



Headteacher: Mrs. Claire Baldock

## Weekly Memo 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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**PLEASE READ ALL ATTACHMENTS**

### Important Dates

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

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – SEND Coffee morning

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Dog's Trust Workshops

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Children to dress as their favourite character!

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 to 6 Farthing Downs Cross Country

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Careers Event

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 to 6 Cross Country Event, Oasis Coulsdon

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Post Eid Family Dinner

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April – Spring Colour Mufti, Easter Bonnets (EYFS and KS1), Easter Egg Competition (KS2)

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April – School finishes at 2.30pm – No After School Club on this day.**

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Good attendance and punctuality is important to support children's learning and development.

**Well done to Year One for having the best attendance last week!**

### New Information

#### **NEW – Mental Health Champions**

We're thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for some children to become Mental Health Champions. This will involve completing a training programme as our children's well-being remains a high priority. This training is a testament to our dedication to nurture not just intellectual growth, but emotional and mental strength. While we remain steadfast in our pursuit of academic excellence, we recognise the equal importance of equipping our children with resilience and confidence to face life's myriad challenges.

We will be recruiting 2 children from each Key Stage 2 Class (Years 3 to 6) to train and lead as Mental Health Champions, as part of a Mental Health Team. If your child is interested in being considered for this role and to represent their class, then please complete the attached Expression of Interest Form, by 7<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **School Council Feedback**

Our School Council have been meeting in smaller sub-councils, and have decided on three project focuses;

1. Lunch Development with Nourish
2. Gardening areas and opportunity development
3. Further increasing range of clubs available.

We will keep families up to date on the progress of these projects.

#### **KS2 Playground Improvements**



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We are looking at ways to improve the KS2 playground. Some areas become very muddy and potentially unusable when wet and on hot days there is limited shade. Do you have any ideas of how to make better use of the space in the KS2 playground, so it is usable all year round.? All ideas are welcome for parents, carers, children and staff. Please complete the google form by the 10th March 2025 with any suggestions.

Sophie <https://forms.gle/LDy3C65KBzUcURBt5>

### **CSSP Croydon Borough Swimming Gala**

Just before half-term, the Croydon Schools Sports Partnership held the Croydon Borough Swimming Gala at Trinity School. This is the first time Woodcote have competed since COVID prevented the event from taking place. We took 12 swimmers to the qualifiers with 3 of our children making it to the finals. Those who made it to the finals all took home a medal. We want to congratulate all of our swimmers that took part in the event and want to give a special mention to our finalists, their event results and times are below.

**Marli Thompson** – Year 5 Girls Breaststroke Final – 22.69 seconds – **Bronze medal winner**

**Daksh Sachdeva** – Year 5 Boys Backstroke Final – 20.69 seconds – **Bronze medal winner**

**Noah Stanton** – Year 3&4 Freestyle Final – 17.83 seconds – **Silver medal winner**

### **iRock Free Taster**

We have some exciting news for you! iRock School of Music would like to invite your children to a free taster session within the coming weeks, on a Wednesday during school time.

The children will be given a 30-minute iRock lesson and will have the opportunity to learn part of a song and try out playing the guitar, keyboards, drums and to sing, as part of a band. This lesson is completely free and there are no conditions or commitments following the taster session. If your child would like to attend one of the free taster sessions (no musical experience is necessary!), please let us know via email, and we will arrange for your child to be picked up by the iRock band coach, Hazel.

In order to book your child's iRock taster session please contact Hazel: [hazelruthhelen@gmail.com](mailto:hazelruthhelen@gmail.com)

### **Woodcote Mini-Marathon 26<sup>th</sup> April 8.30am**

All children, staff and parents (if registered) will be taking part in the first of what we hope to become a regularly sporting fixture to achieve the Woodcote Mini Marathon Medal. Watch this space for the **Medal Grand Reveal**.

This event is being organised by two of our office staff who are running the London Marathon this year and our very own Year 3 Parent and World Tri-Athlete Mr Stanton. So much expertise to support your children develop a love of exercise and running. Please note, all money raised will be going to our chosen charity, the wonderful Surrey Care Trust, details to be found in the sign-up form (link above).

Even if you decide not to sign up, you can still sponsor all our wonderful mini marathon runners by going to:

<https://gofund.me/8128c4fd>

**Children in Year 3 to Year 6** can sign up to the mini marathon event to run, walk or jog a distance of 2.6 miles on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at Woodcote Primary School and Sports Field.

**Children in Year R to Year 2** sign up to the 1 mile event with (or without if you are brave enough) your parent/carer running with you.

**Sign up and registration payment of £20 for this is needed by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** (parents, staff if you'd like a medal too we will need your registration payment also please) <https://forms.gle/EAtdcPQgz8SMgHY5A>

### **PTFA Messages**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **KRISPY KREME SALE - Friday 28th March**

**Come and get your Doughnuts after school 🍩**

Pre Order your doughnuts [here](#) in batches of 3, 6 or a box of 12!

*A limited number of single doughnuts will be available on the day in the KS1 and KS2 playground huts. Once they're gone, they're gone!*

We're looking for volunteers to help set up from 2 pm on the day. If you can help, email [admin@woodcoteptfa.org.uk](mailto:admin@woodcoteptfa.org.uk) to let us know.

### **SCHOOL LOTTERY UPDATE**

Our school lottery, launched last September, is raising funds for our children's year groups. We've raised nearly £700 so far, with this amount growing weekly!

Each draw offers a cash prize, with over £500 in winnings paid out to date.

**Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative — the PTFA is incredibly grateful.**

We'll share exciting updates as we reach key milestones. Are you interested in joining or learning more? See the attached poster or visit [here](#).

### **SUMMER FAIR: Saturday 21st June 2025**

We will be bringing back the petting zoo as well as the inflatables all in one day! More information will be shared in the coming weeks. Be prepared for an afternoon of fun!

### **Uniform Donations**

We are now taking uniform donations of the below (in good condition):

- Jumpers 7-8
- Jumpers 9+
- Cardigans 7-8
- Cardigans 9+
- Trousers 4-6

### **Second hand uniform**

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

### **RAISE MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP**

#### **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.

### **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**

### **World Book Day**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March with a range of exciting activities.

We invite children to come dressed as a book character on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. If you have costumes you're no longer using (e.g. that don't fit) that you would like to donate to others, a table will be placed next to the staffroom (by 2R) from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February up to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March where these can be left. If you need a costume, please do feel free to take from this table.

### **Eid-al-Fitr**

In view of the forthcoming Eid-al-Fitr celebrations, we would remind parents to complete the '[Absence From Learning Request](#)' on the school website ([Woodcote Primary School - Parental Forms](#)) in advance if you wish your child to attend the celebrations which potentially fall on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March. If the form is not completed prior to the date, we will be unable to authorise this absence. We would like to take the opportunity to wish all our families the happiest of celebrations.

### **Ramadan/Fasting**

If your child will be fasting from 28<sup>th</sup> February during Ramadan, please email the school office so that we are aware in advance. Thank you.

### **Volunteering**

We would love to recruit some more parent/carer volunteers to listen to readers & to support with activities in the classroom. If you are able to commit to at least one morning/afternoon every two weeks, please complete and return the form in our Volunteer policy <https://woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk/volunteers-and-work-experience/> . In accordance with our safeguarding procedures, a DBS check & references would be required.

### **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](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>