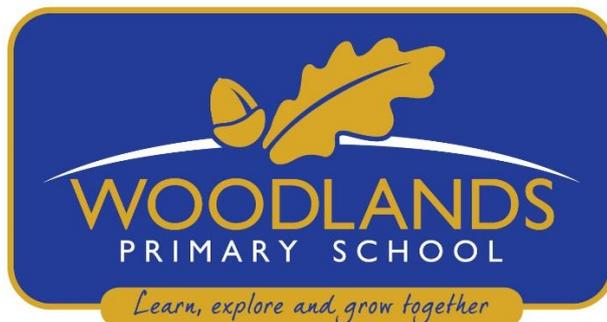


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Woodlands House Captain Elections 2018



During assembly this week, all the children exercised their democratic right to vote! Children in Y6 who wished to be considered for the role, presented their thoughts and ideas to their house and the other children all had proper voting slips (with photos of the candidates and their names) to fill in with their choice. Everybody took their responsibilities very seriously – the Y6 pupils had really considered why they should be chosen and the electorate thought very carefully about their choice. Although I know the result, it is a secret until Celebration Assembly this afternoon! A huge well done to the children who put themselves forward – whatever the result, they deserve a huge pat-on-the back for having the courage and resilience to take part.



River Trip to Horton Kirby – Y4

This week, Year 4 visited Horton Kirby Environmental Education Centre as part of their Geography project on “Rivers”.

The children spent the morning wading around in the River Darent to measure the depth of the river at various points, and even used rubber ducks and stopwatches to measure its speed!

After a lovely outdoor picnic for lunch, the children meandered their way through a series of workshops. They

learned all about different types of rocks, how rivers change over time and the onward journey of the River Darent... ending at the sea!

Thank you to all the staff at Horton Kirby for giving Year 4 such a riveting river experience – we look forward to next year!

Wow! An Amazing Message from NSPCC.....

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for the fantastic amount the children raised for NSPCC and for all the staff's help and support. This will allow us to continue our work with schools and help children all over the country. The children engaged so well with the programme and it sounded like they really enjoyed their obstacle courses. The final amount raised was **£3335**, which is fantastic!



Book Review

'The Railway Children' by E. Nesbit

Three children, Roberta (everyone calls her Bobbie), Peter and Phyllis did not start out as the railway children. When their Father leaves in mysterious circumstances their Mother is forced to move the family to the countryside to save money. The children are distraught but they soon explore their new surroundings and of course the railway! They meet a variety of colourful characters and are thrown into a dangerous adventure. Can the children find a way to stop this from happening? Even though this story was first published over 100 years ago it is still a thrilling read.

Reviewed by Amelie, 5Damson



Harvest Festival - Tuesday 9th October

YR-Y2 (KS1) will, as usual, be visiting the Methodist Church on Tuesday 9th October for Harvest Festival. The classes will leave school at 9.00am to arrive at the church for an approximate 9.20am start. If you would like to accompany your child's class to the church, please let the class teacher

know. There is a small amount of space for parents to attend and if you don't mind standing, you are warmly welcome to come!

KS2 (Y3-Y6) will have a short celebration in the afternoon led by Rev. Sharon. As this is in the school hall, we do not have enough space for parents to attend.

This year we have chosen to support 'The Gift' with our Harvest donations. 'The Gift' provides food parcels to people in need in Tonbridge, helping to relieve immediate stress and restore hope. They would be really grateful for donations of tinned hot dogs, tinned meals, pasta bake sauces, jam, coffee, biscuits and sugar. If you would like to donate, please send your gift in on Tuesday 10th October.

Individual School Photographs

Please remember that **every** child will be having an individual photograph on Monday 8th October.

Family School Photographs – Friday 12th October

Just a quick reminder that family school photos are on Friday. Please make sure your child is wearing a sweatshirt or cardigan.

Kent Test

For those parents whose children in Y6 took the Kent Grammar School Test, please note that the results should be available next **Thursday 11th October** (by email) and they will also be posted to you. All the pupils concentrated fantastically and I am sure did their very best. We do not encourage the children to talk about their results and scores as there are inevitably some happy faces and some children who are disappointed. If you would like to discuss options for Secondary School applications following this, please do book an appointment with either myself or your child's class teacher.

School Giving

We are increasingly aware that we are asking for your support increasingly - and in many ways. Please do not feel embarrassed if you are unable to give or donate for a particular cause or collection. We always understand – and are grateful for everything that we do receive. Thank you!



Football Clubs – Monday 15th October & Tuesday 16th October

Please note that due to Carrot Wood commitments Mr Heath has cancelled the abovementioned Football clubs in the last week of this term

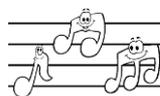
Attendance News

Year Group	% Attendance
R	97.9
1	97.9
2	99.6
3	96.5
4	97.4
5	98.4
6	96.7

A special mention to Year 2 for their superstar attendance this week. Come on Year 3 and Year 6, you have some catching up to do!

New Parents Open Morning YR Sept 2019

If you have a child due to start school next September, or you know anybody who does, please note that we are holding two Open Mornings when parents/carers can come and look around the school and ask any questions they may have. These will take place on 13th and 20th November at 9.30am. Please book a space on your preferred date by contacting our school office.



Music News

Music News: Senior Choir Password for Young Voices: **Popmedley2019**. A letter has been sent out via ParentMail giving information about ticket purchase, T shirts and coach cost. Tickets can only be bought through the school. Thank you to all those who have returned the slip about our carol service performance on 15th December. Please return this as soon as possible if you haven't done so, so that we can confirm numbers with the Tonbridge Philharmonic Society. Details of tickets are on their website. <http://www.tonphil.org.uk/tickets.html>

The Junior Choir will be singing at the Methodist Church on 22nd November at 2pm and you are very welcome to come and support them. If you already help in school and would be available to accompany the group please let Mrs Jones know.

Year 4 have been learning to follow a recorder tune which can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVxmmNh_II

This helps the children to read and follow the written music and see the correct recorder fingering. We are pleased that so many children are now taking their recorders home to practise. Please return your liability agreement slip in order for your child to take their recorder pack home.



Project FEAST is running again on Tuesday October 23rd (during half term). If you and your children would like to enjoy a freshly prepared, tasty and nutritious meal - plus access to a community larder – please speak to Mrs Hardcastle or look at www.feast.org.uk to see the menu and find out more information about the project.



Superstar Corner

This week, our congratulations go to:
Oli Drake (Cedar class) who took part in his first rugby tournament last Sunday. Oli's coach said, "He was a speed demon and scored lots of tries". Well done Oli!

Sad News

As you may be aware, one of our families lost a baby last week. Friends of the family are trying to help to fundraise for the funeral – if you would like to donate, the link is shown below:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sharon-pearson-1?utm_source=facebook

Open your heart

Kent County Council urgently needs foster homes in the Tonbridge and surrounding areas from people who can offer a child support by opening up their home. You could help transform the lives of children and young people in Kent by becoming one of our foster carers. We need homes for disabled children, young and older children and brothers and sisters who need to stay together. Fostering Information event on Tuesday 9th October at 7pm at Medway Hall, Angel Centre in Tonbridge. There is no need to book a place, just please arrive in time for the presentation which will commence at 7pm. Leaflets are available in the school entrance.

Hadlow Rural Community School Open Event

Open Evening is on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 6pm for tours and 30 minute Headteacher presentations at 6.30pm and again at 7.15pm. For further information contact the school directly on 01732 853241 or www.hrcschool.org.

The Hayesbrook School Open Events

Open Mornings starting at 9.30am – Wednesday 3 October, Thursday 4 October, Wednesday 10 October, Thursday 11 October, Wednesday 17 October and Thursday 18 October. To book a place, go to www.hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk/openbookings.

Tonbridge Grammar School Open Events

Open events for 2019 Entry. We warmly welcome you to Tonbridge Grammar School. No need to book. Please note that there will be a park and ride system in operation, see our website for further details. Open events from 9.30 – midday on Tuesday 9th and Tuesday 16th October 2018, and 5.30pm-8.30pm on Thursday 18th October 2018. Contact the school on 365125 or go to www.tgs.kent.sch.uk or admissions@tgs.kent.sch.uk.

PTA NEWS

A huge thank you to all the parents and staff who supported our Macmillan coffee morning last week, we raised exactly £230!

Firstly, a big thank you to all the people that have joined our 'helpers' list. We will send an email out to you, as and when small amounts of help are needed. Any help you can offer really is

appreciated, and takes the pressure off the main committee members to fill all the gaps.

Secondly, here is our schedule of the up and coming events - it's a busy term but we hope you will enjoy being part of it all!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

It's that time of year again! As in previous years, we will be running the Christmas card project again, except this year you can view, personalise and order them online.

A letter will be coming out next week with some guidance on creating your festive artwork (up to A4) to be made into printed Christmas cards. All you have to do is create your artwork and return it to school by Friday 19th October at the latest (half term). After it has been scanned, you will have it returned with a personal code on. You can then log onto the website and place your order by Monday 12th November. Your printed cards will then be returned to you by Monday 26th November, ready for you to post to friends and family.

This is great fundraiser and a lovely way to share your child's festive artwork.

FIREWORKS NIGHT - SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

***UPDATE: Tickets for parents/carers are still available to purchase through your ParentMail account. If you have already ordered your wristband tickets they will be coming home in your child's bags early next week. Orders will then be collated on a weekly basis and tickets sent home. If you have any problems with the tickets please email:

woodlandsfireworknight@gmail.com

Tell your friends and neighbours:

We will be selling tickets to the general public on Saturday 20th October from the Co-op in Martin Hardie Way. Cash only. Alternatively tickets can be purchased online via: <http://event.bookitbee.com/19363/woodlandsfireworksnight2018>

TICKETS: Adults £6, Children £3, Family ticket £15 (2 Adults & 2 Children or 1 Adult & 3 Children). For health and safety reasons, no sparklers please.

Event information:

The gates will be opening at 4.30pm, with the professional firework display starting around 6pm. The BBQ will be fired up at 4.30pm, drinks will be available from the TOFS bar, hot drinks from Mochafella plus a bouncy disco dome and stalls.

OTHER EVENTS:

KS2 DISCO - FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Years 3 & 4: 5pm - 6.15pm

Years 5 & 6: 6.30pm - 7.45pm
More details to follow

20 Jun R Tulip
27 Jun 2 Palm
4 Jul 2 Cedar

SECRET PRESENTS - FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Details to follow

Community News

Dancercise (Exercise Inspired by Dance) classes for a complete body workout for all ages and abilities are now running on a Monday evening from 7.20 pm to 8.50 pm at Woodlands School. The classes work out at £8 per 90 minute session. Please email Lynn@dancerciseclasses.co.uk or phone Lynn on 01732 771352 if you would like to join the class, or for more information please also visit our website www.TheDancerciseCompany.co.uk

Letters Home

Y5 Carrot Wood Information

Diary Dates

8 th Oct	Individual photographs
9 th Oct	KS2 Harvest Festival assembly
9 th Oct	KS1 Harvest Festival Methodist Church 9.30am
10 th Oct	Phonics Information Evening 7pm
12 th Oct	Family group photographs
15 th /16 th Oct	Carrot Wood 5 Ebony
16 th /17 th Oct	Carrot Wood 5 Damson
18 th /19 th Oct	Carrot Wood 5 Nutmeg
2 nd Nov	KS2 Disco
5 th Nov	Y2 Drusillas Zoo Park
10 th Nov	PTA Firework Night (tickets on PMail)
22 nd Nov	Junior Choir to Methodist Church 2pm
23 rd Nov	Bags to School/Donations/Secret Presents
29 th Nov	Flu Immunisation – Reception to Year 5
1 st Dec	Christmas Fair
10 th Dec	Height & Weight Reception and Year 6
31 st Jan	Senior Choir at Young Voices, O2
1 st Feb	PTA Comedy Night (tickets on PMail)
22 nd June	Summer Fair

Dates which have been changed or added

Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

11 Oct	5 Ebony
18 Oct	4 Bay
8 Nov	4 Chestnut
15 Nov	4 Hawthorn
17 Jan	5 Nutmeg
24 Jan	3 Oak
31 Jan	3 Yew
12 Mar	1 Hazel
19 Mar	1 Juniper
26 Mar	1 Willow
4 Apr	R Magnolia
9 May	5 Damson
23 May	R Cherry
13 Jun	2 Elm

Term Dates

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

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