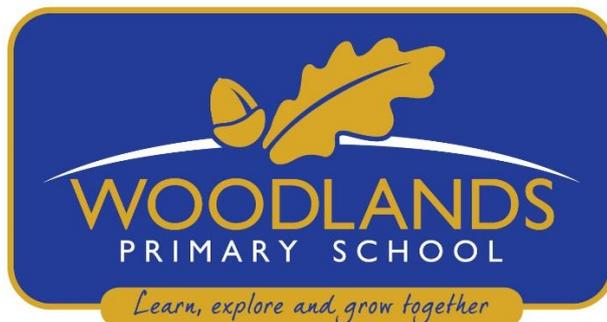


# Woodlands Weekly



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We began the week with our annual assemblies of remembrance. Mrs Rees-Porter led the assembly in KS2 – she led the 100 year commemoration for the **start** of the war four years ago and so it really brought home to us how long the Great War lasted. You will probably have seen the Facebook pictures of the giant poppy which the children made to commemorate the number of soldiers from Tonbridge who lost their lives. The children in KS1 listened to a story called, 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' which is a beautiful book making the subject accessible to our younger pupils. The atmosphere in both halls was focused and thoughtful and the children were, of course, a credit to all of you during the minute's silence.

I wanted to draw your attention to the fantastic work that a group of parents from the school are doing through the Parent Support Group – over the next few weeks they are holding a drop-in, an evening for parents of children with ASD/ADHD and a presentation from a sleep consultant (which links well to last week's newsletter!). The dates are at the end of this week's newsletter. Please do go along to their events – they are open to all local parents regardless of where their children go to school – spread the word!



Next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need. This national event supports hundreds of charities that help children in a myriad of different ways, some of which the children will learn about in assembly during the week. We will be having a coin collection for this worthwhile cause so we are asking you to dig deep in your pockets and send your child in on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November with any loose change you have. Thank you.

### Evacuee Day

Year 6 had an amazing Day at the Methodist church on Tuesday. They learnt lots about what happened during World War Two and what it would have been like for a child during that time. On the day, they took part in four different activities; songs and stories of the war, dig for Victory, make do and mend and finally learnt about food rations. We would love to say a huge thank you to any volunteers who helped them to understand life during the war.



We want everyone in our school community to feel as excited about Christmas as we are! If you are worrying about it and would like to know what is on offer for families over the festive period, please have a chat with Mrs Hardcastle. There are plenty of schemes locally that we can refer to; from tickets to events and lunches, to food packs and toys. Perhaps you'd like to nominate someone else? That's fine too – just get in touch!



### Football News

A rather wet Wednesday afternoon saw the school footballers travel to Stocks Green for our first away fixtures of the year. Despite the difficult conditions all the sides were able to play some good football at times. The 'A' team match was a very close affair with the winning goal only being scored in the final minutes to give us a 4-3 victory. Meanwhile, a strong first half performance enabled the 'B' team to build a 3 goal lead which eventually turned into a 4-1 win. Well done to all the players involved.

### Charities

Over each school year, we raise funds to support two charities. This year we are already committed to the NSPCC and would like to find a second charity. If your child has a charity in mind could they please write a letter to Mrs Priestley giving reasons for their suggestion by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November? School council will then select one of the charities to support.

Thank you  
School Council.

### Attendance News

Year Group	% Attendance
R	97.6
1	98.6
2	97.9
3	97.6
4	97.9
5	97.0
6	97.9



**Gold Stars for attendance all round this week – well done!**

### Parent Consultations

Our Parent Consultation evenings are taking place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November for all year groups between 3.30 and 6.30pm. **We aim to see all parents** – they are a vital part of our partnership with you and enable your child's progress to be discussed and celebrated and future plans to be agreed.

We will be using the ParentMail booking system enabling you to view available appointments yourself and book the one that is most convenient for you.

Children in KS2 who take Maths with Mrs Littlejohn will get feedback on their Maths progress within the main consultation. If, however, you would like to see her separately, please email direct to arrange a convenient time: [alittlejohn@woodlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:alittlejohn@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)

You will not be able to book appointments with our Inclusion Manager, Mrs Tarrant Blick by using the online system. If you wish her to join your consultation, please let your child's class teacher know.

### REMINDER - Flu Immunisation Consent Forms YR-5

Please remember to return the completed Flu Immunisation Consent forms (YR-5 children) by WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER. We are still missing approximately 180! Thank you to those of you who have already sent them in to the school office. If you have any questions or concerns please contact them direct on 0300 123 5205.

### Design a Helmet

First4Lawyers are running a nationwide competition which launched on Wednesday and is running until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November for KS2 students to design a new Cycle Safety Helmet and the children at Woodlands have been invited to take part. Competition winners (one boy and one girl from

each year group) will receive their helmet design 3D printed by the 3M Buckley Innovation Centre, part of Huddersfield University. But that's not all! Each winner will not only receive this amazing prize, but they will also receive a brand-new bike in time for Christmas, supplied by [First4Lawyers](http://First4Lawyers). Visit [cycle-safety.org](http://cycle-safety.org) to download your own pack.



### Year 2 Drusillas Trip

On Monday Year 2 had a fantastic visit to Drusillas Animal Park. The sun shone and we were able to have our picnic outside. The children loved discovering animals they had never seen before and finding out which ones lived in the rainforest. Particular favourites were the penguins and the baby monkeys which were only a few weeks old.

Quotes from the children included:

**"I liked it when we went in with the smelly bats because they were all hanging upside down. We also saw one spread its wings and move around holding on with its hooks."**

**"It was really funny when we watched two black and white monkeys cleaning each other. One was taking all the bits out of the monkey's very long tail."**

**"I was watching the squirrel monkeys when one jumped really quickly at the window, it gave me a real shock."**

**"The python was huge with grey and black spots. I have never seen one before. It was staring at me through the glass."**

### Coats

Now that the weather has turned colder please remember to send your child to school with a coat. If it is dry the children will go outside at playtimes and lunchtime every day.

### School Photographs

Please remember that all orders need to be placed online or be back in school by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.



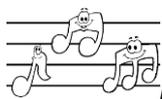
### Book Fairs

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fairs alongside Parent Consultations with books for sale on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November between 3.30 and 6.30pm. Please note that the sales will take place in Acorn Hall. The more books we sell, the more free books we can choose for school! **Cheques should be made payable to Scholastic Book Fairs Ltd and NOT Woodlands Primary School as stated on the leaflet.**

### Admissions to school in September 2019

If your child is due to start school in September 2019 you can now make an online application for a place at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) and a booklet explaining the admissions procedure is also 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 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are holding two Open Mornings

on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 9.30am. Please contact the school office ([office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)), if you would like to attend.



### **Music News**

Music News: Senior Choir – The deadline for Young Voices T shirts orders is today. Children who do not have one can wear a white T shirt on the night.

The Junior Choir are looking forward to their trip to the Methodist Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2pm. All are welcome. Year 6 will be singing at the Methodist Church on 29<sup>th</sup> November at the same time and all are welcome. Both choirs will be singing at our Carol Service on 13<sup>th</sup> December. We would also like to have some singing at the school fair and a ParentMail will be sent out shortly. There will be a music assembly on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in Oak Hall when the KS2 music clubs will be performing. If your child learns an instrument and would like to perform a solo at this assembly please let Mrs Jones know. Solo performers receive a letter to confirm they are on the programme.

Instrumental lessons continue to run on guitar, piano, violin, drums, flute and clarinet. We do have a saxophone in school - if your child would like to learn please let Mrs Jones know before it gets sent back! Other instruments can be hired through Kent Music.



### **Superstar Corner**

Henry (R Magnolia) & Elsie's (5 Nutmeg) mum completed her Great Wall of China Trek over the half term. It was tough in places with steep climbs up & down. The weather was varied from sunshine to bitter cold winds, with the last day almost in jeopardy of being abandoned but we managed to summit the Wall. It truly was an amazing, once in a lifetime experience. See photographs on the school website.

Enormous, heartfelt thanks to everyone for supporting me with this challenge. A total of £4,500 has been raised for the National Deaf Children's Society.

There are still some tickets left to see the **Tonbridge Community Pantomime- Snow White** at the Angel Centre. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm and on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm & 6pm

Jorja (4 Chestnut), Sofia (6 Peach), Isla (5 Ebony), Arianna (4 Chestnut) and Gabriella (6 Lime) will be performing.

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm & 6pm Isla (5 Ebony) and Harrison (6 Peach) will be performing.

### **PTA NEWS**

#### **SECRET PRESENTS - FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER**

All children are invited to take part in our Christmas shopping event during the school day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. This is their chance to buy some secret presents for family, friends and even pets. The children find this a very exciting event and will hopefully keep it a secret until the big day... but not always!

#### **KS1**

All presents for KS1 are priced at £1.50 and children can purchase up to four presents each. Please complete the attached form and return both the form and money by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. All money for KS1 needs to be received in advance. The children then just pick their presents on the day.

#### **KS2**

KS2 children can bring in their money on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and may purchase as many presents as they choose to. There will be gifts ranging in price from 50p to £2.00 maximum.

#### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Remember to log on using the code on the back of your child's artwork and you will be able to view, edit and personalise your cards.

Please order by 12<sup>th</sup> November at the latest! (or there will be a late fee to pay). Payment will be taken on the website and your printed cards will be delivered to the school on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **BAG2SCHOOLS CLOTHING COLLECTION -FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER**

Keep collecting - any bags are fine to use, the more the better! There will also be a collection point late afternoon on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November so you can drive up to the school rather than carrying heavy bags at drop off time!

#### **CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 11.30AM- 2.30PM**

#### **AMAZON SMILE - FREE FUNDRAISING**

We have just set up our charity with Amazon Smile. It doesn't cost you anything but when you check out on your Amazon account they will donate directly to our PTA. With lots of Christmas shopping coming up this will soon add up to be some worthwhile funds.

Please use this link to join your account.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1090106-0>

#### **Community News**

**Roselands Pre-school** Christmas Fayre is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November after school until 5.30pm, everyone is welcome.

**Stonepitts Christmas Trees.** Once again Stonepitts Farm, Watery Lane, Seal Chart are offering a £2 donation to the school for every Christmas tree bought by families and staff. You just need to produce a copy of this newsletter article when buying a tree. Additionally they are continuing their custom of making a donation to Help for Heroes for all trees sold, last year they donated £1350. Go to [www.stonepitts.com](http://www.stonepitts.com) for details and directions.

#### **Tonbridge Parent Support Group**

##### **Monthly Morning Drop In**

Join us at Tonbridge Methodist Church next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 9am. Drop in for a free hot drink after the school run, all parents are welcome. We will be discussing ideas for the future of the group.

##### **Monthly ASD/ADHD Evening Meet Up**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November we have our monthly meeting for parents with children who have behavioural and/or mental health challenges. No diagnosis is necessary. Please get in touch if you would like to join us.

##### **Sleep Consultant Talk**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 10am, Judy Clark will be joining us. For more info and to book a free seat please visit [www.tpsg.eventbrite.com](http://www.tpsg.eventbrite.com)

## Volunteers

We are very keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping out at our groups, or who would like to join our management committee. Please do get in touch.

## Contact Us

Please let us know if you would like to join our email mailing list to be kept up to date on events etc.

[tonbridgepsg@gmail.com](mailto:tonbridgepsg@gmail.com)

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

[www.facebook.com/tonbridgepsg](https://www.facebook.com/tonbridgepsg)

## Letters Home

KS1 Christmas Present flyer 2018  
Y5 Houses of Parliament trip  
All Xmas Countdown  
Y6 Year Book letter

## Diary Dates

10<sup>th</sup> Nov PTA Firework Night  
20<sup>th</sup> Nov Parent Consultations  
20<sup>th</sup> Nov Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 Acorn Hall  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov Junior Choir to Methodist Church 2pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov Parent Consultations  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 Acorn Hall  
23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Bags to School/Bags2schools/Secret Presents  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov Flu Immunisation – Reception to Year 5  
1<sup>st</sup> Dec Christmas Fair  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Year 1 Christmas Production 2.15pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 1 Christmas Production 9.15am  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 3 Christmas Production 2.15pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 3 Christmas Production 7pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec Reception Christmas Production 9.15am  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec Reception Christmas Production 2.15pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec Height & Weight Reception and Year 6  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 2 Christmas Production 2.15pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 2 Christmas Production 9.15am  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 5 Christmas Production 2pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec Year 5 Christmas Production 7pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Carol Service 6pm  
31<sup>st</sup> Jan Senior Choir at Young Voices, O2  
1<sup>st</sup> Feb PTA Comedy Night (tickets on PMail)  
22<sup>nd</sup> June Summer Fair

## Dates which have been changed or added

### Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

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  
20 Jun R Tulip

27 Jun 2 Palm  
4 Jul 2 Cedar

## Term Dates

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)