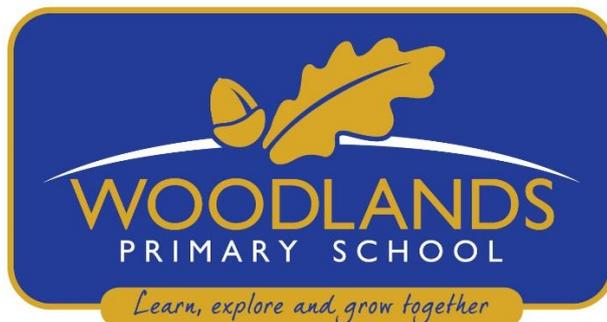


# Woodlands Weekly



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I know all terms seem to fly by, but this one has seemed particularly fast.

Y4 spent a thoroughly enjoyable day on Monday immersed in Italian culture, food and language. Thank you to Mrs Tarrant-Blick for teaching us some Italian - grazie!

On the same day, Y5 were gallivanting again - this time to the Royal Observatory to learn more about the night sky. The workshop leaders were extremely impressed by the amount they knew about the phases of the moon - Miss Ridger was at pains to point out that this was all due to the power of a packet of Oreos!

## **KS1 Parents IMPORTANT ACCESS INFORMATION**

At long last, the leaking roof which covers 1 Oak and 1 Fir, is being replaced. The most disruptive part of the process has been scheduled to take place during half term - but the work will continue for a few weeks into Term 4. ***This means that the back path behind Oak Class and Fir Class will be closed for approximately three weeks after half term.***

Access to **Yew Class** and the **Y2** classrooms will **only** be from the front of the school building. During this time, **Fir Class** will be accessed via the hall door next to Fir Class and access for **Elm Class** will be from the hall door next to Cedar Class. If you are unsure, please check with your child's Class Teacher. Access to all other classes remains the same. Collection from after school clubs is unaffected. Obviously if, for any reason, this has to change, we will let you know via ParentMail.

## **Parent Consultations**

Please note that we have had to change the dates of our Parent Consultations next term. They will now take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March for all year groups. The online booking system will again be used and will be available from 21<sup>st</sup> February for you to reserve your slot(s).

## **Parent Forum-NEW DATE-Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm.**

The Parent Forum is an informal group which meets approximately once per term to discuss various school- related issues in order to gather ideas and suggestions from parents to feed into our school planning. Previous topics have included: communication between home and school, school reports, behaviour and the school website. The focus of this meeting will be ***Social, Emotional and Mental Health*** and how the school can develop its practice in this area. If you would like to take part in this discussion, please contact the school office ([office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)).

## **Safer Internet Day 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Safer Internet Day is very important to our school and pupils. It is celebrated every year across Europe, and in other countries worldwide. In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the **UK Safer Internet Centre** ([www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)), and this year's theme is "Be the change: Unite for a better internet." We participated alongside hundreds of other schools across the UK to learn about how we can use the internet safely and positively. Miss Powell and Mrs Woodger led assemblies and we were very impressed with the level of engagement, enthusiasm and knowledge shared by all of the children whilst participating in activities in class. We have attached some information and conversation starters for you to share with your children.

## **World Book Day**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Children are very welcome to come to school dressed as a book character. We look forward to a colourful and exciting day! If children would like to donate £1 then it will be passed to Book Aid (The World Book Day charity) to help fund books for schools and libraries in Africa. Thank you, as always, for your support.

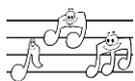
### Staff Updates

We waved a sad au revoir to Mrs Chatley today as she commences her maternity leave. Our best wishes go with her and we look forward to hearing news soon!! While she is away, Miss Powell will be taking on the Assistant Headteacher role for Yrs1/2/3. Should you wish to contact her, her email address is: [kpowell@woodlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:kpowell@woodlands.kent.sch.uk) .

We said another sad goodbye this week to Mrs Wendy Connolly, our Pastoral Support Manager. Mrs Sarah Hardcastle will be taking on this role from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. You should catch sight of her on the playgrounds in the morning - but if you would like to make an appointment with her, please contact the office or email [shardcastle@woodlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:shardcastle@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)

### Girls Football News - Report by Poppy 5 Rowan

Woodlands played a football match against Cage Green Girls and we won 4:3. We all thought it was really fun and would like to do it again. It was a great experience - and I scored the winning goal!



### Music News

Mrs Jones and Miss Hearne-Collins are looking forward to taking a party of children to the Ready Steady Sing Workshop at Tonbridge School on Sunday. Tonbridge School advise us to park in the TSC Car Park, along the London Road opposite Dry Hill Park Road. The venue is in the main school grounds. (please see link below and scroll down for a map). The event will be held at Big School near the Chapel and the Quad Car Park, and there will be signs up to show us where to go. We will be there from 9.10 am. The children will need a packed lunch. <http://www.boxoffice.tonbridge-school.co.uk/contact-us/#school>

### Contract Dining Company Food Heroes

Recently some of our children took part in a Food Hero scheme whereby they took a hot lunch every day for 3 weeks and were asked to fill in a brief questionnaire. Everyone was greeted with a smile from our very friendly cook Alison who talked with the children and encouraged them. Here are some of the comments we have received:

Yummy because I love Roast

My friend said it looked nice

Positively filling!

Mince was sloppy

The potatoes were really crispy

I didn't like the water melon

Delicious apple sponge

Carbonara sauce made my day

I really didn't like the vegetables

### Contract Dining Company - Menu Change

CDC has asked us to advise you of a menu change for the start of next term. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February will swap - so Sausages will be served on Monday and Spaghetti Bolognese on Tuesday.

### Schools Trends Promotion

Fancy winning £50 worth of school uniform? Visit [www.schooltrendsonline.com/pages/love](http://www.schooltrendsonline.com/pages/love) before 28<sup>th</sup> February!

### Woodlands Primary PTA News

Comedy night was an absolute triumph! Thank you to the PTA (and particularly Caroline Logan) for their meticulous planning and organisation - which resulted in a fantastic evening. Oak Hall was transformed into a Comedy Club and Bar - it did not feel like school! The quality of the comedy was top notch - and the refreshments provided by the PTA added to the party atmosphere. In addition to being a great evening, £960 has been added to school funds. An all-round success!! Watch out for the next hot ticket....

### FAB Youth Club - update

We are really pleased that we have had lots of new people join our youth club - what this means is that we now don't have any spare places, but have a waiting list. If you would like to be on that list, please phone Kate Walker on 07870 195548.

### Community News

The Tydeman Centre in East Malling is a highly successful specialist mainstream provision catering for children with speech, language and communication needs. It is holding an Open Morning for parents/children and others interested in their work on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from 9.30-12.30pm. Full details are available on The Malling School's website [www.themallingschool.kent.sch.uk](http://www.themallingschool.kent.sch.uk)

The Wheels on Debussy - classical concerts for children - is offering half term fun in the form a Jazz Classics on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church. Café and craft for the children starts at 10am and the concert is from 10.30-11.15am. Tickets are available from [www.billetter.co.uk/the-wheels-on-debussy](http://www.billetter.co.uk/the-wheels-on-debussy) at £5 adult/£3 child or on the door at £6/£4.

Theatretrain is a Performing Arts School which meets every Saturday from 10-11 at Meadows School, London Road, Southborough. Offering professional training in the performing arts for children aged 6-18 years, no experience is necessary, all are welcome to make new friends, learn new skills, build confidence and take part in a performance. For more information call 07710 478246, email [tunbridgewells@theatretrain.co.uk](mailto:tunbridgewells@theatretrain.co.uk) or visit their website [www.theatretrain.co.uk](http://www.theatretrain.co.uk)

West Kent Football Training Academy is being launched for boys and girls in Reception and Yrs1-5. Affiliated to Tonbridge Juniors and the Kent FA they are a not for profit organisation. Head coach, is Chris McGinn a level 4 UAFA A coach, with an excellent playing and coaching career history at professional level. There is a course schedule of 5 weeks, 90 minute sessions for only £30 starting on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 6.00pm - 7.30pm at the impressive Tonbridge School all weather pitches. For more information, visit [www.WestKentFTA.com](http://www.WestKentFTA.com)

There is still time to book a place for Playworks speech and drama classes for 5-18 year olds starting in Tonbridge just after half term - but be quick! Saturday morning classes upstairs at the Old Fire Station start on Saturday 18 February and after school classes at the Angel Centre start on Wednesday 22 February. Lots of theatre games, improvisation, script work and more to help boost self-confidence, improve communication skills, free the imagination and - most importantly - have fun! To find out more: email [playworksdrama@gmail.com](mailto:playworksdrama@gmail.com), call Ruth on 07801889819 or see our Facebook page - <http://www.facebook.com/PlayworksDrama>

## Letters Home

All	Safer Internet Day Information
Y2	Speaking & Listening Topic Term 4
Y3	Music World for Recorders

## Diary Dates

All Class Assemblies start at 2.45pm

3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	World Book Day
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1Yew Class Assembly
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Forum 6pm Oak Building (Peony Room)
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3Nutmeg Class Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Maidstone Museum visiting Reception Classes
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Travelling Books Book Fair
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Travelling Books Book Fair
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1Oak Class Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Mothers' Day Cream Tea
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	KS2 Choir Competition
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 Easter Production 2pm and 7pm
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mothers' Day Cream Tea
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1Fir Class Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Music Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	YR Visit to Godstone Farm
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	5Rowan Class Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> May	4Lime Class Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y6 Isle of Wight Trip
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	3Damson Class Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y1 Hever Castle Trip
29 <sup>th</sup> June	2Chestnut Class Assembly
6 <sup>th</sup> July	2Bay Class Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> July	2Hawthorn Class Assembly

## Dates which have been changed or added

### Term Dates

10 <sup>th</sup> February	Term Ends
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Term Starts
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Term Ends
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Term Ends
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Term Starts
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Term Ends
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Inset Day
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Inset Day
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Term Starts
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Term Ends
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Inset Day
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Term Starts
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Term Ends
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	Term Starts
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term Ends
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term Starts
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Term Ends
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Inset Day
17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Term Starts
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Term Ends
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24 <sup>th</sup> July	Term Ends