

# Woodlands Weekly



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How festive everyone looked this morning in their red and green Christmas clothes – it seems the season of good will has started. We have also been surrounded by Christmas music as the children have begun preparing for their nativities and pantomimes – schools are such jolly places at this time of year! I can't wait to see the productions – they should be wonderful. Please do check the timings for these at the end of the newsletter as they do change once practicing starts and the teachers begin to get an idea of how long they will last.



We raised a grand total of £480. Thank you, as usual, for your generosity



We are a collection point for FEAST. If you have any non-perishable shopping items; food, toiletries or Christmas treats that you wish to donate, please bring them to the collection box by the main office in Acorn building.



## Sports News

Woodlands Pupils were on fine form at the recent ALT Kent Junior Cross-country Championships at the Kent County Showground.

On a fine Saturday morning last weekend a group of Woodlands pupils took part in the very competitive Kent Junior Cross Country Championships at the Kent County Showground. Over an undulating course the pupils battled it out in races with over 200 runners competing.

Woodlands pupils produced excellent results with Harry finishing a fantastic 24th place in the Year 4 race with Alex moving through the field to finish with a brilliant sprint at the end. The Year 5 race was amongst the largest field but Sam ran fluently throughout the race, again moving up on the second lap before unleashing a fantastic sprint at the end to finish in 46th place. In the Year 6 race the pace was relentless with Luke running consistently throughout the race. He was closely tracked by Alfie and Oliver who ran within seconds of each other in the middle of the pack. In

the end Luke finished in a superb 40<sup>th</sup> place with Oliver in 78<sup>th</sup> place and Alfie close behind in 88<sup>th</sup> place. Well done to all the pupils that took part in the cross country.

Alex- 6m.33 secs- 106<sup>th</sup> (1 lap)

Harry- 5m.37secs-24<sup>th</sup> (1 lap)

Sam -11m.09secs-46<sup>th</sup> (2 laps)

Alfie- 11m.53secs-88<sup>th</sup> (2 laps)

Luke-10m.45secs- 40<sup>th</sup> (2 laps)

Oliver- 11m.36secs-78<sup>th</sup> (2 laps)



## Football News

Wow! What a football match the few hardy spectators were treated to on Wednesday when a talented Hildenborough side visited Woodlands. An exciting game, in which the action swung from end to end throughout, saw our lads battle back from being one and two goals behind three times to earn a well-deserved 4-4 draw - well done to all the players!



## Book review – Mrs Rees-Porter

The Buried Crown by Ally Sherrick is sure to appeal to Year 6 children, as it is an exciting adventure story set in England during the Second World War. George is an orphan and an evacuee, who has to live with a cruel farmer while his older brother is training to be an RAF pilot. Nearby, a priceless Anglo-Saxon crown has been unearthed from the Sutton Hoo burial site. According to legend, whoever possesses this crown will rule the kingdom. George finds himself in a race against time to stop the crown and the country from falling into the hands of Hitler's soldiers. This is a gripping read, with surprise appearances from two very famous historical characters.

## Scholastic Book Fairs

Thank you to everyone for attending our book fairs this week. Due to your support we have raised £819.56 to spend on books for the school. Thank you very much!



### **Fire Safety officer visit**

The fire Safety Officer visited the school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The children thought he was 'great'. He spoke to every Year group about fire safety at home, at school and in our community. He encouraged the children to think carefully about smoke alarms and how to prevent a fire. Everything he said to the children made them think and even many of the adults reflected on their own practice. "How often do you check your smoke alarm"? "Should you charge your phone overnight"?

Key stage 2 children remembered that they should not jump out of windows but to wait to be rescued in the event of a fire.

Key stage 1 children remembered that they should ring 999 in the event of a fire.

### **PE kit**

Now that the weather has turned colder please ensure that your child has joggers and a long-sleeved top to wear outside during PE.



### **Car Parking**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, it is not possible to park on the school site before or after school. The roads closest to the school do get clogged with traffic – particularly when parents park in the turning circle at the end of the roads. Lawrence Road has particular problems at the moment and the office team and myself are continually dealing with irate residents who have had their driveways blocked. As we do keep emphasizing, please park further away AND WALK - this is good for you and your children! Thank you so much for listening and helping us.

### **Social Media**

Social Media can be such a positive way to connect with friends and family. However, as we teach the children, it can also have undesirable and hurtful consequences. Schools and parents can do much to model how to use social media responsibly. Please therefore remember that if you have a problem, however small, it would be appropriate to contact the school directly. We are always approachable and available. Please also remember that using staff names is unacceptable. Even on accounts which are only linked to 'friends', comments are often shared more widely and are brought to us in school. Thank you for helping us with this.

### **Date for Parent Forum – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)) so that we have some idea about numbers.

A parent correctly spotted that support can mean 'encourage'! We mean the opposite of this – perhaps we shall refer to the session as, '***Working Together to Reduce Anxiety***'!

### **Attendance News**

Year Group	% Attendance
R	96.7
1	99.0
2	95.8
3	96.9
4	98.6
5	97.9
6	97.9

It seems like the winter sniffles have set in. Year 2 seems to be have been particularly badly hit – hopefully everyone will be fighting fit for next week.

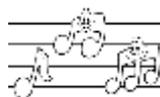
### **Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools – a message from KCC**

Kent County Council is consulting on proposed changes to admissions arrangements for all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for intake in September 2020. The proposal is to provide priority to children adopted from outside of England.

The consultation of the proposed changes will run until 10 December 2018. The consultation documents can be found and responses can be submitted via the [questionnaire here](#). If paper copies are required, please contact 03000 41 21 21 and ask to speak to the school admissions department. Responses will be collated and presented to Kent County Council's Cabinet for a determination. Once determined the final admission arrangements will be placed on Kent's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### **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.



### **Music News**

**Choirs:** Thank you to those who have returned the slip for the Christmas Fair singing and the School Carol Concert. More slips are still needed so please check your ParentMail and send in your permission if you haven't already done so. The carol concert is a fantastic opportunity for the Senior Choir to perform their carols ahead of the Family Carols in Tonbridge School Chapel on the Saturday and will be their

last chance to sing before the day, so we would like as many of Senior Choir to be present as possible.

**Junior Choir** – yesterday the Junior Choir visited the Methodist Church and gave a lovely performance followed by a drink and biscuits provided by the church. Please look out for a report on the school website.

Year 6 will be performing next Thursday afternoon at 2pm at the Methodist Church and you are welcome to come and see them sing their World War songs!

**Music assembly on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** The ukulele and recorder club (KS2) and the school band will be performing and there will be an opportunity for a few solo items. Please contact Mrs Jones if your child has a piece ready and would like to play.

Instrumental lessons continue to run on guitar, piano, violin, drums, flute and clarinet. If you are interested in your child learning a music instrument please contact the relevant teachers who will be pleased to give you more information:

Tom Williams guitar: [tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com).

Mrs Rachel Stewart flute, (also piano beginners in KS1): [mrsrastewart@gmail.com](mailto:mrsrastewart@gmail.com).

Mrs Sarah Trigg clarinet and saxophone: [sarah.trigg71@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.trigg71@gmail.com).

Dale Frost drums: [dale@tonbridgedrumstudio.com](mailto:dale@tonbridgedrumstudio.com).

Violin (Mrs Butler) and piano (Mrs Jones): [www.kent-music.com](http://www.kent-music.com).



### **Superstar Corner**

Well done to Lara in 4 Bay who raised £45 for Children in Need by doing a reading challenge. She read 12 books in 2 weeks. With gift aid the total donated is £56.25. Some of her classmates and staff sponsored her. Thank you Lara. Well done to James in 5 Nutmeg who attended his first taekwondo tournament this weekend and won a bronze medal for sparring.

Congratulations to Daisy in 2 Cedar who decided that she wanted to raise money by getting gunged for Children in Need this year “to make the children smile!” She has raised a massive £745 so far with money still coming in. Amazing!!

### **PTA NEWS**

Wow, what a busy PTA day it has been at the school today! We've had a huge collection of clothing so thank you for all your efforts of bringing them into school - we will keep you posted with how much we have made.

The children had a very festive day doing their Christmas shopping today for family and friends (and pets!). We hope you all have some lovely surprises on Christmas day!

### **\*\*\*HELPERS NEEDED URGENTLY\*\*\***

It's been a busy term of activities to raise valuable money for the school but we can't do any of it without our teams of helpers. We are in desperate need of help for our upcoming Christmas Fair. This is always a popular event and one that the children really enjoy, so we don't want to have to cut out some of the stalls due to lack of helpers.

If you can help run a stall, please get in touch: [woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com)

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

Thank you for your donations today - on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, we would be very grateful for the following donations for the Christmas Fair:

**Years R, 1 & 2:** bottles (alcoholic or soft drinks) for the tombola.

**Years 3:** Small gift wrapped in the red or gold paper sent home today. Please check the sticker on the back to see if it's for a boy or a girl!

**Years 4 & 5:** Small wrapped lucky dip toy.

**Year 6:** Chocolate for the tombola.

**All years:** Jam jars filled with small toys or wrapped sweets (no nuts please or jars that have previously contained nuts, including Nutella). There will be a prize for the class who donates the most.

We would love to receive any homemade cakes.

Second hand books and toys can also be brought to school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

### **COMEDY NIGHT - 2ND FEBRUARY 2019**

New Year, new laughs! We are holding our comedy night again at the beginning of February. This has been a very popular event for the last 2 years with a high standard of comedians currently working the London comedy circuit. Tickets are £12.50 each and available on ParentMail or via the booking form. If you would like to sit together on a table, please email details to:

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

### **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**

**Tree Planting for National Tree Week 2018** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am-1.00pm meeting at the Longmead Football Stadium Car Park. Free event, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tools and gloves provided, please wear appropriate clothing. BOOKING ESSENTIAL – [treesoflove@outlook.com](mailto:treesoflove@outlook.com) / 07710021788.

**Christmas Craft for Children FREE** at Wetherspoons Tonbridge on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 from 9.30 to 11.30am organised by Riverchurch Tonbridge. [www.riverchurchtonbridge.org](http://www.riverchurchtonbridge.org).

### **Saturday Football fun in Tonbridge with TIFC**

Football fun for children in Years 1 and 2, Saturdays 9.30 – 11am, for all abilities, pay & play £5 per week. Contact [info@firstclassfootball.com](mailto:info@firstclassfootball.com) or 07929861394 for more information or pick up a leaflet in the school entrance hall.

**Perform**, a popular children's drama and dance school is offering a free trial session and a special introductory discount of £40 for members of Woodlands Primary School if they sign up by 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Parents/carers should

quote WOIS190119 when they book their free session by going to [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try) or calling 02072559120.

### **Tonbridge Parent Support Group**

#### **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**

Y6	Methodist Church singing
Y6	Uniform letter
All	Christmas Lunch order form
All	Drop-in flyer
All	Feast Xmas flyer
All	Southend Match Day
All	MSporti Christmas Football
YR	Autumn Learning Journal session

#### **Diary Dates**

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 1.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 5 Christmas Production 6.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Carol Service Acorn Hall 6pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parent Forum 6.30pm
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/times 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 <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)