

Woodlands Weekly



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How lovely to see the sunshine today after a very gloomy week! Luckily the preparations for the Christmas Fair (and music from the nativities) have been cheering us up at school. I look forward to seeing you tomorrow – I always feel the Fair heralds the start of the Christmas season. I have even bought a new Christmas jumper.....



There are still spaces available for families who would like to book for FEAST during the Christmas holidays. There are no strict terms and conditions; if you feel that you are a low income family, you qualify!

Please see www.feast.org.uk or speak to Mrs Hardcastle for more information.



The Legend of Podkin One Ear by Kieran

Larwood.

This frightening, life threatening book has a wide range of characters including Podkin, the lazy main character, who is the son of a warrior chieftain, Paz, his bossy sister and Pook his defenceless baby brother. Lopkin, his father and chief of the burrow, had to evacuate his children after an attack from the Gorm who are the most beastly characters of all. Soon after their escape they scurry through a neighbouring burrow and stumble across a dodgy door that opens like a creaky floor board. Unfortunately, during Podkin's escape from the Gorm Paz, his sister, has to chop off Podkin's ear. Following in the footsteps of his father, Podkin has to take command of this difficult and deadly situation. OOOOH! Will a new leader be born.....

By Sophie and Lexi in 5 Ebony

Ice Monster by David Walliams

I could not put this book down! This is a funny book and if you enjoy adventure stories, then you will love this one. It

is sad at times, but these moments immediately become happy again. Ice Monster is the kind of book where you are chilled to the bone with anticipation but not yet jumping with glee and excitement inside. This fantastic book is perfect for any age reader and I love it!

Beth in 6 Olive

Year 6 Methodist Church Singing

Year 6 went to the Methodist Church yesterday to sing war songs to the Friendship Group. Also we were lucky enough to meet men who fought for our country in World War 2.

We sang many songs including:

The White Cliffs of Dover (where Gabriella from 6 Lime sung a solo of the first verse) Any Old Iron, Chick-chick-chicken, Run Rabbit Run, K-K-Katy, Daisy Bell, Side by Side, You are my Sunshine, It's a Long Way to Tipperary and When You're Smiling.

While we were there, we had lots of fun singing and then had the opportunity to talk to the audience about what we have been learning about in school and their experiences of WW2. Ask your children to tell you some of the amazing stories they heard. They all seemed to enjoy our performance and most sang along with us. We think they enjoyed singing as much as we did.

Written by the School Council Members of 6 Lime

One of the parents wrote to us:

I just wanted to say that my parents and I thoroughly enjoyed the year 6 WWII songs at the church this afternoon (as did the two elderly ladies next to me). What a great way to engage with the local community – if only there were more ways of getting young people talking to the elderly. Many thanks for bringing smiles all round on such a dreary day. 😊



Christmas Carols – Thursday 13th December

6pm – Acorn Hall

All parents (and children!) are invited to our Christmas Carols. This is a lovely carol concert with songs by the choirs, music from the band and Christmas readings. Complimentary mulled wine, hot chocolate and biscuits are provided by the PTA.

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.

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**’!

The Woodlands Charities – 2018-2019

Thank you to those who sent in letters nominating charities for our consideration. The School council met on Wednesday 21st November; we read all the letters and had a good discussion as to which charity we felt we would like to support this year. As a group we were very inspired by the reasons that were given by all of the children. However, after a vote we have decided to support the JAR (Juvenile Arthritis Research Project (JAR)). We hope that supporting this charity will raise awareness that children and young people get arthritis. Thank you for all your nominations.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of our Poppy Appeal; we raised £389.17.



Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Boxes will be up and running in both buildings on Monday 3rd December. If your children would like to send a card to other children or members of staff, all they need to do is write the **name (and class if applicable)** on the envelope and pop it in. Our Christmas elves have asked me to remind you that we cannot send cards to mums, dads, nannies or grandads –only to people in our school.



Maths Day at Stocks Green

Three children from Year 6 visited Stocks Green School and represented Woodlands Primary School in a Maths Day this week.

They completed different maths challenges throughout the day, including trying to work out how many people could stand on a piece of newspaper and a ‘whodunit’ challenge using only a glove and a hat found at the crime scene. A great day was had by all and their maths brains were well and truly challenged.

Christmas Productions

Please note that the back gate will be open for access and exit for the **daytime performances only**. For safeguarding

purposes, the opening time is limited so please don’t arrive too early as you will be waiting in the cold!

Mobile Phones

Please remember that we do not allow mobile phones in school. Statistics show that most children are safer walking home without them.

Term Dates available on www.kent.gov.uk

Please note that term dates are published on the kent.gov.uk website three years in advance. Please check these before booking a holiday.

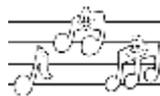
Attendance News

Year Group	% Attendance
R	92.2
1	96.2
2	97.4
3	97.7
4	99.0
5	97.3
6	96.8

An enormous ‘well done’ to Y4! YR, I believe, has a sickness virus circulating (and so we will forgive you for this week!).

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. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 15th January 2019.



Music News

Music News: well done to Year 6 who gave a lovely performance of their World War songs to the parents and friends at the Methodist Church yesterday afternoon. The audience loved it and joined in with many of the songs!

Carol Service: thank you to all those who have returned the slip. Please send it in if you have not already done so as we would like as many choir and KS2 recorder group children as possible to be performing.

Music Assembly: 17th December 2.30pm – letters will be going out soon to solo performers. Children who wish to play the piano can play to Mrs Jones next Wednesday or Thursday

The Contract Dining lunch grids

Please note that The Contract Dining Company no longer require the completion of the monthly lunch grids for children in KS2 with immediate effect. Children just need to remember to say what they are having for lunch at morning registration.



Lost Eeyore

There has been a very sad and well-loved Eeyore toy outside 3 Oak classroom for a few weeks. Mrs Hails-Wollen has taken it in from the rain but please go and collect it if you are missing him!



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Jorgie and Lucy (in 2 Elm class) who both had their hair cut and donated it to the Little Princess Trust and have so far raised an amazing £1050.00. Thank you to everyone who has donated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/holly-measor>

PTA NEWS

Thank you for all your Christmas Fair donations. The jam jar winners, by far, are 4 Hawthorn with a staggering 108 jars - well done team Hawthorn!

Our wonderful elves are now busy setting up all the stalls (not to mention the grotto, for the visit from the main man himself!). We look forward to seeing lots of you there tomorrow from 11.30 - 2.30pm.

We've had the totals in from our clothing collection, and we collected 960kg raising £384. So a big thank you for all your donations. Our next collection is scheduled for 17th May 2019.

While you're all busy doing your Christmas shopping, don't forget to use our charity links when shopping online. We have set up the school PTA with Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile. It doesn't cost you anything but when go to websites via these links and check out, they will donate directly to our PTA. It is small amounts but this will soon add up to be some worthwhile funds.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Please use this link before visiting retailers' websites.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodlandsfriends/>

AMAZON SMILE - FREE FUNDRAISING

Please use this link to join your account with Amazon Smile.

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

COMEDY NIGHT - 1ST 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

COMEDY NIGHT - 1ST FEBRUARY 2019

KS1 DISCO - FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2019

KS2 DISCO - FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2019

CLOTHING COLLECTION - FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2019

SUMMER FAIR - SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2019

FIREWORKS NIGHT - SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2019

Community News

Creatables Christmas workshops for ages 4-8 and 8-12. For more information or to book your child's place call Kate on 07903592373 or email info@creatablesworkshops.co.uk or www.creatablesworkshops.co.uk.

Tonbridge Parent Support Group

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

Letters Home

All Christmas Fair plan

All Christmas Fair poster

Diary Dates

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 1.30pm
11 th Dec	Year 5 Christmas Production 6.30pm
13 th Dec	Christmas Carol Service Acorn Hall 6pm

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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)
26 th April	KS1 Disco
17 th May	Clothing Collection
7 th June	KS2 Disco
22 nd June	Summer Fair
9 th Nov	Fireworks Night

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 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)