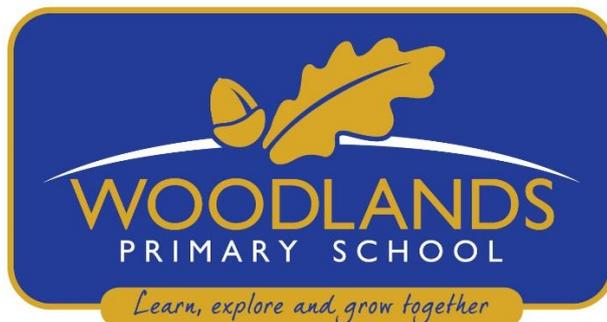


# Woodlands Weekly



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We have had quite a World Tour this week, starting off with Y3's visit to Canada on Monday. After a short aeroplane ride, (in Oak Hall, led by Mrs Cameron – our excellent air stewardess), they landed in Canada and spent the whole day there - 'it was quite cold' apparently. Luckily we managed to get them back to school for 3.15 pm, just in time to go home. What a great day they all had!

On Tuesday the aroma of garlic was wafting around Oak Building as Year 4 got to grips with cooking for their Italian Day. The children made a selection of dough balls, ricotta cheese, tomato, mozzarella and basil salad kebabs, marinara sauce and garlic and parsley butter. With their red, white and green outfits covered in aprons, we felt we were in the presence of some cordon bleu cooks. The children made posters of famous Italian landmarks and people and learned about the history of il tricolore, the Italian flag. For most, the highlight was the food tasting! Probably our favourite quote was, "I really don't like the taste of tomatoes, but I love this marinara sauce" (made with lots of tomatoes.....). When asked what they had enjoyed most about the day, we had a resounding response of 'everything!'

### **Gary Wilson Talk – Raising Boys' Achievement!**

What a fantastic time we had with Gary! We all came away with some top tips to help us begin to unpick this complex and much debated issue. It was fantastic to see so many of you at the evening. Unfortunately we are unable to film or put slides on the website, but Gary has written many easily available and read books:

'Help Your Boys Succeed' – the essential guide for parents  
'Raising Boys' Achievement'  
'Boys will be Brilliant'

### **Mid-Winter Read In**

It's that time of year again when we look to banish the 'Winter Blues' with a bed time story at Woodlands. Join staff on 7<sup>th</sup> February, from 6pm - 7pm to listen to some of our favourite stories, with a hot chocolate and a biscuit. Bring a teddy and a blanket and we look forward to seeing you on the night in your cosiest pyjamas!

### **Pupil Premium**

The pupil premium is additional funding for schools in England to raise the attainment of certain groups of pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers. If your income is below £16,190 and you are in receipt of any of the following your child should be eligible for this funding:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.

Please call into the school office if this is the case.

We are offering an additional two meetings to the parents of children in receipt of Pupil Premium this year. If your child is eligible for the grant, we offer a £100 learning voucher allowing you to have a say in how you would like to spend it for your child. In consultation with the school, you may decide that you would like the voucher to be spent on books, uniform, PE kit or trips. The only stipulation is that the £100 voucher must be used for an educational purpose.

### **Lost Property**

If you think your child has lost anything in school last term, please look in the lost property box in the entrance hall in Acorn building. Any items not claimed will be disposed of on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

### **Knickers!**

We are very short of boys and girls underwear, tights and socks to change KS1 pupils when they have had an accident. If you have any spare items, please bring them to Mrs Dale in the school office. Many thanks.

### **Sweets!**

Just a quick reminder that we do not give out sweets on children's birthdays. Thank you.

### **Admissions to school in September 2018**

If your child is starting school in September 2018 you can make an online application at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) and a booklet explaining the admissions procedure is available online. If you have any questions please contact the school office, the Primary Admissions Team on 03000412121 or email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk). The closing date for applications is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.



### **Music News**

**Senior Choir** are looking forward to their trip to the O2 Arena on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. A ParentMail will be sent out shortly detailing final arrangements. Please encourage your child to rehearse the songs on the website: the code for the children's section is YVConcerts2018. Word sheets will not be allowed on the night so all words should be learned. Thank you to all who have returned T shirts – if you haven't done so yet please send yours in next week washed and ready for reuse. Please keep March 22<sup>nd</sup> free in your diary for the Choir Competition, details to follow.

**Year 4** – recorders will be needed again in class from next Wednesday.

**Junior Choir, Recorder and Ukulele Clubs** will all receive new song packs this term. Please could these be kept carefully and brought to club every week.



Mrs Challis' **Year 2 Beginners Recorder Club** will start on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 12.00pm.

**Y2 Guitar Club** will start on Wednesday 24th January, held during lunchtime with Mrs Buxton and Mrs Rusling in Cedar Class. Each child will need their own guitar and folder (unless you have spoken to Mrs Buxton).

It is important that children make a commitment and attend this club regularly remembering to bring their instrument and folder on the correct day.

There are a couple of spare places available in each of these clubs. Please contact the teachers if you are interested.

### **Disco Dance Club for Yrs R, 1, 2 and 3**

This club, run by CC Dance Academy, takes place every Thursday in Acorn Hall from 3.30-4.15pm. There are still some spaces available for this term so if you are interested, please contact Charlotte on 07905 135865.

### **A Club for Adults!**

Monday evening Pilates for over 16's at 7.15pm in the Oak Building Hall, no experience needed. Pilates is a system of exercise which promotes relaxation and posture control whilst developing core stability and back strength. Call Christine Owen 07880732228 if you want to find out more.



### **Do you like tennis?**

### **If yes, then give squash a try!**

Miss Powell is looking for three boys and three girls in Year 3 or 4 who would like to represent Woodlands in a mini-squash festival. The Kent Squash and Racketball Association (KSR) are eager to increase the number of children playing squash in the county, so are holding a festival on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at Tunbridge Wells Squash Club (1pm – 3pm). The games played are generic racket skill games which give juniors a chance to learn squash in the school hall.

This festival is perfect for children who enjoy tennis or those wanting a challenge.

If you are interested, please collect a permission slip from Acorn Reception Office and hand it in at the office or to your child's Class Teacher by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January.



### **Superstar Corner**

This week, our congratulations go to:

**Macey Rockell** (6 Mulberry) who completed a Virtual 10k run recently – running the first 5k with ParkRun and the second 5k with her running club, Beginners 2 Runner.

**Jack Stockdale** (R Willow) who has achieved Level 8 Proficiency Award in Gymnastics.

**Angus Crawford** (6Mulberry) who has been awarded the Chief Scouts Silver Award. This is the highest award a cub can be given and has taken a great deal of commitment and effort from him over the past 18 months.

### **Charity Stall**

Well done to **Caitlin, Evie, Isabel, Hana, Atusa, Ivy and Sophia** from 4Nutmeg who organized a charity stall a few weeks ago and raised an incredible £90 for Hospice in the Weald.



Please note there has been a slight alteration to the Spring Menu – on Tuesday of Week 2, the Sausage and Plait will be replaced by Pork and Apple Plait. An updated menu has been posted on the school website.

The Contract Dining Company has new owners! It is now part of Alliance in Partnership Ltd (though they will continue to be called The Contract Dining Company). AiP were established in 1998 and is one of the leading specialist educational catering providers, operating over 300 school catering contracts and feeding 75,000 pupils a day across the country. For more information about AiP, visit their website at [www.allianceinpartnership.co.uk](http://www.allianceinpartnership.co.uk)

The Quality & Nutrition Manager for AiP is Amy Teichman and we are sending home a letter from her today about creating special menus for children with allergens or other dietary needs. If this applies to your child, please make sure you read the information and return the necessary forms as required.

## PTA News

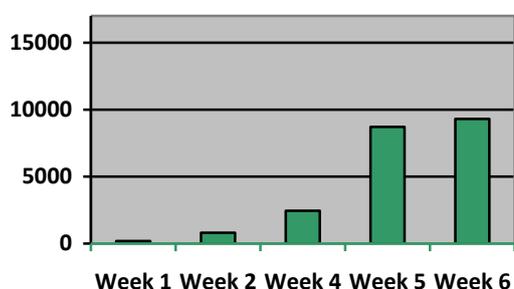
### Happy New Year from the PTA!

To kick start the new year on a high, we invite you to our Comedy Night on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. If you would like to join us please print off the booking form and return it to the School Office or your Class Teacher. We look forward to seeing you there for a fun evening!

### Some Christmas News to catch up on....

We have received a lovely thank you from Grace Munson's mum – Grace won first prize in the children's raffle - a doll with lots of beautiful knitted clothes that someone spent a lot of time making and she was thrilled.

### ICT Suite Current Total



### Community News

Tonbridge Methodist Church is changing the day of **Toast Club** from Wednesdays to Mondays, starting from 8th January. It will run from 3.15pm to 4.30pm until Monday 26th March. We hope you can join us for Toast Club on Mondays. All are very welcome to attend.

**Babes in the Church**, the Thursday alternative for pre-school children, is offered by Tonbridge Methodist Church during term time from 9-11am. Fun for kids, chat and coffee for parents and carers.

### Letters Home

All PTA Comedy Night Poster & Order Form  
CDC Special Menu Requirements

Y3/4 After School Cricket Coaching

### 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

26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y5 Herstmonceux Trip
2 Feb	PTA Comedy Night
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mid Winter Read-In
27 March	Y4 Easter Production 2pm and 7pm
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

9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Term Ends
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Term Starts
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Term Ends
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Inset Day
17 <sup>th</sup> April	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

3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018	Inset Day
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Term Starts
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Day (Teacher Training)
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Term Ends
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Term Starts
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends

3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	Term Starts
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Term Ends
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Term Starts
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Ends
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Term Starts
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Term Ends
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Term Starts
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Term Ends
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset Day