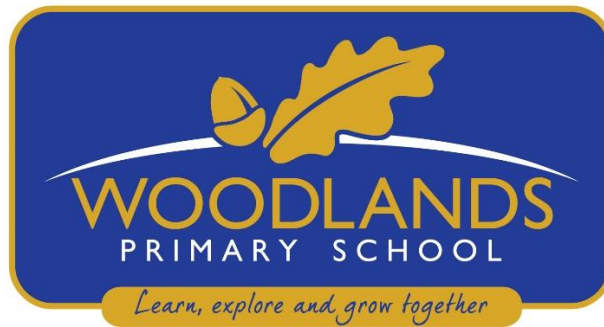


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Thank you Bay Class for such a marvellously explosive assembly yesterday. I learnt so many volcanic facts - even though the volcanic confetti didn't work! What beautiful singing and acting from all you, well done.

We hope you enjoyed our Midwinter Read In as much as the teaching staff did! We saw our best ever turnout for the event but fortunately there were enough marshmallows to go around. Thank you for getting into the spirit of the occasion and turning up in slippers, dressing gowns and with teddies under arm.



Y1 Victorian Day Change of Date

Year 1's visit from Steps in Time remains unchanged for 7th March. However, our own in-school Victorian Day (which involves the children dressing up and experiencing life as a child in a Victorian classroom) will be taking place on Monday 19th March - instead of Tuesday 20th March as published in the Curriculum Letter.

Looking Smart at Woodlands

May we remind you that school uniform skirts and trousers should be GREY and not black. Although we appreciate that children enjoy wearing pretty hair adornments, we ask that these be discreet. Recently we have noticed a trend for rather large bows, please keep these for the weekend.

Maths Day

On Tuesday 6th February, Jackson Read, Joshua Allan, Reuben Harris and Evie Stead attended a Maths Day at Stocks Green Primary School. *"It was really FUN! The maths was challenging and we learnt many new things. We had to do the magic square, build a pyramid out of number triangles, lots of trial and error maths and my favourite bit was when we had these shapes and we had to make a bigger shape or picture. We even got to have break and lunch with the other children on their playground. It was the best day, I was really sad when I had to leave!"*

Safer Internet Day

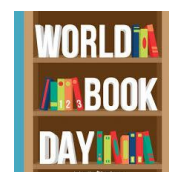
On Tuesday 6th February it was Safer Internet Day and Evie Durling from 4 Damson has given us her view of the day: *"We learnt how important it was to be safe online, especially when using photographs. We realised that we had to ask for someone's permission before using their photo and even then, we must be super sensible. It was shocking when we found out that sometimes people can copy photos and even though we might delete it, someone else may have a copy and it may stay there forever! We enjoyed looking at the teacher's photo albums of when they were little and comparing how that has changed with technology today with most of our photos being stored on phones/computers. It was a real eye opener!"*

Squash Tournament

Last Friday, Scarlett Barker and Zoe Goode (Bay), George Tomkins and Toby Poole (Nutmeg), Evie Durling (Damson) and Aidan Bossard (Ebony) took part in a schools' Squash Tournament in Tunbridge Wells and performed extremely well coming 5th out of 9 teams. The tournament tested both their racket skills and their hand / eye co-ordination as well as their ability to work as a team. What was particularly pleasing was that they approached each task with a broad smile and a positive mind set even when they found it difficult to master. Their behaviour throughout was exemplary. Well done to all.

Sponsored Fun Run

Mrs Hicks and Mr Newsome would like to thank all of the children that took part in the sponsored fun run. Despite the muddy conditions, the children ran brilliantly and everyone exceeded the 5 laps that was asked of them. Some children even trebled the amount! We would ask that sponsorship forms and money are returned to Mrs Hicks by Friday 23rd February to be added to the fundraising drive for our ICT Suite. Thank you to all involved.



On the 1st of March we will be celebrating World Book Day! Please join in by dressing up as your favourite hero or villain from literature. Harry or Voldemort? Captain Hook or Peter Pan? Which side will you be?



Music News

Senior Choir had a wonderful time at the O2 Arena on Monday and sang their hearts out.

"I really enjoyed my experience at the O2 Arena. I was breathless every time there was applause and cheers from the audience as I thought "Ooh, they're applauding us!"

"I thought the O2 was an amazing experience and I am so glad I went."

"It sounded amazing when everyone was singing together".

Please look out for photos and more comments on the school website.

Music Clubs are cancelled on 22nd February as Mrs Jones is not available. Band practice will take place instead on Friday 23rd February at the same place and time. Clubs will resume as normal the following week.



KS1 Sewing and Craft Club has been busy making their own monsters on a Monday after school. We thought you might like to see the fabulous job they've done!



Year 3 Computer Club has finished. The children had lots of fun doing animation, creating games and making music. Next term the Year 4 Computer Club will be starting and we look forward to welcoming them then.

A reminder from Mrs Mulley that **Running for Fun Club** will restart the first day back - Monday 19th February.

Chair of Governors Term 3 Message

Governors are often asked 'what is it that you actually do?' and it's a good question because unless you are involved there isn't really any reason why you would know.

The school's Governing Body is responsible for working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality education. Together with the Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team, who are responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the school, the Governing Board set the school's aims and policies and hold the school to account for delivering these aims.

A key part of being a Governor is visiting the school and ensuring that the objectives on the school plan are being met. It is always a joy to meet with the children and hear about the many things they have been learning.

If you bump into one of us in the school or in the playground please don't hesitate to have a chat about our school or ask any questions you may have about school governance. Alternatively, you can contact me via the school office.
Alison Minton, Chair of Governors



It's nearly time for our annual Mothers Day Cream Tea event. Booking slips will be coming out after half term and you will be able to choose from either 8th or 22nd March. Please make sure you return your slip in plenty of time (the closing date will be published) so that the Kitchen can plan for the number of scones they need to bake!

PTA NEWS

Wow! What a chuckle fest we enjoyed last week. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this fabulous event.

ICT SUITE FUNDRAISING TOTAL



Community News

Learn to sing, act and dance with West End stars. The JPA Academy runs theatre schools in Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Maidstone and Sevenoaks and students from there have performed in shows including Kinky Boots, Les Mis, Billy Elliot and Mtilda. For more information contact them on 07870 460687 or info@thejpaacademy.co.uk

Letters Home

Y4/5/6 Term 4 After School Cricket (sent 7th Feb)

Diary Dates

- 27th Feb PESE Meeting 7pm
- 1st Mar World Book Day
- 6th Mar Y2 Great Fire of London Show
- 7th Mar Y1 Victorian England Show
- 8th Mar Mothers Day Cream Tea
- 13th Mar Parent Consultations and Book Fair
- 15th Mar Parent Consultations and Book Fair
- 19th Mar KS2 SATs Parent Information Evening 7pm Acorn Hall
- 20th Mar KS1 SATs Parent Information Evening 6pm Acorn Hall
- 22nd Mar Mothers Day Cream Tea
- 27 Mar Y4 Easter Production 2pm and 7pm
- 27th Apr KS1 Disco
- 14-18 May KS2 SATs tests
- May KS1 SATs tests
- 21-25 May Y6 Trip to Isle of Wight
- 15th June KS2 Disco
- 28th June Music Evening
- 30th June 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

Class Assemblies are on Thursdays, starting at 2.45pm

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

Term Dates

9 th February 2018	Term Ends
19 th February	Term Starts
29 th March	Term Ends
16 th April	Inset Day
17 th April	Term Starts
7 th May	Bank Holiday
25 th May	Term Ends
4 th June	Inset Day
5 th June	Term Starts
24 th July	Term Ends
3 rd September	Inset Day
4 th September	Term Starts
14 th September	Inset Day (Teacher Training)
19 th October	Term Ends
29 th October	Term Starts
19 th December	Term Ends
3 rd January 2019	Term Starts
15 th February	Term Ends
25 th February	Inset Day
26 th February	Term Starts
5 th April	Term Ends
23 rd April	Term Starts
6 th May	Bank Holiday
24 th May	Term Ends
3 rd June	Term Starts
19 th July	Term Ends
22 nd July	Inset Day
23 rd July	Inset Day