

Woodcroft News

July 2017

30 Hour funded places Update!

Working families need to ensure that they are registered with HMCR to receive the impending increase in funding they are eligible for.

The HMRC say that they have experienced a few faults and have a backlog, but advise that if parents have been unable to complete the online application or have not had a response from them to phone **0300 123 4097** and they will update you. If you would like us to help you Ros McIntosh will be available to help you on our parents evenings, just make an appointment to see her too.

Check to see if you are eligible at www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility and if you are register at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> choosing the 30 hour option.

Please get your URN to us before the end of term if you can. After the end of term you can email us on admin@woodcroft-nur.essex.sch.uk or leave an answerphone message with your URN and the best number to contact you on. Staff will pick these up whenever we are here. Unless you have your Unique Reference Number by 31st of August you will be unable access your additional free entitlement until January.

All 3 and 4 year olds will, of course, still be entitled to their free 15 hours and families entitled to 2 year old funded places will be unaffected.

Strawberry Fayre Saturday 8th July 2017 10.30—1pm

Plans are well underway for a great day. Strawberry cream teas, Raffle, BBQ. Put the date in your diaries and come and join the fun. We are always grateful for any donations of raffle prizes, small toys for prizes, soft toys and tombola items, cakes etc. We would very much appreciate any help to prepare between now and then.



Make your parents evening appointment with your Little Woodcroft Key worker or with home base staff in the big Nursery soon!

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 8th July—Strawberry Fayre 10.30am-1pm
10th July—5-7pm Parents Consultation evening
12th July—4-6pm Parents Consultation evening
21st July—Last Day of Summer Term

Children Return 7th September 2017

Non-Pupil day 24th November 2017

Goodbyes

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to two members of staff.

Tanwanna Edwards who has been teaching part-time in the Moon Room this year, covering for Louisa Battersby will be leaving us at the end of term. We are very grateful to her for 'stepping in to the breach in the Autumn Term with such energy and enthusiasm and we are sorry to see her go.

Our lovely Nursery Nurse Julie Payne will be retiring after 22 dedicated years here. We will all miss her enormously, for so many reasons, but especially the gentle way she has of making ordinary things so special and magical for the children. Mrs Payne is looking forward to having more time for other things and I'm sure our loss will be her grand children's gain! We wish her a long and thoroughly enjoyable retirement.

Don't forget to check out and 'like' us on our Facebook page, 'Woodcroft Nursery School'
There is a link on the website. We regularly update our Facebook and Website with up to date information and closure dates.

www.woodcroft-nur.essex.sch.uk

SPECIAL OFFER

Some £10 sessions available in the big nursery between now and the end of term.

(Must be paid for at the time of booking)

Just a reminder about our extended provision open to all Woodcroft and Little Woodcroft children and intended to make your life easier!

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| Breakfast club- Children can arrive from 7.45 | - £4 including breakfast |
| Lunch club 11.45—12.45 | - £3 (bring a packed lunch) |
| One hour after school club 3.45-4.45 | - £3.50 |
| Two hours after school club to 5.45 | - £8 including hot meal |
| Two and a half hours to 6.15 | - £10 including hot meal |

Places available for September. Book in advance at the office.



Lost and Found

Do check the table in the entrance corridor and see if anything belongs to you. Anything left behind at the end of term will be donated to the hospice charity shop.

Advanced notice

From 1st January 2018 our paid for core session fees will be increasing by 50p

Little Woodcroft will be £16.50

Woodcroft will be £15.50

Thank you all for being part of the 'Woodcroft Family' this year. It has been a real pleasure to work with you all and to see your children grow and flourish.