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## New on the website

Lots to look out for on our website:

- Secondary Transfer Info for Year 5
- Friday 17th LAST DAY 1.30pm finish
- Weekly News Videos
- Online School Guides
- COVID19 Visitor Info

## Twitter

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## NHS Advice



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## Last Day of Term is now Friday 17th July

The Governing Body of Woodcroft Primary School have reviewed our ongoing response to COVID19 and the preparations being made for the new school year in September.

Woodcroft has been open throughout the lockdown period, offering online learning for all pupils and essential care for the children of critical workers. The school also remained open on two scheduled INSET days (20/4/20 and 1/6/20).

The Governors approved a proposal to reschedule these training days to the end of term; Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July. This will enable the staff to prepare fully for the restart in September. Schools only received the guidance from the Government yesterday (Thursday 2nd July). This will now need to be carefully planned and implemented.

The last day of term for pupils will now be Friday 17th July.

## Sad Goodbyes

It is with regret that I inform you that we will be saying farewell to three members of staff at the end of term.

Ms Sherring, who has been our MusicTeacher and Arts Lead for 9 years, is moving on to a prestigious new appointment as Head of Lower School Music at Harrow International School in Hong Kong. Ms Sherring has contributed so much to Woodcroft over the years; achieving the top Arts Mark Platinum Award, winning the National Music Teacher Award, taking the school to perform at the Royal Albert Hall, introducing the Trinity College Bronze Award qualification for Year 6, running the school instrumental programme and choirs and developing our AIM@Arts curriculum. WOW! We wish her well in her new post and look forward to hearing about it from the other side of the world.

Miss Verstraeten has been with us for three years and taught children across the school and most recently in Year 3. Miss Verstraeten has decided to return to her home country of the Netherlands. She has been an excellent teacher for Woodcroft and will be greatly missed.

Miss Gibson will also be leaving at the end of term. Miss Gibson has decided to continue her teaching career as a secondary school maths teacher. Miss Gibson has taught Year 4 for the last two years and I know pupils and staff will miss her enormously.

We would like to thank all of our departing staff for their commitment and dedication to Woodcroft. I am sure you will join us in giving them our best wishes for their future careers.

## Meet the teacher

Unfortunately, because of lockdown restrictions, we have not been able to organise our usual meet the teacher days that would have been next week. However, if you look out for next week's news video, you might get a sneak introduction to three of our new teachers who will be taking over classes in September.

## Classes and Annual Reports

Because of COVID19 we have got to arrange new ways to communicate with parents and carers. So this year our reports are going electronic! We are planning to distribute your child's annual report and their class for next year by email on Thursday next week. Keep a lookout in your inbox. We will also send out a text to confirm they have been sent.

### Year 6 'Leavers Party' Afternoon

Calling all Year 6! We are planning to hold a special socially distant leavers party afternoon on Thursday 16th July, here at Woodcroft. Come along to school, say goodbye to your friends and teachers, and have one final playtime. We also have a few surprises planned to give you a great send off. For those not in school we shall be contacting you to see if you can make it.

### Year 5 Information About Secondary Transfer

Year 5 families need to start thinking about transfer to secondary school in September 2021! The school website has got all of the latest information from Barnet about the process. Take a look at ...

<https://woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/secondary-transfer-2021/>

### Does your child have access to a Chromebook (or Laptop)



If you want to support your children both now and for the future, one of the best things we could suggest would be to get a Chromebook. A Chromebook is like a laptop but more suited to school work at Woodcroft. Everything we do in school is on the Google Chrome platform. Microsoft Windows laptops are fine to use but not as straightforward.

Phones and tablets are fine for watching media but they are not ideal for school work. We highly recommend using a device with a proper keyboard. If your child has a chromebook they will be able to continue to use it for homework and study when we return after lockdown. It will be a good long term investment for your child's education.

## Online School - Please continue to support your children EVERY DAY!

### GO GREEN!

#### Red:

No comments, little work completed - the school is getting worried about your child.

#### Amber:

You are visible online and have completed work on some (but not all) days of the week.

#### Green:

Completing ALL work and being visible online EVERY day!



## Nursery Places for September 2020

**30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery**

Childcare  
Choices

It is now time to book your child's place in our Nursery for September 2020. A few places still remain! Contact the school office to discuss putting your child on our register. Children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2020.

Woodcroft offers the FREE flexible 15 hours provision for all children, with the option to pay for extra sessions as required. Parents of three and four year olds that are registered with Woodcroft's Nursery can also apply for the government's **30 hours free childcare** offer through the Government website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).