

# Woodlands Weekly



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Well, I have to say that the Y6 performance of Shrek beat the DreamWorks version in every way! What a fantastic show – the children all worked beautifully together – the acting, singing, dancing and musical accompaniments were exceptional and the children who worked behind the scenes worked just as hard to provide lighting, props, and sound. We were so proud of them. Well done Y6 – a fitting finale to your time at Woodlands. We wish you every success and happiness at your new schools.

Thanks to your generosity at the end of the performances, our Silver Bucket collection has raised £270.93 for our chosen charities of Hospice in the Weald and Bliss.

A disc with the film and photos of the Shrek production will be available for £1 towards the end of Term 1. If you would like a copy, please pop into the school office with your payment week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> October when they will be ready for collection.



### 500 Words Reading Competition

Further to our report in last week's Newsletter, here is a picture of a proud Josh with his trophy. If you would like to read his story, it is attached to the newsletter.

### Parent Questionnaire

We have attached a summary of this year's Parent Questionnaire. Thank you so much for your responses – all were read, discussed and actions added to the school plan as a result – more detail is in the summary.

### Children's Raffle (from the Summer Fair)

This will be drawn on the last day of term.

### A Few Reminders for a smart September!

**Uniform** – grey **not black** trousers, shorts or skirts. Plain, not patterned socks. A complete list is on the school website.

**Earrings** – now is a good time for ear piercing. Children who have them pierced have to still remove them for PE. Please ensure that children are able to do this by themselves – or do not wear them on PE days. Small, plain stud earrings only, please.

**Breaktime Snacks** (KS2) – this should be fruit or vegetables ONLY. Children will be asked to put other food away in their lunchbox until lunchtime.

**Hair Adornments** – should be discreet!



Woodlands are proud to be involved with Project FEAST running over the summer holidays. A Community Larder will also be available for families visiting the project. If you would like to find out more, or would like to donate food items or toiletries to the project, please contact Mrs Hardcastle or visit

[www.tonbridgeparentsupportgroup.co.uk/feast.html](http://www.tonbridgeparentsupportgroup.co.uk/feast.html)

### Attendance News

Year Group	% Attendance
R	96.8
1	95.8
2	97.4
3	95.9
4	97.0
5	96.2
6	96.8

**Y2 and Y4 are leading the way at over 97% - well done!**

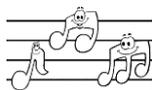
### **Howzat!**

The Woodlands cricket team played a home game against Pembury Primary School on Tuesday afternoon. There were lots of fantastic runs but Woodlands emerged triumphant, scoring 249 runs to 215. Well done to all who played!



### **And more Sports News – just in!**

Thanks to the hard work of the PE Team and the staff who support them, we have yet again been awarded the Gold Sports Mark! This means that we involve all children in sport and activity at Woodlands.



### **Music News**

Choir T shirts - thank you for all those who have returned the senior choir t-shirts. We are still missing a few so please check that yours has been sent back and is not still in your child's bag! The T shirts should be given to the Class Teacher or TA who will return them to Mrs Jones.

Senior Choir are booked to go to the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Rehearsals next term will start early on Wednesday 12th September with a try-out session. A letter will be sent out to Y5/6 early next term. If your child would like to join the Senior Choir, please note that they are also performing at the Tonbridge Family Carols on the afternoon of Saturday 15th December, at a choir competition, provisional date 28th March 2019, and at the June school concert (date tbc).

Other music clubs will start at the same time as the other Woodlands run after school clubs.

Our new drumming teacher Dale Frost will be taking over all the pupils who are currently learning with Henry Newsome and welcoming some new ones, still on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. He will be sent all parents' contact details once we have obtained your permission, so please look out for our request. Dale can be contacted via his website <https://www.tonbridgedrumstudio.com/> Our best wishes go to Henry as he leaves us for pastures new and grateful thanks to him for all his work with our drumming pupils.

Other instrumental lessons we offer are Piano (KS2 only) with Mrs Jones; Violin with Mrs Butler (please apply through Kent Music); Flute with Mrs Stewart [mrsrastewart@gmail.com](mailto:mrsrastewart@gmail.com) ; Clarinet and Saxophone with Mrs Trigg [sarah.trigg71@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.trigg71@gmail.com) and Guitar with Tom Williams [tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com) or 07736 051082.

Please send your instrument back to school if your child is leaving or it is no longer required. A fee will be charged in September for next year's hire.

### **Car Damage**

A parent has reported that she noticed her car had been damaged when returning to it after dropping off her daughter at school. The damage occurred on Lawrence Road and it appears as though it has been hit by another car. If you know anything about this (or saw anything), please could you let the school office know.

### **Sad Goodbyes**

We will be saying a very sad goodbye to some teaching assistants at the end of term – some are moving to new pastures (in Mr Newsome's case *literally*, as he moves to the Kent countryside!) and some are retiring. Many of them have been at the school for a long time: Mrs Minster was actually at Woodlands when I started (for the first time!) in 1996, Mrs Marshall worked initially at the Infant School (and was a TA to my daughter who is now 17!), Mrs Coulstock has been with us for 8 years and the irrepressible Mr Stokes who hasn't been with us as long but has certainly left his mark (in a good way!).

Mrs Fitzpatrick will be retiring from Oak Office after 18 years. We will miss her laughter most of all - but not her taste in music! Good luck in your retirement!

They will all be very much missed.



### **Superstar Corner**

This week, our congratulations go to:

**Emily** (Reception Willow) who was recently awarded her marathon wristband for completing 21 Junior Parkruns.

**Elsie** (4Nutmeg) who successfully passed the introduction to British Sign Language (BSL) Course A.

**Hettie** (2 Fir) who, despite feeling very nervous, gave a wonderful performance in the JPA Academy production 'The Smell of Rebellion' on Saturday at the Pamoja Theatre.

**Amy** (5 Olive) who came 2<sup>nd</sup> and was awarded a Silver Medal in the SE Regional Gymnastics floor and vault competition.

### **Charity Stall**

**Zoe, Bethan, Emilia, Ella H, Darcy** and **Ella N** (5 Lime) raised a fantastic £96.68 at their recent charity stall, in aid of the Samaritans



There will be a change of menu for the LAST DAY of term: Fish and Chips and, for dessert, the children will be able to choose from a selection of hot puddings.

The new menus for next term are coming home today and we have an amendment to make you aware of: *Jacket Potatoes will only be an option on Tuesday and Thursday* (not every day).

Julia, our Cook, would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who came to support her fundraising for Demelza House. She was selling homemade chocolate cookies and the Children's Choice Cookbook and raised £87.50.

### **Governor Report**

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Open Evening last week. As Governors, we love this event as it is a great opportunity to see how hard our pupils and teachers have worked over the last academic year. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Governors also enjoyed attending Sports Day earlier this month. Such a lot of preparation and thought goes into making this huge event successful and fun for everyone – despite the searing heat!

During our final Governing Body meeting this year we looked at the achievements of our pupils this academic

year and discussed the plans for next year. In addition, Governors have visited the school to look at how maths is taught here. A core function of governance is ensuring the school delivers the national curriculum and visiting the school to look at a specific subject is one way in which we achieve this.

May I, on behalf of all the Governors, wish you a happy summer break. *Alison Minton, Chair of Governors.*

### **And Finally**

In our final newsletter, we would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement throughout the school year. Thank you, also, for the generous gifts/cards given to our staff – they are much appreciated. Have a lovely summer (look out – the rain will now start!) and we will see your children back in school refreshed, smart and ready for learning on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **Letters Home**

All Parent Questionnaire 2018 Responses  
 “100 Years Young” by Josh  
 Sevenoaks Young Readers Festival  
 Y1 Speaking & Listening in Y2

### **Diary Dates**

23 Jul Y6 Leavers’ BBQ  
 6<sup>th</sup> Sep Kent Test  
 10/11/13 Sep Y3 Rocks Days  
 10<sup>th</sup> Sep Y1 Parent Information Meeting 6.30pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> Sep Y3 Parent Information Meeting 7.00pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> Sep Free NSPCC Workshop 2pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> Sep Y2 Parent Information Meeting 6.30pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> Sep Y5 Parent Information Meeting 7.00pm  
 13<sup>th</sup> Sep Y4 Parent Information Meeting 6.30pm  
 13<sup>th</sup> Sep Y6 Parent Information Meeting 7.00pm

### **Dates which have been changed or added**

### **Term Dates**

24 <sup>th</sup> July	Term Ends
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019	Term Starts
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Term Ends
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Term Starts
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Term Ends
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	Term Starts
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term Ends
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term Starts
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Term Ends
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Term Starts
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Term Ends
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Term Starts
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Term Ends

(Please note that Inset Days for the academic year Sept 2019 to July 2020 have yet to be confirmed)