

Woodlands Weekly



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Wow!

What a fantastic evening the PTA organised on Saturday evening – particular thank you to Caroline Logan and all her helpers (both parents and staff) who came to help. The amount of money raised was absolutely staggering (£5500) - but most importantly we all had a great time too. It looks as if this will form a regular part of our social calendar. Watch this space!

Thank you to Hawthorn Class for leading such an excellent assembly yesterday afternoon. 4 Hawthorn gave the performance of their lives on Thursday. We learnt all about hieroglyphs, embalming and the Egyptian Gods. They both spoke and sang beautifully. Well done 4Hawthorn.

Earlier in the week we had a visit from Kent Fire and Rescue Service who talked to all year groups about how to keep themselves safe in the event of a fire – and how to prevent fires. Hopefully the older children all came home and reminded you to check your smoke alarms. The adults leading the assembly were so impressed by your children:

“I was thoroughly impressed with the behaviour of the pupils at the school and they asked some excellent questions relating to fire safety. I am certain that the pupils of Woodlands Primary School will now know exactly what to do in the event of an emergency, both in and out of school. Well done and thank you for welcoming me!”



Thank you so much for all your contributions this morning – as soon as we have a grand total, we will let you know how much was raised. We should be so proud of the amount we have raised this term for children's charities (including the NSPCC) – what a difference this will make.



This week we have been supporting Anti Bullying week. The theme for this year is 'Choose Respect' which as you know is something which we discuss frequently both in assemblies and in class being part of our behaviour code 'Respect, Consideration, Care'. In assembly this afternoon we reflected on what we understand by the word 'Respect' and how we can choose to show respect to others and to ourselves. Year 1 have been working really hard to learn a poem called 'Unique' which we were treated to. Thank you for supporting us to reinforce our behaviour code at home.



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!



Sports News

A Great Performance from Woodlands Basketball Team...
Woodlands produced a fantastic performance in the TWKSSP Basketball Competition with eleven teams competing for a place in the Kent School Games finals later in the year. Woodlands moved the ball with speed and quality beating Yalding in their first match with some fantastic scoring by Tom and Tallulah. In the second match Woodlands came up against a very strong Hildenborough team. Woodlands shape around the court was purposeful with Thomas and Ryan defending well whilst Blake and Honey proved very effective in attack. Despite a tough, physical match, Woodlands narrowly lost in a close fought game against a team that eventually went onto win the overall tournament. Woodlands powered on in their remaining two games winning comfortably against Stocks

Green 'B' and Hadlow with Alfie and Sophie proving very effective in attack. Eventually we finished fourth in a very close Basketball competition. Well done to all the pupils that took part in the Basketball at Hayesbrook School on Tuesday.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Dahl

Isaac in 3 Oak recommends Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'...

"It's such a funny book! I couldn't put it down. I loved finding out about all the different things that happened to the children. I think Year 5 would like this book because it's about children their age"

Charities

Thank you to all the children who have written to me about the charities that they would like to support this year. This will be decided by the school council – and all requests have now been handed to Mrs Buxton.

Collection from School Clubs

Please remember that we are not able to accommodate parents parking in the school grounds when collecting from after school clubs – please do not put the school office in a difficult position by ringing on the gate buzzer. Thank you.

Date for Parent Forum – Thursday 10th January 2019 at 6.30pm

Each term we run a Parent Forum linked to a subject either requested by parents – for example, last year we ran a forum around the topic of 'Homework' - or around a topic on which we would like your input. All parents are invited to attend and take part in what is often an interesting and lively debate. In January, Mrs Hardcastle and Mrs Tarrant-Blick are leading the discussion around '**Working Together to Support Anxiety**'. Please email the school office if you would like to attend (office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk) so that we have some idea about numbers.

Attendance News

Year Group	% Attendance
R	98.1
1	99.6
2	98.4
3	97.0
4	96.9
5	98.7
6	96.4

Particular well done to Y1! Y6 need to take a leaf out of their book!

Nut Allergies

Please can you remember that we are a nut-free school and so packed lunches should not contain any foods containing nuts including Nutella. Thank you

Parent Consultations

Our Parent Consultation evenings are taking place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd 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 are 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

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.

Design a Helmet

First4Lawyers are running a nationwide competition which launched on Wednesday and is running until Friday 23rd 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. Visit cycle-safety.org to download your own pack.

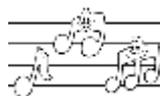


Book Fairs

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fairs alongside Parent Consultations with books for sale on Tuesday 20th November and Thursday 22nd 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 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. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 15th January 2019.



Music News

We are looking forward to having some singing at the School Fair at 12.30 in Oak Hall. Please send in your slip if you have not already done so to say if your child can join in. Junior and Senior Choirs and Musical Theatre Group have been invited via ParentMail.

The Junior Choir are looking forward to their trip to the Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon, leaving at approximately 1.40 and returning by the end of the afternoon. They will be walking so will need to have coat and shoes suitable for light rain. If the weather is too bad the trip will be cancelled. **Junior Choir will run as usual after school when we will be rehearsing for the School Fair and Carol Service.**

If your child is interested in learning the flute, our flute teacher Mrs Stewart will have some more availability after Christmas. Please email her directly if you would like to find out more. Her address is mrsrastewart@gmail.com.



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Emily in 1 Willow who has progressed to Stage 4 swimming lessons at Tonbridge Pool.

We are delighted to hear that Lakshita in 6 Olive took part in a Kent Music workshop over half term called Orchestra One and had a wonderful time composing and performing with other children of different ages playing a variety of instruments. The parents were all treated to a concert at the end. Well done Lakky! Please go to www.kent-music.com for all details of their activities.

Lucy G and Jorgie M in 2 Elm are having their hair cut on Saturday 24th November for the Little Princess Trust. They have a Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/holly-measor

PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came to our first fireworks night - with over 1300 people attending, it really brought the school community together. The weather held off in the end, which we were very thankful for... until 30mins afterwards and then it's safe to say we all got drenched! As always we couldn't do it without our team of helpers and staff, so a big thank you to them.

We raised a staggering £5500 for the PTA and a special thanks goes to TOFS for not only attending the event, but donating their profits.

We have already booked the firework company for next year so put 9th November 2019 in your diary!

We're now moving onto another busy week in the PTA diary - please see below for the details of 3 events all happening next Friday, (we promise to space them out next year!).

EVENTS ON FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

SECRET PRESENTS

A reminder that secret present shopping will take place next Friday 23rd November. Money and forms for KS1 children is due by the end of today, or latest Monday morning. KS2 should bring their money in with them next Friday. The children will be able to view presents during lunchtimes next week to help them decide what they would like to buy!

All children should bring in a shopping bag on the day to take their presents home.

BAG2SCHOOLS CLOTHING COLLECTION

We're hoping to fill another van full of bags again. Any bags are fine to use. Here are the collection points and times:

Thursday 22nd November:

AT SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP - In the fenced off Reception playground or next to the Oak hall in the car park (no access by car).

AFTER SCHOOL – the main school gates will be open from 4.30pm so you may drive up to school to drop off bags in the car park. Please do not attempt to come into the car park before 4.30pm as the gates will be locked.

This access is only for bag drop offs, please do not park in the car park for parents evening (there simply isn't the space!).

Friday 23rd November by 9am:

AT SCHOOL DROP OFF - In the fenced off Reception playground or next to the Oak hall in the car park.

The van will come on Friday morning so no bags can be delivered after this time.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Friday 23 November we would be very grateful for the following donations for the Christmas Fair:

Years R & 3: Real or chocolate coins in the gold envelope sent home.

Years 1, 4 & 5: Chocolate for the tombola.

Years 2 & 6: A small gift wrapped in the red or gold paper sent home. Please check the sticker on the back of the paper to see if it's for a girl or boy!

Children are welcome to wear Christmassy clothes on the 23rd (something red or green would be great) if they would like to.

AMAZON SMILE - FREE FUNDRAISING

We have 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

Tonbridge Parent Support Group

Sleep Consultant Talk

Wednesday 28th November at 10am, Judy Clark will be joining us. For more info and to book a free seat please visit 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

www.tonbridgeparentsupportgroup.co.uk

www.facebook.com/tonbridgepsg

Expertise Homecare are hiring healthcare assistants in Tonbridge: full time/part time/mummies' hours. For more information call Erika Pipitone on 01732

448298/07799739560 or email

recruitment@expertisehomecare.com.

Sevenoaks Suns Basketball

Basketball is the fastest growing sport in the world with a huge variety of transferable skills both for other sports and for life in general. Leaflets are available in the school entrance hall. For further information and to register your interest please contact Dimitris Korentzelos, Head of Basketball Development at development@sevenoakssuns.com.

Letters Home

Junior/Senior Choirs Christmas Music permissions

Diary Dates

20 th Nov	Parent Consultations
20 th Nov	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 Acorn Hall
22 nd Nov	Junior Choir to Methodist Church 2pm
22 nd Nov	Parent Consultations
22 nd Nov	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 Acorn Hall
23 rd Nov	Bags to School/Bags2schools/Secret Presents
29 th Nov	Flu Immunisation – Reception to Year 5
1 st Dec	Christmas Fair
3 rd Dec	Year 1 Christmas Production 2.15pm
4 th Dec	Year 1 Christmas Production 9.15am
4 th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Production 2.15pm
4 th Dec	Year 3 Christmas Production 7pm
5 th Dec	Reception Christmas Production 9.15am
6 th Dec	Reception Christmas Production 2.15pm
10 th Dec	Height & Weight Reception and Year 6
10 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Production 2.15pm
11 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Production 9.15am
11 th Dec	Year 5 Christmas Production 2pm
11 th Dec	Year 5 Christmas Production 7pm
13 th Dec	Christmas Carol Service 6pm
10 th Jan	Parent Forum 6.30pm
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

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 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)