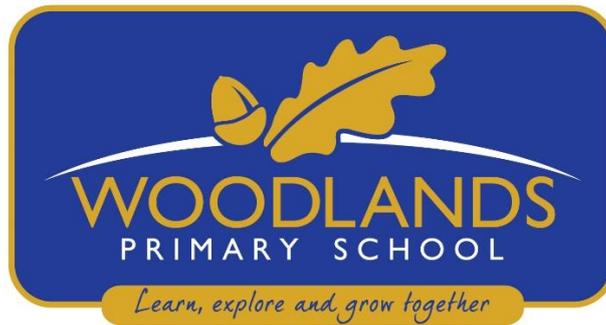


# Woodlands Weekly



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Year 4 had a fabulous day at Horton Kirby, on Tuesday. The excitement reached fever-pitch as the children entered the river, using rubber ducks to check the speed of flow. One group up-stream had an escapee - which was fielded by another class! Mr Berry, the Centre Manager, was not only impressed by Year 4's team work but also wrote to mention how beautifully behaved our children were. We were also very proud and impressed at how much the children had learned.

I visited all the Reception classes this week to read a story and try to learn all the new names. How well all the children have settled! Afterwards some of them thought of questions to ask me - my favourite ones were:

*How do you make pies? (I don't – but my husband makes delicious ones...)*

*Where do you go for coffee? (Everywhere – I do love a good cup of coffee!) and*

*When do you read stories with your children? (they are too old now - but every night, in bed, when they were younger)*

### **Data Collection Sheets**

We are sending home your child's Data Collection Sheet today. Please check the information, indicate on the form any corrections/amendments and then sign and date at the bottom. Don't forget to complete the sections on Nationality and Country of Birth please. The Data Collection sheets need to be returned as soon as possible and by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at the very latest



### **Harvest Festival – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Key Stage 1 will, as usual, be visiting the Methodist Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October for Harvest Festival. The classes will leave school at 9.00am to arrive at the church for an approximate 9.20am start. If you would like to accompany your child's class to the church, please let the Class Teacher know. There is a small amount of space for parents to attend and if you don't mind standing, you are warmly welcome to come!

KS2 will have a short celebration in the afternoon led by Rev. Sharon. As this is in the school hall, we do not have enough space for parents to attend. This year we are collecting food donations for Nourish Community Food Bank and have attached a list of suggested donations. Please send them in on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – there will be collection crates in the lower hub in Oak Building and in Acorn Hall.

### **Toilet Training....**

Unfortunately, we have recently had several incidents of younger siblings urinating outside classrooms at collection times. We understand that children (and adults!) are often caught short and so you are more than welcome to use the indoor facilities, which can be accessed via the school office in Acorn building.

### **Parking and Care and Consideration**

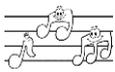
***Two of our school values are care and consideration and so I was very distressed to hear of altercations happening between parents and residents (in front of children). Obviously there is no excuse for behaviour like this and I have apologised to the residents on behalf of the school. Please park in a safe place which does not block drive ways or pavements – preferably park further away and WALK! As my husband is always reminding me, it is exercise for you - and for your children - and has huge long-term health benefits. Thank you for listening, understanding and acting.***

### **Birthday Own Clothes**

Please could we remind you that, when it is your child's birthday, they (and only they, no friends) may wear own clothes to school. In line with our Healthy Eating policy, could we ask that you don't send in sweets. Thank you.

### **New Parents Open Morning YR Sept 2018**

If you have a child due to start school next September, or you know anybody who does, please note that we are holding two Open Mornings when parents/carers can come and look around the school and ask any questions they may have. These will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am. Please book a space on your preferred date by contacting our school office.



### Music News

KS2 children were treated to a performance in Monday's assembly by Jon Sanders, a professional musician from Tonbridge who now travels around the world performing on the bouzouki, bass mandolin and ukulele. The children enjoyed listening and joining in with a couple of well-known songs. We hope they have told you about it!

Senior Choir: Thank you to all those who have returned the permission slip for the Family Carols on 16th December. If you have not yet done so, please return it to Mrs Jones by next week's choir rehearsal. The code for accessing the Young Voices website children's section is **YVConcerts2018** and more information about parent tickets is on the way.

If you have signed up for violin lessons for your child, or are simply interested to find out more, our new teacher Mrs Butler will be in the music/art room in Oak building at 3.15 on 16th October to give a short demonstration, measure new pupils for the right size violin and chat to parents. Lessons are available for children across the school and will be starting after half term on a Monday afternoon. Violins can be hired through the school.



### Football News

Our footballers were back in action on Wednesday when Stocks Green were the visitors to Woodlands. Our 'A' team continued their good form from the last match and, despite creating a number of chances, a single goal was enough for victory. In the 'B' team game, the lads put defeat from the previous week behind them and a good all-round performance gave us a 3-nil win. Well done to all the players involved.



### Superstar Corner

This week, our congratulations go to:

**Lucy Brown** (6Mulberry) who took part in a Challenge Invicta at the weekend with a small team of guides where she hiked 11km and took part in 7 challenges linked to different charities.

**Zoe Hayfa** (5 Lime) won the Primary age category in the Cake Off competition at the recent Tunbridge Wells Food & Drink Festival held in Calverley Park.

### Y5 and Y6 Deli Counter

Contract Dining Company are introducing a new Deli Counter for our older children. From the start of next term (Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October), Y5 and Y6 will be able to choose a baguette (with different fillings on offer), a salad pot and a delicious pudding – still at £2.30 per meal. When filling in your payment calendar, please mark COLD on it.

### PTA News

**Thanks to your generous support of our MacMillan Coffee Morning, we raised a fantastic £294.33.**

### Community News

**First Class Football** are offering October Holiday Courses for children between 4 and 13 years old. Champions League Football Camps at Crowborough (23-24 October), Tunbridge Wells (23-25 October), Tonbridge (25-27 October) and Westerham (26-27 October) and Multi-Sports Camp at Tunbridge Wells (23-24 October). To book a full course, individual days or half days, go to [www.firstclassfootball.com](http://www.firstclassfootball.com) and quote FNI968 to get 20% discount.

**Tonbridge Tennis Club @ Hugh Christie**, White Cottage Road, TN10 4PU will be holding a half term holiday Tennis course for beginners & improvers from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30 - 11.30am for all age groups. The cost is £30 for the 3-day course. Coaching is by LTA Coaches and rackets are provided. Contact 01732 359040 or 07887 763040 [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/TonbridgeTennisClub](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/TonbridgeTennisClub)

**St Gregory's Multi-Sports Course 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October** offers a range of sports (football, tennis, netball, rounders, cricket, basketball, dodgeball and more) for children aged 6-11 years old. From 10-3 and costing £15 per day (if two or more siblings enrol, the cost reduces to £12.50 each per day). If you want to enrol your child, please complete and sign the booking form to be found in the Woodlands School Office. If you have any questions email [nbradbury@sgschool.org.uk](mailto:nbradbury@sgschool.org.uk)

### Letters Home

All Community Foodbank Harvest Collection

### Diary Dates

**All Class Assemblies start at 2.45pm**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 9/13 Oct   | Individual/Family Group photographs                 |
| 10 Oct     | Harvest Festival                                    |
| 13 Oct     | PTA Race Night                                      |
| 16 Oct     | Y2 Drusillas Park                                   |
| 16-20 Oct  | Y5 Carrotty Wood                                    |
| 17 Oct     | Height & Weight Measurement for Y6                  |
| 23 Nov     | Junior Choir to Methodist Church                    |
| 24 Nov     | Secret Presents                                     |
| 30 Nov     | Flu vaccination for YR – Y4                         |
| 2 Dec      | Christmas Fair                                      |
| w/c 4 Dec  | Christmas Productions date tbc                      |
| 14 Dec     | Carol Concert                                       |
| 16 Dec     | Senior Choir at Family Carols, Tonbridge School 4pm |
| 2018       |   |
| 21-25 May  | Y6 Trip to Isle of Wight                            |
| 16 Jun     | Summer Fair   |
| 9 Jun      | Open Evening date tbc                               |
| w/c 25 Jun | Sports Day date tbc                                 |
| w/c 16 Jul | Y6 Productions date tbc                             |
| 23 Jul     | Y6 Leavers BBQ                                      |

**Dates which have been changed or added**

### Term Dates 2017/18

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