

Woodlands Weekly



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Skip2Bfit Training Day – The 2 Minute

Challenge -

On Tuesday, we welcomed Skip2Bfit into school for a skipping workshop. After a great warm up, the classes (and teachers) had a go at skipping for two minutes – with motivational music to help! At the end of the two minutes, everyone felt their heart beats (some were raised more than others...). After a short rest and recovery the pupils did a second two minute skip to try and beat their first recorded score. The children continued to push themselves to improve their score -and improve they did! 90% of pupils improved their scores through pure determination and resilience.

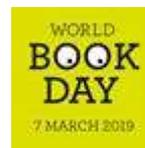
We had some fantastic performances including Thomas in Y6 who recorded 299 skips in 2 minutes. We also had a number of teachers breaking 200 skips - Mrs Chatley recorded a fantastic 227 (she is now to be known as 'Skippy'). A number of pupils have purchased personal skipping ropes (£5 each) from Acorn office (these are still available). Please challenge your children to beat their scores – I wonder if anyone can beat the top score on the day – a record-breaking 353 skips set by Mr Levett, our PE teacher.

Next week we start our Friday Skip2Bfit challenge and pupils will use break and lunchtimes to train for their 2 minute challenge at the end of the week. Don't forget to ask your child how they are doing!

Attendance News

Year Group	% Attendance
R	98.5
1	98.2
2	97.6
3	97.2
4	96.4
5	96.4
6	96.1

A much improved picture this week – well done everybody!



World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2019

Annual 'Read In' – Thursday 7th March 2019 – 6 to 7 pm

We will be celebrating World Book Day at Woodlands on Thursday 7th March 2019. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as one of their favourite book characters. We are looking forward to sharing lots of book related fun during the day.

In the evening children are invited to return to school with a parent or carer to enjoy our annual 'read in'. This will start at 6pm with hot chocolate and a whole school story in Oak Hall. After this, members of staff will be residing in Oak building to read bedtime stories until 7pm. If children would like to wear their pyjamas they are very welcome to do so. Children need to be accompanied by an adult for this event.



The fox and the star

This is a story about a fox who lost his only friend star. He was really sad and lonely. Then he decided to look for star, he asked the rabbits and the thorns if they had seen him. The rain came down and the clouds disappeared. Star came back from behind the clouds with all his friends. At last fox had lots of friends.

In 2 Palm we have loved reading this book! Here is why you should read it:

"The best part was when he found star because he had his friend back."

"I liked when 1000 stars came because star's friends helped him get back home."

"I loved the pictures of fox with the stars in his eyes because he looks amazed. It shows he is good friends with star."

Residential Trip Payments

May we remind you that from Y3 onwards you are able to make instalment payments towards your child's trip to the Isle of Wight in Year 6. The approximate cost for this year's trip is £400 so we encourage parents/carers to start paying an amount each term from Y3 onwards to lessen the burden when Y6 arrives. Through your ParentMail account, you can make whatever payment you are comfortable with and whenever you like, but as a guide, £40 per main term would put you on target by the time the final payment is due. If you have any questions please talk to the Acorn office. If you have twins or triplets please speak to Mrs Taylor in the Acorn office.



In Term 3, clubs run by staff will start again **next week** (w/c 14th January 2019).



After School Cross Country Club

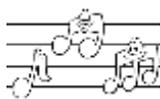
Please note that Mr Levett's After School Cross Country Club will not start until **MONDAY 21ST JANUARY**.

Healthy Lunch box reminder

Please remember that 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. If children bring these items, they will be asked to put them back in their lunch box to take home. Thank you.

FINAL REMINDER-Admissions to school in September 2019

If your child is due to start school in September 2019 you need to 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

The Senior Choir are looking forward to their trip to the O2 Arena on Thursday 31st January leaving school at 12pm. Please note that recorder group, ukulele club and Junior Choir will not run that day but the school band will run before school as usual.

Dates for your diary: Senior Choir will be in a local choir competition on 28th March at 6.30pm at Tonbridge Baptist Church. New members will be welcome to join Senior Choir from February.

We are planning to have another music assembly in the last week of Term 4, date to be confirmed. Our annual music evening will be on Thursday 27th June in Oak Hall and all the KS2 music clubs will be performing as well as a selection of soloists and a large group of Year 5/6 guitar players with Tom Williams our guitar teacher.



Pizza Party Day - Thursday 17th January

The Contract Dining Company invite the children to Pizza Party Day on Thursday 17th January. The cost of the lunch for KS2 is £2.30 and free as usual for KS1. The menu will be:

Margherita Pizza	Home Made Potato Wedges
Meat Feast Pizza	Sweetcorn & Peas
Veggie Pizza	Coleslaw

Salad	Chocolate Cake
	Fresh Fruit

Message from School Trends

'School Trends are pleased to announce that from January 2019 we are under new ownership. Our new management team are keen to reassure you of the continuity of service, quality and products with the backing of our trusted and established suppliers.

We are currently working hard on updating and improving our systems to provide you with a much-improved service and ordering experience going forward.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused and ask that you please bear with us during this short transition period. We thank you for your continuing custom and support and look forward to updating you in the near future.

If you currently have outstanding orders on the system, these will be fulfilled as soon as possible. We ask that you allow 21 days for delivery.'

English National Opera launches free tickets for Under 18's

English National Opera (ENO) has just announced that anyone aged under 18 will get free tickets to ENO productions on Saturdays. The tickets will be for seats in the Balcony and be available for any or all of the 11 Saturday performances in the Spring 2019 season in the London Coliseum. This scheme dramatically expands ENO's audience engagement strategy and forms part of the company's central mission to ensure the art form is accessible to everyone.

Children under the age of 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult. However, as part of the initiative, adults who pay full price for a balcony ticket can bring up to four children under 16 free of charge. Teachers bringing school groups can accompany up to 10 children under 16 and free of charge. Children aged 16 and 17 can be unaccompanied, and can book one ticket to each performance free of charge.

The applicable performances are: Akhnaten (23 Feb, 2 Mar); La Bohème (2, 9 & 16 Feb); The Merry Widow (9 Mar, 13 Apr); The Magic Flute (16 & 23 Mar, 6 Apr) and Jack the Ripper: The Women of Whitechapel (30 Mar).

Bookings for free tickets can be made via the ENO Box Office phone line 020 7845 9218.

PTA News

Our comedy night is fast approaching, so be sure to purchase your tickets now! We will be running a cash bar but you are welcome to bring nibbles or a take away (no nuts please).

If you have already bought tickets and would like to reserve a table with friends please

email:woodlandscomedyntight@gmail.com

1ST FEBRUARY 2019, Doors 7pm, Comedy starts 8pm.

Tickets are £12.50 each and available on ParentMail or via the booking form.

ONLINE FUNDRAISING

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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

Y6 LEAVERS BBQ - 18TH JULY 2019

FIREWORKS NIGHT - SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2

Community News

FAB – Hi everyone! Just a reminder that FAB starts back this Friday 11th January for children in school years 3-6 (aged 7-11), from Tonbridge Methodist Church.

Tonbridge Parent Support Group - Nutritionist Hannah Carr will be joining TPSG on Wednesday 30th January to talk about healthy diets and children. Please book a seat via <http://tpsg.eventbrite.co.uk>

Kent Baby Matters Breastfeeding and Sling Group meet on Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30am at Tonbridge Baptist Church. For more information call 03003020223 or www.kentbabymatters.org.

Letters Home

Yrs 3 & 4 Cricket Coaching

Diary Dates

2019

31st Jan Senior Choir at Young Voices, O2
1st Feb CDC Parent Taster Event 2.45-3.45pm
1st Feb PTA Comedy Night (tickets on PMail)
8th Feb YR trip to The Chatham Historic Dockyard
7th Mar World Book Day
7th Mar Annual 'Read In' 6-7pm
12th Mar Y6 SATS Information Evening and Isle of Wight Meeting 6.30pm in Acorn Hall
26th April KS1 Disco
17th May Clothing Collection
7th June KS2 Disco
22nd June Summer Fair
27th June Music Evening
9th 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

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)