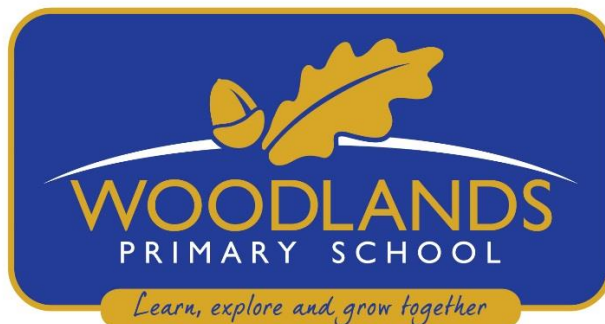
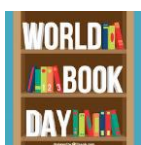


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World Book Day came a little late to Woodlands School... but was enjoyed all the more for the delay. It was hugely enjoyable to dress up and see all the costumes, with amazing outfits representing some of the best Heroes and Villains that can be found between the pages of a book! Cruella De Vil was rubbing shoulders with Mary Poppins, whilst we were transported to Wonderland by Alice, White Rabbits and Tweedledum and Tweedledee. Superheroes stalked the corridors, possibly searching for the Werewolf that was rumoured to be hiding in Mulberry? A highlight for many children and teachers was the 'reading swap'. It was wonderful to see the older children sharing picture books and old favourites with the younger children, who listened intently and enjoyed listening to the stories as much as the older children did reading them. We look forward to making this a more regular feature of the 'reading life' of Woodlands. Do take a look at a selection of the children's costumes below:

<https://shareyourstories.live/worldbookday2018/single-display-page.php?region=kent&entry=1982>

Cedar Class's Assembly this week was all about the Seasons of the Year. The children sang and recited poems beautifully, thoroughly enjoying the occasion (even though it was a bit nerve wracking performing in front of parents!)

It has been a week of time travel for pupils in Yrs 1 and 2.... Year 2 had a wonderful time being transported back to the time of the **Great Fire of London**. They loved learning more about the fire and meeting Samuel Pepys, Thomas Farrinor and King Charles II. One of their favourite parts was helping to put the fire out. It was all very exciting!

Year 1 travelled to **Victorian London** and met a shoe shiner, a fruit seller, a toy shop owner and a fortune teller. The children loved the experience and were captivated from beginning to end:

Farrah 1 Palm – "I liked when he went behind the screen and pretended to be different people. It was so good."

George H 1 Palm – "I liked it when Isla and Lucas acted. Lucas had to sweep the horse poo. It was very very very funny"

Zack 1 Elm – "I enjoyed when he dressed up as Mr Olivetti from the toy shop"

Luis N 1 Elm – "I liked him dressing up as all the different characters, especially the Granny"

Daisy, Grace, Harry Isobel 1 Cedar – "He was funny and interesting because he made silly noises and he was a good actor."

Mother's Day Cream Teas

We had the first of our two Mother's Day Cream Teas yesterday – it was wonderful to see so many mums/grandmas after school, thank you for your support. If you haven't booked your place on the second date (22nd March) please make sure you return the slip quickly.

End of the Day Collection

It takes a lot of concentration to ensure that our children in YR, 1, 2 and 3 are matched with the right adults at the end of the day. If you need to have a word with your child's Class Teacher would you mind waiting until all the children have been collected before approaching them. Thank you!

Parking in Lawrence Road

A few parents have, **yet again**, been blocking drive ways in Lawrence Road. Thinking about Sports Relief and the benefits of walking on our health, please park further away from the school and walk.

Book Fair

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair next week alongside Parent Consultations with books for sale on Tuesday 13th March and Thursday 15th March between 3.30 and 6.30pm. Please note that the sales will take place in Acorn Hall. The children in KS2 will have the opportunity to view the books prior to the Parent Consultations. The more books we sell, the more free books we can choose for school! The children will be bringing a leaflet home tonight along with a Book Day voucher which can be used in part payment for books you purchase.

Parent Questionnaire

Attached to this newsletter is a Parent Questionnaire, which we would be grateful if you could complete and return (in an envelope) to the school office. We use your feedback to help us to formulate our plans for the future and constructive comments are always welcome! Paper copies of the questionnaires will also be available to complete, next week, during consultations. There will be a box in the lobby of each guilding for you to pop your completed forms into. Thank you for your help.



Science Selfie Competition

A reminder that our *Science Selfie* competition runs for one more week. Get snapping and take a picture of yourself or someone enjoying science and write about all the science you can see in the picture. Entries should be received by next Friday – please hand to your teacher, Mrs Brown or Mrs Taylor. Good Luck!!

FizzPop Science Club

We were treated to a fantastic assembly on Monday by FizzPop Science. Nuclear Neil taught us about the science of air. Teachers had competitions to knock over bottles with airzookas... well done Miss Pope and Mr Adams! The children really were wowed!

Nuclear Neil will be running science clubs for all year groups in Term 5 as lots of our children have expressed an interest in learning more science. Leaflets will be coming home today with more information on the clubs if your child would like to sign up.

Y6 SATs and Y6 Trip – 19th March 7pm Acorn Hall

Y6 parents are reminded to attend the SATs and Residential Trip meeting on Monday 19th March at 7pm. There is important information to share with you so please let your child's Class Teacher know if you are unable to attend.

Y2 SATs Meeting – 20th March 6pm Acorn Hall

Key Stage One SATs will take place during May affecting all Y2 children. The Y2 Teachers are holding a meeting for parents on Tuesday 20th March at 6pm to let you know what is involved. The tests have changed over the past couple of years and we will be able to update you on the new criteria and share past papers with you. As for the meeting in KS2, we would prefer not to have children at this meeting.



Football News

Wednesday afternoon saw our footballers travel to Stocks Green where, despite the 'swamp-like' conditions that greeted us, both sides were able to play some good football. Although we created numerous chances, things didn't quite click in front of goal for the 'A' team and they fell to a 1-3 defeat. The 'B' team, however, had no such problems and, after recovering from falling a goal behind, eventually ran out 4-1 winners. Well done to all the players involved and thank you to Mr Jesson, our referee.



Music News

There will be a KS2 music assembly in Oak Hall on Wednesday 28th March at 10.30 am and you are very welcome to come and enjoy the music that the children have been working hard on this term. All the music clubs will be taking part. Solo performers are also needed so if your child learns an instrument and has a piece ready please let Mrs Jones know.

Would you like a free music lesson? Music Station is taking part in the National Learn to Play Day on the 17th March from 13.30. There will be free piano/ drum/ guitar/ bass lessons all afternoon. There also might be some special guests and competitions - more details to follow soon. <https://musicforall.org.uk/learntoplayday>



Please note that the **teacher led** Woodlands after school clubs on Tuesday and Thursday next week will not take place due to Parent Consultations:

Tuesday: Creative Writing; Eco; KS2 Guitar
Thursday: Sewing; Miss Powell's SATS Group

Cookery, Junior Choir, Dance and Y4 Computers will all take place as normal since those clubs are run by Support Staff.



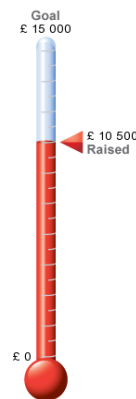
Superstar Corner

This week, our congratulations go to:

Ava Williams (5 Peach) who was awarded a Distinction in her Level 1 Grade 2 Tap Dance exam.

ICT SUITE FUNDRAISING TOTAL

Mrs Hicks and Mr Newsome would like to say a huge Thank You to the Cross Country Team who raised over £300 for the computer suite doing their fun run. The children will be awarded medals this afternoon in Celebration Assembly.



Cleaner Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Cleaner 3 hours per day Monday to Friday, shift to be worked anytime between 4pm and 9pm. For more information, visit the school website Info/Vacancies or contact the school office

Letters Home

All	Parent Questionnaire Parent Support Group
Y4 and Y5	Secondary School Open Events

Diary Dates

12 th Mar	Science Week
13 th Mar	Parent Consultations and Book Fair
15 th Mar	Parent Consultations and Book Fair
19 th Mar	KS2 SATs Parent Information Evening 7pm Acorn Hall
20 th Mar	KS1 SATs Parent Information Evening 6pm Acorn Hall
22 nd Mar	Senior Choir Competition 6.30pm
22 nd Mar	YR Trip to Brighton Sea Life Centre
22 nd Mar	Mother's Day Cream Tea 3.15pm Oak Hall
23 rd Mar	Sport Relief Coffee Morning
27 th Mar	Y4 Easter Production 2pm and 7pm
28 th Mar	Music Assembly Oak Hall 10.30 a.m.
27 th Apr	KS1 Disco
14-18 May	KS2 SATs tests
May	KS1 SATs tests
21-25 May	Y6 Trip to Isle of Wight
14 th June	Junior Choir at Methodist Church 2pm
15 th June	KS2 Disco
25 th June	Height, weight, hearing, vision tests RHazel
26 th June	Height, weight, hearing, vision tests RJuniper
27 th June	Height, weight, hearing, vision tests RWillow
28 th June	Music Evening
30 th 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

15 Mar	1 Elm	22 Mar	1 Palm
29 Mar	5 Olive – rearranged date		
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

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