



Headteacher: Mrs. Claire Baldock

Weekly Memo 14th March 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/>

Sat 15th March – Year 3 to 6 Cross Country Event, Oasis Coulsdon

Wed 19th March – Dog's Trust Follow-up

Week begin 24th March – Year 5 Shakespeare Performances

Tues 1st and Wed 2nd April – Rearranged Yr1 Dobbies Trips

Wed 2nd April – Post Eid Family Dinner

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

Fri 4th April – School finishes at 2.30pm – No After School Club on this day.

Children return Tuesday 22nd April

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Well done to Year 2 for having the highest percentage of children with EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE this year! That is 99%+ attendance!

New Information

High School Children on Site

Over the last week we have had an increase in poor behaviour from High School Pupils on our site. If you have a High School Child who is collecting their siblings, please remind them that they are expected to behave appropriately. In addition, they should be the only one entering the site and should not be bringing their friends onto site also.

We are contacting the high school to ask for this to be reinforced, and we will be looking to question and stop children entering the site. Thank you for your support with this.

Mental Health Champions

This week 32 children have started their training as Mental Health Champions. Once trained they will be able to give peer support and advice. We expect this scheme to remind our children that living healthy also means looking after your mental health.

Year 4 Careers Event

This week Yr4 had a fantastic time learning about different careers! They had workshops in careers such as TV production, comic book editing, neuroscience, doctors, financial advisors, theatre, business, IT, building, engineering and more! Huge thank you to all our volunteers!

School Council Update

This half term school council have decided on three development focuses.

Years 5 and 6 met with our catering provider Nourish to ask them about our school meals, and to provide feedback and suggestions for improvement. The children will be feeding this back to classes.



Years 3 and 4 have decided to look at developing our outdoor areas and gardening and will be meeting with Mr Russell next week to discuss ideas.

Years 1 and 2 would like to continue to develop the range of clubs available for children, and particularly those at lunchtime. They will meet with Mrs Leaker over the coming week to share and suggest ideas.

We are so proud that our children are so proactive and are able to share their ideas for the benefit of others.

PTFA Messages

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

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

What fundraising events would you like the PTFA to hold? Complete this [short form](#) and share your ideas.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

KRISPY KREME SALE - Friday 28th March

Pre Order your doughnuts here in batches of 3, 6 or a box of 12!

A limited number of single doughnuts and Coughlans vegan doughnuts will be available for £1.50 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 to let us know.

SUMMER FAIR: Saturday 21st June 2025

We will be bringing back the petting zoo as well as the inflatables all in one day! Book your inflatable tickets here for only £12.50! See the attached poster.

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.

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 and quote our school fundraising number 25740.

Reminders

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 31st 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.

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). 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>