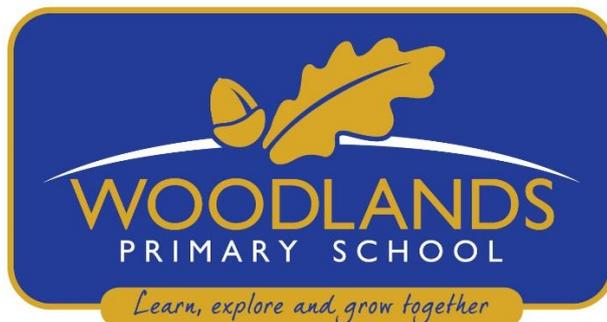


Woodlands Weekly



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How lovely it has been to hear the sounds of Christmas echoing through both buildings this week! We are really getting into the mood for our Christmas Fair tomorrow and all the celebrations in school over the next couple of weeks.

Earlier this week, Year 4 had to go straight to the hall as something very strange had happened in their classrooms overnight. They had to go on a major investigation to find out what had happened. They became detectives and had to work out what evidence could be found and describe what it looked like. There were footprints, paw marks, silver bullets, scratched wood, broken screens, tables and chairs tipped over and upside down, table tidies all over the floor and some scattered fur... What could it have been?

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Boxes are up and running in both buildings. If your children would like to send a card to other children or members of staff, all they need to do is write the name (and class if applicable) on the envelope and pop it in. Our Christmas elves have asked me to remind you that we cannot send cards to mums, dads, nannies or grandads –only to people in our school.

Christmas Production Tickets

Our Christmas Productions are fast approaching! Please note that tickets will not be required for any of our performances. There is no limit to how many family members can come to our daytime performances but demand for seats is higher in the evenings so we can only offer a maximum of 2 seats per family. This ensures that every child can have someone watching their performance. Thank you for adhering to this request.

Please note that the back gate will be open for access and exit for the **daytime performances only**. For safeguarding purposes, the opening time is limited so please don't arrive too early as you will be waiting in the cold!

Please note that Year 1's Christmas performance will now start at 2.30pm and will last 30 minutes.

Mr Heath's Football Club

Due to his involvement in the Y3 Christmas Production next Tuesday 5th December, Mr Heath will be unable to run his after school football club on that day. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

SSO Crew

Woodlands' brand new School Sports Organising Crew spent a morning at the Angel Centre, training for their new role. Their purpose is to promote sport and competition in school and get as many children (and parents and teachers) involved as possible. The crew have some fantastic ideas on how to get everyone excited about sport and can't wait to get started. Watch this space.

School Games Gold Quality Mark

We have been awarded this Gold Quality Mark which recognises our commitment to sport within the school: sporting achievements, the number of children involved in sport outside of curriculum time, the number of competitions we enter, sports clubs we offer and much much more.



Parent Support Group

Mrs Hardcastle and Mrs Tarrant-Blick are hoping to launch a parent support group in the new year. If you are interested in helping come along on Thursday 7th

December from 6:00–6:30 for an informal initial discussion.

One Way System!

May we take the opportunity to remind you of the unofficial one-way system which operates at the Sullivan Road entrance to the school. In order to keep down the amount of traffic chaos at the beginning and end of the school day, could we ask that, if you are using that entrance, you approach down Sullivan Road and leave via Handel Walk. Thank you.



Music News

Christmas Fair TOMORROW! Singers from both choirs, led by Miss Collins, will sing a medley of Christmas songs at 12.30 in Oak Hall. Children can wear own clothes and Christmas hats!

Year 4 are working hard at their recorder songs (including Jingle Bells!) and we would like to encourage them to take home their recorders to practise. Please send in the permission slip if you have not already done so to allow your child to take his or her recorder home. Recorders will be needed in class for the next two Wednesdays.

Senior Choir are preparing for their performance at the Family Carols on 16th December at Tonbridge School Chapel. Tickets have sold out but Mrs Jones has asked to be told of any returns so please contact her if you were hoping to go. *A date for your diary:* Senior Choir will take part in a local primary schools choir competition on 22nd March at Tonbridge Baptist Church. Look out for more information after Christmas.

Music Assembly on 19th December will start promptly at 2.30pm. Seating is limited but you are welcome to come and support the children in their music making. Both Choirs will perform along with Ukulele and Recorder Clubs, the School Band and a number of solo performers who will have received letters.

Year 6 gave a very enjoyable performance of their World War songs to church members and parents at the Methodist Church yesterday which was much appreciated, with many of the audience joining in. Well done Year 6!

Following **Junior Choir's** visit to the Methodist Church last week, we have received a lovely letter of thanks from the Senior Friendship Club. "You were so obviously enjoying it too for you all had smiley faces and lots of action – it was a pleasure to watch you all having fun"



Superstar Corner

This week, our congratulations go to:

Jack Stockdale (R Willow) who has achieved ASA stage 1 and the Puffin Award (5 metres) in swimming.

Phoebe Kerwin (2 Oak) who achieved her second belt Taekwon-Do.

Tristan Speziale (6 Mulberry) who sat his Prep piano exam on Tuesday and passed. Well done on working really hard on your piano playing.

Evie Harbour (2 Oak) who has been awarded her 5 metre swimming badge.

Emily Reeves (R Willow) who has moved up a class to level 3 swimming lessons at Tonbridge Pool and will now be swimming in the large pool.

Emilia, Ella N, Darcy, Bethan, Zoe and **Ella H** (5 Lime) who ran a charity stall on Wednesday and raised an incredible £111.73 in aid of Hospice in the Weald.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is offered to the children on Wednesday 13th December. If you would like your child to take a lunch, please make sure you complete the December Payment Calendar (on the website or in School Office Reception), ticking that date. You can then either pay via ParentMail or send in your payment of £2.30 with the Calendar.

CDC have issued an amended menu for Christmas lunch which incorporates a product allergen change relating to the Xmas Pudding.

Please note that there will be no Y5/6 Deli or Fruit Cart on the day Christmas Lunch is served (13th December) – too many potatoes and brussel sprouts to prepare!

The new Spring 2018 Menu is now available on our website and is also attached herewith.

CDC has a vacancy for a **Kitchen Assistant**, working 10 hours a week. Duties include food preparation, serving the children and washing up. If you are interested in finding out more, please call Linda Heather on 07904 260738.

PTA News

The children had a great time Christmas shopping last Friday (we hope you haven't been peeping) and raised an amazing £1600 for the new ICT suite. The shopping room will be open tomorrow in the Oak library for any last minute purchases (no grown ups allowed, it's a surprise!)

The PTA would like to say an enormous thank you for all the amazing donations we have received over the last few weeks. There is an incredibly jolly atmosphere today and the school is being transformed into a festive wonderland. Santa is loading his sleigh ready to meet the children from 11.30am tomorrow! We look forward to seeing everyone at our fantastic Christmas Fair. Both front and back gates will be open.



ICT SUITE DONATIONS - £17000 TARGET!



We have received a very generous donation from one of our grandparents and would like to say a heartfelt thank you – you know who you are!

Community News

Tonbridge Lions Club presents **Peter Pan** performed by Tonbridge Community Pantomime on 9th and 10th December. There will be two performances each day – at 2pm and 6pm – at the Angel Centre. Tickets cost £12 for adults, £10 for children and a family ticket for £35 and are available from the Angel Centre, 01732 359966.

First Class Football has a fantastic opportunity for talented footballers in Yrs 1-6 to attend a free, open 'Identification' session to identify any players who have footballing potential and give them the chance to be scouted by or recommended to professional clubs that we work with such as Arsenal FC, Chelsea FC and Brighton & Hove Albion FC. The session is being held on Friday 5 January 2018, 6-7pm at TWGSB Astroturf, St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells. TN4 9TX. Children will need a drink, shin-pads and trainers/astros. Please book your child's place by visiting <https://firstclassfootball.class4kids.co.uk/info/632> or email info@firstclassfootball.com

The Autumn/Winter edition of the schools newsletter from Tunbridge Wells Museum & Art Gallery is available from the carousel in Reception. Alternatively you can access it via their website at www.tunbridgewellsmuseum.org

Letters Home

All Christmas Fair Plan
CDC Christmas Lunch Menu (amended)
CDC Spring 2018 Menu

Class Assemblies are on Thursdays, starting at 2.45pm

16 Nov	4 Nutmeg	18 Jan	4 Damson
25 Jan	5 Peach	8 Feb	3 Bay
1 Mar	5 Olive	8 Mar	1 Cedar
15 Mar	1 Elm	22 Mar	1 Palm
26 Apr	4 Ebony	3 May	5 Lime
10 May	3 Chestnut	10 May	R Willow
17 May	R Hazel	24 May	R Juniper
21 Jun	3 Hawthorn	28 Jun	2 Fir
5 Jul	2 Oak	12 Jul	2 Yew

Diary Dates

2 Dec	Christmas Fair
4 Dec	Y1 Christmas Production 2.30 pm Acorn Hall
5 Dec	Y1 Christmas Production 9.15 am Acorn Hall
5 Dec	Y3 Christmas Production 2.15 and 7.00pm Oak Hall
6 Dec	YR Christmas Production 9.15 am Acorn Hall
7 Dec	YR Christmas Production 2.15 pm Acorn Hall
11 Dec	Y2 Christmas Production 2.15 pm Acorn Hall
12 Dec	Y2 Christmas Production 9.15 am Acorn Hall
12 Dec	Y5 Christmas Production 2.00 and 7.00 pm Oak Hall
13 Dec	School Christmas Lunch
14 Dec	Whole School Carol Concert 6.00 pm
16 Dec	Senior Choir at Family Carols, Tonbridge School 4pm
18 Dec	Christingle Service KS1 9.15am and KS2 10.30am
19 Dec	Music Assembly 2.30pm Oak Hall

2018

2 Feb	PTA Comedy Night
w/c14 May	KS2 SATs
21-25 May	Y6 Trip to Isle of Wight
16 Jun	Summer Fair
June	Open Evening date to be confirmed
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 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