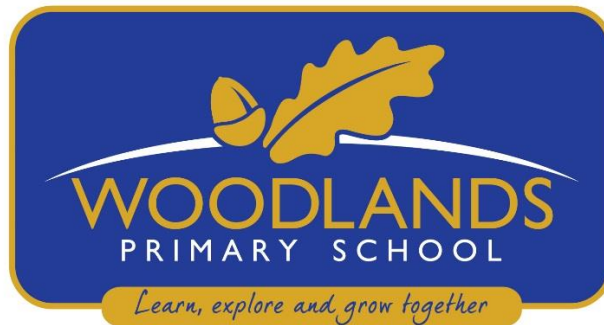


# Woodlands Weekly



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I cannot believe that Woodlands Primary School is ONE year old! Wow! Happy Birthday us!



The last week has proved as exciting as all the others - with the most amazing Y6 production of 'Matilda' on Tuesday. The children absolutely rose to the occasion and sang, acted, organised and generally performed with such energy and spirit. The audience were either laughing or crying most of the way through – always a good sign! Your generous donations to the Silver Bucket have raised £245 for charity.

Today we are preparing to wave them a tearful farewell at the end of the day – although I am confident that being the great characters they are, they will write their own stories with gusto! I look forward to hearing all about their adventures in the future. Good Luck Y6 and thank you for your superb contribution to our school.



### **Thank you!**

.....on behalf of all the staff, for the exceptionally kind words and gifts that have been sent into school this week. We don't expect gifts – but have been overwhelmed by your kindness. The words about the school, in particular, have been very moving and encouraging – thank you. If I do not manage to see you at the end of the day, I would like to thank you for your support this year – have a lovely break from the school routine and I look forward to seeing you all in September with bright eyes and bushy tails, ready for our new school year.

### **New Year Reminders – please read!**

- Please take time to familiarise yourself again with our school uniform so that you do not buy the wrong things! In particular, please remember that:
  - ...Skirts, trousers and shorts should be GREY, not black
  - ...Socks should be plain and either grey, white or navy
  - ...Long hair should be tied back (to prevent the spread of our little headlice friends...)
  - ...Hair adornments should be small and simple
  - ...One pair of simple stud earrings (please see below)
  - ...Shoes should be appropriate and enable children to run around and have fun!

- Packed lunches should be as healthy as possible – we do not allow sweets, chocolate or sweetened and fizzy drinks. Sugar is not good for children (or us!) and can affect a child's ability to concentrate – particularly after a lunch which contains a lot. Thank you.
- Yrs R, 1, 2 and 3 children need to be taken to their classrooms (as usual) on the first day back and thereafter. As in previous years, they will need to be collected from classrooms at the end of the day. Please let us know when there are changes to collection arrangements.
- Yrs 4, 5 and 6 children are allowed to leave by themselves at the end of the day. Please explain to your child where you will meet them and what to do if you are not there – they should return immediately to their class teacher or the school office.

### **Earrings**

If you intend to have your child's ears pierced, please ensure that this happens at the **start** of the summer holidays so that they have time to heal completely before we return to school in September. Children will be asked to remove all earrings for PE lessons.

### **Year 6 Kent Test Information**

This year's Kent Test takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. For children who are taking the test, we will be running through the format on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September (the first day back!) so that they understand how the test works, where they will be sitting and who will be in the hall with them.

### **Year Group Introductory Meetings**

There will be year-group introductory meetings in early September – please note the dates below in your diary. These are an opportunity to catch up with your child's teachers, check how they have settled and understand the curriculum foci in each year group - and how you can support these at home. **We would encourage every parent to attend – the format is relaxed and the meetings will take place in your child's classroom.**

Y1: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September @6.30 pm

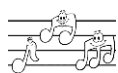
Y2: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September @ 6.30 pm

Y3: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September @7.00 pm

Y4: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September @ 6.30 pm

Y5: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September @ 7.00 pm

Y6: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September @ 7.00 pm



### Music News

Well done to Junior Choir and Recorder Group who gave a lovely concert to senior citizens and parents at the Methodist Church yesterday – a lovely way to end the year with some very confident singing and playing. Well done also to the School Band who gave a performance for Y4 and KS1 children on Wednesday. A final performance by the Choirs and Band at our last whole school assembly has also been a wonderful way to celebrate all their hard work. Please note that Instruments on loan must be returned in September to avoid a further year's invoice being issued. Thank you for all your support for music across the school this year.



### Superstar Corner

This week, our congratulations go to:

**Callum Gibb** (1 Yew), **Oscar Gibb** (1 Oak) and **Maisie Gibb** (1 Fir) who completed their 8 week All Stars Cricket course by all competing in a tournament last Sunday and coming out winners. They were presented with a medal and certificate from the club President.

**Emily Phillips** (5 Mulberry) who was awarded a medal by her Golf Instructors for displaying excellent teamwork.

**Eliza Hollands** (1Yew) who took part in her end of year performance for Razzmatazz at the E M Foster Theatre at Tonbridge School on 16th July. She sang and danced beautifully to a theatre full of proud friends and family.

We would like to say a great big thank you to two of our mums who have time to pull Yearbook for us:

**Mrs Hart**. We help ladies,



given up their valuable together the Y6 **Mrs Crittenden** and really appreciate your thank you.

### Hospice in the Weald Horse Trail

Herd of the Hospice? Is a major, free, public art installation and the first of its kind in the area. Hospice in the Weald have filled Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and the surrounding areas with life-sized horses designed and decorated by local artists and sponsored by local businesses. Can you find them all? The Herd of the Hospice? Trek runs from July until the end of September when the herd will be brought together at Royal Victoria Place for a farewell exhibition 2<sup>nd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October (our school pony will join them there!) A Trek Map will be coming with your child today.

### Community News

Tonbridge & Malling Early Years Summer Programme has been published but it is too large (and colourful!) to be able to send home via ParentMail. Instead we have posted it on the school website for you to access.

### And Finally!

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

### Diary Dates

**All Class Assemblies start at 2.45pm**

11<sup>th</sup> Sep Y1/3 Year Group Introductory Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> Sep Y2/5 Year Group Introductory Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> Sep Y4/6 Year Group Introductory Meeting  
18<sup>th</sup> Sep Y3 Rocks Day  
19<sup>th</sup> Sep Y3 Rocks Day  
21<sup>st</sup> Sep Y3 Rocks Day  
29<sup>th</sup> Sep MacMillan Coffee Morning (PTA)  
9<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Oct Individual/Family Group photographs  
13<sup>th</sup> Oct New PTA Event – watch this space  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Comedy Evening

**Dates which have been changed or added**

### Term Dates 2017/18

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
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
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Term Starts
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Term Ends