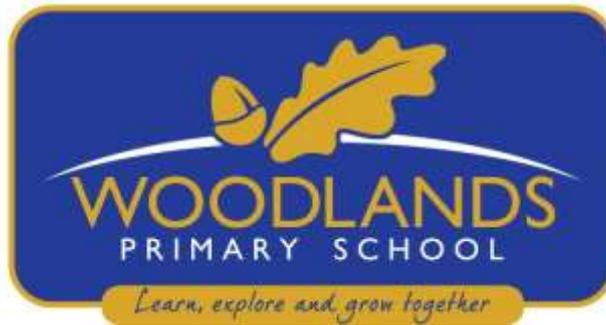


Woodlands Weekly



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What a magical week at Woodlands! We have been treated to three enchanting nativity plays from YR, Y1 and Y3 that have not only retold the Christmas story, but also treated us to enthusiastic singing, cool dance moves (thank you YR) and confident and funny performances. There was laughter and tears all round - all the ingredients of a great show! We look forward to Y2 and Y5 continuing the entertainment next week (they sounded fantastic this morning).

A huge thank you for your wonderful support at the Christmas Fair. It was a great occasion and the Woodlands community turned out en-masse, despite a very wet day. An incredible £5500 was raised which, together with the other events this term, makes a record-breaking total. Thank you for supporting us so magnificently – and also to the PTA who organised the events so brilliantly.



Christmas Lunch

Hopefully everyone has signed up for Christmas Lunch next Wednesday 12th December. We all join in – and the hall is filled with Christmas music and crackers! **The children are invited to dress in Christmas clothes for the day**, should they wish. I plan on wearing my new Christmas jumper which had its first outing at the Fair.... (I need to get the wear out of it!)



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.



Christingle Assembly – Tuesday 18th December

As usual, pupils will be taking part in a Christingle Assembly led by Rev. Sharon and Victoria from the Methodist Church. In order that all children participate, please could you send in with your child, in a **named** bag:

- an orange (or tangerine etc.)
- 4 cocktail sticks with **dried fruit** threaded on
- a birthday candle in a holder

If you are not familiar with Christingle Service, it is a simple retelling of the Nativity with audience participation! As the story of Christmas is told, the children assemble the Christingle from the things you have provided and at the end a few of them light their candles and we sing as they are lit. Sadly, we don't have room to be able to invite parents to these assemblies but photos will go on the website.

Healthy Lunches and Breaktime Snacks

- Packed lunches should be as healthy as possible – we do not allow sweets, chocolate or sweetened and fizzy drinks. Sugar is not good for children (or us!) and can affect a child's ability to concentrate – particularly after a lunch which contains a lot. Thank you.
- Breaktime Snacks – KS2 (Y3/4/5/6)
We have a simple rule for breaktime snacks – fresh or dried fruit or vegetables ONLY. All other snacks will be put away in your child's bag. No fruit winders etc. A simple way of remembering this is that generally if it is in a packet then it is not suitable. **Fruit pots are available from the Oak dining room each break at a cost of 50p.** Children do not need a snack in YR or KS1 (Y1/2) as they are provided with fruit or vegetables each day.

Menu Change for 19th December

Please note that, on the last day of term, the children will be offered fish & chips or a vegetarian option as a main course (not a roast as advertised).

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’!**



Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Boxes are up and running in both buildings. 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.

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!



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.



Football Clubs with Mr Heath

“Unfortunately, due to my absence from school for a period before and after the Christmas break, there will be **no** Football Club on Mondays / Tuesdays until further notice.

On my return, I will determine when best to start up again and let everyone know accordingly.

Please accept my apologies for any disappointment or inconvenience caused.”

Mr Heath



Please note that the after school Dance Club with Miss Gould is cancelled next week, Tuesday 11th December due to the Year 5 performance.

Please note that there will be **no** school clubs in the final week of term (w/c 17th December 2018).

In term 3, clubs run by staff will start again in the **second full week** of term (w/c 14th January 2019).

However, all clubs run by Mrs Jones will resume in the first full week back (w/c 7th January 2019).

Attendance News

Year Group	% Attendance
R	95.3
1	98.2
2	95.7
3	96.9
4	98.1
5	96.2
6	95.3

A splendid well done to Y1 and Y4 who have excellent attendance this week.

I am somewhat concerned with attendance in Y6 and Y2 which is well below where it should be. Please remember that good attendance is about habit. Once a habit has started, it is very hard to break. Thank you for thinking about this.

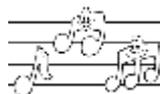


Cake Tins

If you were kind enough to provide cakes for the Christmas Fair, please remember to collect your empty tins from the school office in Acorn building.

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

Thank you very much to Mrs Beer for her help with designing and ordering a new banner for the Senior Choir to take to the O2 Young Voices Concert in January.

Music News: We are looking forward to our KS2 music assembly on Monday 17th December at 2.30pm in Oak Hall. Senior and Junior Choirs, school band, ukulele and recorder clubs will all be performing and there will be several solo performers who will be receiving a letter to confirm their place. A Parentmail has already been sent to all these clubs. Last rehearsals are next week and we start back again in the **first full week** of next term.

Please encourage all the children to keep practising! The Senior Choir are performing at the Tonbridge Family Carols at Tonbridge School Chapel on Saturday 15th December, 4 – 5.15pm. All children need to arrive at 2.45 in time for a rehearsal at 3pm. A Parentmail has been sent out with all details of the day.

Instrumental lessons: We are keen to encourage more children in to learn a musical instrument, in particular flute, clarinet or violin. Please contact Mrs Jones or the school office if you are interested.



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Gabriella in 6 Lime on passing her Grade 1 piano exam with Distinction.

PTA NEWS

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 you 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

Premier education Group Extra-curricular courses at Woodlands Primary School. A great chance for your children to get active and have loads of fun with friends taking part in activities they love and also may not have tried before. **Clubs running at Woodlands Primary School:** Gymnastics Club – Thursday – 8:00–8:45 – Years 1-6 - Only £48 for the term (12 sessions – 10th Jan – 4th April 2019). To book, please visit www.premier-education.com/schools/extra-curricular

Come and Celebrate Christmas at Tonbridge Methodist Church:

Sunday 16th December - 10.30am Nativity for all and 6.30pm Christmas Carols.

Christmas Eve - 3pm and 5pm Christingle.

Christmas Day – 10am Christmas Day Celebration.

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

Y5 Christmas Show permission letter

Diary Dates

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
12 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
13 th Dec	Christmas Carol Service Acorn Hall 6pm
18 th Dec	Christingle Assemblies (KS1 and KS2)

2019

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)