have the one at the start of the Summer Term.

In addition, we will be introducing additional meetings for children with Special Educational Needs to discuss their Personal Learning Plans. Parents of these children will be able to see the draft plan prior to the holidays, and will then be invited to meet with the teacher after half term.

Website Update

We have continued to work on our new website. We have tried to reorganise the menu to help parents find the information they need easier. In addition, we have been adding content to the Learning Section where you can find out more about what they are learning in different year groups, subjects and as part of their personal development. Feedback and suggestions gratefully received.

Weekly Welcome

This week we spoke about Road Safety after a near miss accident on the main road last week, and how we need to encourage our grown ups to use the crossings. We also talked about the importance of looking after our Mental Health and how we can do that linked to World Mental Health Week.

Next week we will be talking about Diwali and also what it means to live in Britain.

Harvest Collection – Nightwatch

We will be collecting tinned and packaged food for Nightwatch Homeless again this year. Children should bring any donations to school on Thursday 17th October and the items will be collected by lunchtime on that day.

PTFA Messages

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

UNIFORM DONATIONS

We are now taking uniform donations of the below (in good condition). Please drop donations to the school office:

- PE Joggers all sizes (grey and royal blue)
- Yellow, red, green PE tops
- Jumpers 7+
- Jumpers 3 to 4
- Cardigans 3-6
- Trousers 3-4

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Volunteers needed! Free entry for volunteers – please email Mo at 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](#).

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Saturday 30th November

We are looking for volunteers for the following to ensure they can go ahead:

- 1) Lead the design and setting up of **Santa's Grotto**
- 2) Source donations for our **Raffle**. If you are interested or would like further information, email admin@woodcoteptfa.org.uk

OTHER EVENTS:

- **School Lottery: Weekly Draw – Every Saturday at 8PM. Buy your tickets [HERE](#)**
- **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 www.stikins.co.uk and quote our school fundraising number 25740.

Reminders

Handwriting and Phonic Support

This week our teachers have been reviewing our approaches to Phonics and Handwriting Teaching. You can find out more about what we do and some support for parents on our school website.

<https://woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk/handwriting/>

<https://woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk/phonics/>

Children's Flu Vaccines

We have been given a date of 13th December for the School Flu Vaccinations. Further information will be sent nearer the time. We have requested an earlier date, but have to take what we have been given unfortunately.

Online Safety

Please take a look at our attached Online Safety Monthly Newsletter which contains lots of interesting information and advice. Previous Newsletters can be found on our school website <https://woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk/e-safety/>

Parents Meeting with CEO

Mr Mason-Ellis would like to meet with a group of our parents to find out more about your thoughts on our school. If you would like to possibly be involved in this meeting, and are available at 10.30am on Thursday 7th November for half an hour, then please do email Mrs Baldock to show interest,

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.

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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) . 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>