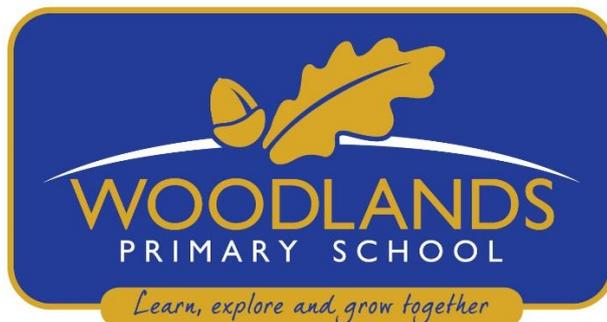


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An Evening of Mathematics!

Thank you to all the young mathematicians who ran the Maths Evening on Tuesday. Children from Y2 to Y6 turned into teachers for the evening and took the lead in explaining how we teach mathematics nowadays (things have really changed!). They were absolutely amazing – confident and knowledgeable. It was also great to see so many parents and carers at the event and the feedback that they have given us is tremendous:

"Using the students to demonstrate how maths is taught was a very clever idea. It meant parents could ask questions which really helped in understanding how maths is now taught. The children performing the demonstrations were very engaging and clearly excited about being able to showcase what they'd learnt, which all contributed to a very positive experience"

"Brilliant! I wish I'd known this when I was at school – it's helped a lot."

"I can see why you teach these methods now – I've never understood division by chunking before – it's great."

"Thank you – it's been a really useful evening. I wish I'd known some of this before."

Mrs Cameron has designed some help sheets for parents which can be found on the school website under Curriculum/mathematics.



First Aid Fun

The halls were full of bandages and excited children, this week, as Years 2 and 6 learned First Aid skills – I imagine that some have been practising on you at home! As well as being good fun, we hope that this will be really useful for them in the future.

Thank you to Sam Coomber from South East Training Skills.

"The children are a credit to the school. They display so much enthusiasm and were a joy to work with."

Sam will be running workshops for children and families during the summer holiday – more details to follow.

Learning Spanish in YR – Gracias Paola's Mum!



Paola's mum came to visit Cedar class and read, alongside Mrs Shimell, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' from her Spanish version of the book. The children really enjoyed listening to the story in both languages.



Sports Day Fun – Monday 19th June

It's going to be a scorcher! Please make sure that your child has plenty of sunscreen applied and has a hat/cap and water bottle with them.

The morning starts at 9.15 am with a carousel of activities. YR/Y1 and Y2 will be moving round the activities with their class on the KS2 playground and KS2 will move round activities on the field. You are welcome to walk round with your child – and move between classes to see siblings. Or, you may just want to sit on a picnic rug, under a shady tree! At around 10.15, the children will be taken inside for a cooling off break time, when they will be encouraged to have their snack and a drink.

The second half of the morning will be made up of races! All children will be participating this year and so the session may take a little longer than usual.

The races are:

- YR Bean bag race
- Y1 Backwards race
- Y2 Egg and spoon race
- Y3 Hurdles
- Y4 Skipping race
- Y5 Sack race
- Y6 Flat race

There will also be two races for our visitors – so please bring your trainers! Finally some of the teachers will participate in a water race.....umbrellas may be needed.

During the races, please move your rugs/blankets to beside the track – there will be some chairs to sit on too.

The morning should finish around midday. Both the front and back gates will open at the start and end of the morning – but will be locked during the event. If you are late, please access the school via the school office in Acorn Building.

School Picnic Tuesday 20th June

We are all very excited about the whole school picnic on Tuesday 20th June at lunchtime.

For those children who have a packed lunch, we would be very grateful if you could provide them with a healthy lunch for that day. There are some great ideas on the BBC Good Food website:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration>

According to [NHS choices](#) a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt

There will be a prize in each class for the healthiest – and most creative – lunchbox! Perhaps your child could make their own lunchbox?

In KS1 a school dinner will still be provided for free - although if you prefer you can bring in your own packed lunch from home. In KS2, if you normally have a school lunch, the kitchen will make your child a packed lunch as normal. **Please let the kitchen know, in KS2, if you are having a packed lunch from them (as you would normally do).**



Midsummer Night's Read!

Don't forget our Midsummer Night's Read on the school field next Tuesday, 27th June from 6-7pm. Bring a blanket and a picnic or snack and enjoy a story with a member of the school staff. Pyjamas and teddies optional.

SEN Survey for Parents

The Local Authority are currently surveying parents to gather feedback on their levels of satisfaction with their child's provision and the new arrangements for Education, Health and Care Plans. [The parent survey is now live here](#)



Secondary School Choices

If your choice of secondary school for your child has changed since places were allocated, please let Mrs Tubb in the school office know. She has to forward all files to the relevant school and it could end up going to the wrong one if we have out of date information.



Music News

There will be a short programme of music at the Summer Fair tomorrow with the Senior and Junior Choirs and Ukulele Club performing from 12.30. We will also be selling our KS2 music CD which showcases all music clubs – the result of School Band's trip to Music Station and several recording sessions with Mrs Wagstaff! CDs already ordered can be collected then or afterwards from the school office.

Music Evening 29th June at 7pm in Oak Hall: instrumental players should arrive early to tune up and prepare with their teachers and all children should be in their seats by 6.45pm (more details to follow). For most of our piano players and younger guitar players, separate concerts have been arranged: piano players in Oak Hall on 12th July 3.30–4pm and guitar players on 14th July in Acorn Hall at 3.30–4.30pm. The Ukulele Club will be holding a lunchtime fundraising singsong in July, further details to follow.

Junior Choir will be visiting the Methodist Church on 20th July and we would welcome parent helpers to go with us – if you are able to help, please let Mrs Jones know. School Band have been invited to visit KS1 on 19th July at 2.45 pm.

We would love to have some music in the hall during Open Evening on 11th July and a letter will be going out to all our music clubs shortly. Thank you for your support.



Superstar Corner

This week, our congratulations go to:

Alison Webb (5 Beech) who took part in the Chess Mega Final and won 2 games.

Leila Monks (5 Mulberry) who took part in the All England Dance Festival semi-finals, coming 1st in English group and 2nd in the French trio. By doing so well, she has progressed to the finals taking place in London in July – good luck!

Isabella Aleppo (5 Mulberry) who took part in the same semi-finals, winning 4 gold medals: Character - Jester, Modern, two duets (Character – Charlie Chaplin and Modern, both with **Belle Hart** 6 Hazel)

Evi Stead (3 Nutmeg) who performed at 'Kent Stars' dance competition with her dance group, Footsteps. She performed two dances and came 3rd and 1st in the Primary Jazz section. She also performed her first solo and came 3rd in the Primary Lyrical section

Lucy Brown (5 Mulberry) who recently played the part of Tig in the Hoppers summer production at the Oast Theatre.

Leia Smith (5 Beech) who received a distinction in her grade 3 ISTD Modern Exam. Leia, with **Phoebe George** (5 Mulberry) and their Footsteps Junior Performing Group took part in the Kent heat of dance competition, UK Stars. Their group's dances finished 1st and 3rd.

Alice and Emilia Jones (4 Peach and 4 Lime) held a plant stall in their garden at the weekend, selling tomato, courgette and runner bean plants that they had grown from seed. They raised a fabulous £106 for Hospice in the Weald. All seeds and compost were kindly donated by Notcutts Tunbridge Wells.

PTA News

Wow! The KS2 disco made £673.86 profit. Thank you for all your help and support.

Only 1 day to go until our fantastic Summer Fair. The PTA would like to thank everyone for all the amazing donations and support over the last few weeks. 2 Hawthorn won the Jam Jars competition - well done and your prize will be with you soon!

We're sending home a plan of where the stalls will be tomorrow. Entrance will be along the path to Oak playground from Acorn playground (next to the adventure playground and Roselands pre-school garden). Both gates will be unlocked. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow (12pm-3pm) for our first Woodlands Primary School Fair.

Secondary School Open Events

Weald of Kent Primary Open Morning 3rd July – an invitation to families of primary school aged girls to have a glimpse of life at Weald. Starting with a welcome at 9.15, including a tour and talk from the Headteacher, finishing at 11.30. Parking on site is limited but places will be available at the rear of the Vauxhall Inn on Pembury Road.

St Gregory's Catholic School welcomes children and families of all faiths and none. Open mornings are offered for Y5 children on 21st and 22nd June; 27th and 28th September; 18th and 19th October – come along from 9-10.20am to see the school on a normal working day. Tours of the school will be followed by coffee and an informal chat with the Headteacher. An Open Evening will take place on 28th September from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Contact 01892 527444 or office@sgschool.org.uk for further information.

Community News

FAB+ at Tonbridge Methodist Church Friday 16th June

We are opening FAB+ (Youth group for 11-14 year olds) to all the current Yr 6 who attend FAB to begin the transition into FAB+ by attending this coming Friday 16th June. So if you've a child in Yr 6, or have older children, or know of other children who may like to come along to FAB+ this Friday, please feel free to bring them. FAB+ runs from 7:00-8:30pm. Following that, the next FAB+ evening will be on 14th July. The Yr 6's are still very much welcome to attend FAB until July. For more info please email victoria@tonbridgmethodistchurch.com

Tonbridge Juniors FC is now launching Girls Football for the 2017/18 season. This is currently for school years 3, 4 & 5. I hope you agree it would be great to have more opportunities for girls to play football locally, in a safe and friendly environment, with fully qualified F.A coaches

Kent Police Open Day - Join us on Sunday 2 July 2017, 10am-4pm at Kent Police College, Coverdale Avenue ME15 9DW for a fun day out for your whole family. Watch our live police dogs, public order and roads policing displays. See how we work with other emergency services at the scene of a crash. Check out the latest job opportunities to see if a career in policing is for you. Meet the National Police Air Service team and take a look inside their helicopter. See what it takes to be fit for the job or take emergency calls for our Force Control Room. Collect evidence at our crime scene, sit in a Custody cell, have your fingerprints taken and much more!
Please note: No dogs, except assistance dogs, will be allowed on site or in the car parks during the event. Food and drink will be available to purchase on the day. We have allocated 1,500 parking spaces for visitors in a dedicated car park, accessed via Lansdowne Avenue. No parking will be permitted along Lansdowne Avenue over the weekend of the event.

Tonbridge & Malling Council is supporting a number of local activity providers to help you find a range of exciting activities for your children during the summer holidays, visit www.tmbc.gov.uk/holidayactivities. Many of the activities advertised also include a 50% discount for Leisure Pass holders. For more information about Leisure Passes and to find out if you would be eligible to apply, please visit www.tmbc.gov.uk/leisurepass

St Gregory's Multi-Sports Holiday Clubs are offered from Monday 24th July to Wednesday 2nd August and again from Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd August. If you are interested in enrolling your child please take a registration form from the Acorn Office carousel and return it to St Gregory's. For further information, please contact Noel Bradbury on nbradbury@sgschool.org.uk

Give cricket a try this year at **Cowdrey Cricket Club**, Swanmead Way, Tonbridge TN9 1PT. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome. For more information contact Phil Sullivan on 0770 9336930 or email info@cowdreycc.co.uk, visit the website at www.cowdreycc.co.uk

Letters Home

All School Summer Fair Plan
Stagecoach Flyer

Diary Dates

All Class Assemblies start at 2.45pm

17 th Jun	Summer Fair
19 th Jun	School Sports Day
19 th Jun	Y6 RSE Meeting in 6Hazel 6pm
20 th Jun	School Picnic
20 th Jun	Y3 Tonbridge Castle
23 rd Jun	3 Damson Class Assembly
23 rd Jun	Y1 Hever Castle Trip
26-28 th Jun	Y5 Taster Days Hadlow Rural Community School
27 th Jun	Midsummer Read-In 6-7pm
29 th Jun	2 Chestnut Class Assembly
29 th Jun	Summer Music Concert
7 th July	2 Bay Class Assembly
7 th July	Y4 Roman Day
10 th July	Y2 Sublime Science Workshop
11 th July	Open Evening
13 th July	2 Hawthorn Class Assembly
18 th July	Y6 Production
20 th July	Y6 Leavers' BBQ
29 th Sep	MacMillan Coffee Morning (PTA)
9 th , 13 th Oct	Individual/Family Group photographs
13 th Oct	New PTA Event – watch this space
2 nd Feb	Comedy Evening

Dates which have been changed or added

Term Dates 2017/18

21 st July	Term Ends
4 th Sept	Inset Day
5 th Sept	Inset Day
6 th Sept	Term Starts
20 th Oct	Term Ends
30 th Oct	Inset Day
31 st Oct	Term Starts
20 th Dec	Term Ends

4 th Jan 2018	Term Starts
9 th Feb	Term Ends
19 th Feb	Term Starts
29 th Mar	Term Ends
16 th Apr	Inset Day
17 th Apr	Term Starts
25 th May	Term Ends
4 th June	Inset Day
5 th June	Term Starts
24 th July	Term Ends