



Headteacher: Mrs. Claire Baldock

Weekly Memo 10th January 2025

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PLEASE READ ALL ATTACHMENTS

Important Dates

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

14th and 16th Jan – Parents Eve for Years 1 to 6

Wed 15th Jan – Yr5 Roman Workshops

Thurs 16th Jan – PTFA Coffee Morning

Fri 17th Jan – Reception Height and Weight Checks

Sat 18th Jan – Year 3 to 6 Cross Country

Week beginning 20th Jan – Year Group Book Looks at Drop Off (See schedule below)

23rd and 24th Jan – Year 6 to British Museum

Thurs 30th Jan – Reception Planetarium Visit

New Information

Parents Evening Reports

We are pleased to be able to share with parents in Years 1 to 6 new reports that will share your child's attainment from the Autumn Term and their current attendance percentage. These reports will be emailed to you on Monday from our new assessment system in preparation for your Parents' Evening Meetings next week. We hope this will give you information prior to the meeting and support discussions.

New Safety Measures – IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

We are continuing to put in place additional measures with regards to the safe entry and exit of your children throughout the extended school day. **From Monday 13th January the new measures below will be in place.**

- The gates at the top of the school drive are locked at 8.45am along with all other gates. Children are expected to be in class to start learning at 8.45am, so must be through the gates prior to this.
- All internal doors are locked from 9.15am, and throughout the day. This therefore means that office staff must go and collect or take children to classes during the school day, and this impacts on the working of the office. Please ensure children arrive punctually, and any movement from classes during the school day is exceptional.
- **The front pedestrian gate only will be open from 3.00pm to 3.10pm for Nursery pick up. All other gates will remain closed**, and parents for Key Stage 1 and 2 should wait until 3.10pm.
- **All gates will now be open from 3.10pm – 3.20pm**, for collection from KS1 (3.15pm) and KS2 (3.20pm). This is 10 minutes later, enabling the site to remain securer for longer, and outdoor learning to continue until 3.10pm.
- Gates are locked again at 3.30pm to secure the site. Children who are attending Extra Curricular Clubs are collected from clubs that finish at either 4.15pm or 4.30pm. **This will now take place via the Inner Vehicle Gate and up the drive.** This gate will open automatically at **4.10pm until 4.40pm**. The gates will then be closed again. The Lower Key Stage 2 area will not be open for access between 3.30pm – 4.10pm. **Please do not exit through the main car park gates but use the pedestrian exit next to Nursery.**
- Staff will only release to an adult on the Home Time permissions list. **If you have a change of collection for a one-off event, the office must be emailed** and not pass the message to the class teacher.
- Children in Years 1 to 6 are released in register order to parents, in order of the home time permissions list. **From Monday 13th January Reception Classes will also be released in register/alphabetical order.**

Outdoor Playtime – Parent Voice

Following on from the Headteacher Coffee Morning last term, we have been reviewing our use of indoor play when it is raining. Should children be outside in the rain? Or not? What do you think? Share your views

<https://forms.gle/ms11RHrAwRM68d346>

Maths Fluency Parent Workshop - Wednesday 22nd January

Mrs Moran (Maths Lead) will be offering a parent workshop from 2:45pm to 3:15pm in the staffroom focusing on fluency in Maths, including times tables. Having competent fluency skills is vital, as it enables children to grasp more complex concepts. One area of fluency is times tables and, as you know, all children are tested on the times tables (up to 12x12) at the end of Year 4. This session will discuss times tables teaching, progress of key fluency skills and strategies to support your child at home.

Netball Club

Attached flyer for the new Netball Club for Years 4 to 6.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please see attached this month's Online Safety Newsletter.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

PTFA Messages

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Happy New Year!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next week: Thursday 16 January: **Meet the PTFA Coffee Morning**

8:45-10am in the staffroom

Join the PTFA committee for a hot drink and a chat. Find out more about what we do including fundraising for the school, upcoming events, and how YOU can help. We promise to have some yummy biscuits too!

AGM: PTFA Annual General Meeting

Thursday 6th February, 6pm, in the staffroom

You are all invited to join us at our AGM to:

- Hear more about what we have been doing, how much we have raised and what has been funded
- Share your fundraising ideas or how you would like the funds raised to be spent
- Learn more about who we are and what we do.

It is also a time to vote-in the Key Committee Roles and to welcome new members to the committee.

THEATRE CLUB

The Lion King in theatre: Wednesday 26th February, 7:30 pm.

Disney's award-winning musical THE LION KING explodes with glorious colours, stunning effects and enchanting music. See the exhilarating performance at our LOWEST ever price!! Only £49.50 per ticket (RRP £81.95) Great seats in the Stalls. Book your tickets now. Deadline 17th January!

Shows

Is there a show you would like to see? Let us try to get you a great discount. Email your requests to 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!*)

Ink Cartridge Recycling Fundraiser

Stop ink cartridges from going to landfill by simply popping your used ink cartridges (sadly no toner or laser cartridges) into the box in reception (without any packaging) and we will do the rest.

RAISE MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP

Secondhand uniform

Buy secondhand uniform online [HERE](#) (Collection is from the school office).

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

Donations

After Christmas, if you have any unwanted Christmas decorations or Jumpers that might be good for the school, all donations would be most welcome. The office will be accepting donations the first week back until Friday 10th January (fake trees, lights, baubles, tinsel – good condition only please).

We also happily accept good quality books and toys for our library, lunchtime activities and BASC Club. We are particularly looking for donations of Lego for our new Lego club.

For those little accidents, we are short on spare pants (especially boys) and socks (no tights please we have plenty!) age 4-7 especially. If your children have outgrown any, please donate to the school office.

Woodcote Mini Marathon 2025

We are very excited to share news of a fabulous incentive we will be launching in the New Year to encourage and challenge our children (and staff) to get out and be active in the run up to the London Marathon on 27th April.

Children in Years 3 to Year 6 will have the opportunity to join in with a weekly commitment for 10 weeks to have completed a marathon distance of 26.2 miles by the date of the London Marathon.

Children in Year R to Year 2 and staff will be able to join in with the final one-off event to cover a 2.6 miles event and all will be awarded with a very exciting medal.

More information will be coming when we return to school in January when the sign up window, entry and sponsorship details will be opened (as well as the Medal Grand Reveal).

We do hope that your child(ren) will be excited to challenge themselves and join in....

Birthday Sweets or Books Results

Thank you to everyone who shared their views. The results were as follows, and therefore we will leave it up to parental choice;

48% = Parental choice of sweets or book

42% = Continue with Birthday Sweets

30% = Birthday Book Donation

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/>

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>