

Woodlands Weekly



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This week marked the beginning of what in China, you'll hear being called *chunjie* (春节) or the Spring Festival and in this country, what we would commonly refer to as the Chinese New Year. The children learnt in assembly this week that it is the year of the pig. So...

Happy New Year (in Mandarin)

新年快乐 (Xīnnián kuàilè)

Say: sshin-nyen kwhy-ler

On Tuesday, it was Safer Internet Day and our Digital Ambassadors (a group of KS2 children that have received specialist training in how to stay safe online) delivered fantastic e-safety assemblies in KS1 and KS2 spreading important messages to the children. The children shared the 5 golden rules for staying safe and posed questions for their peers to answer. They have lots of e-safety ideas that they would like implemented within school in the future so watch this space...

Attendance News

Year Group	% Attendance
R	98.6
1	97.2
2	93.9
3	97.3
4	94.4
5	91.9
6	96.8



Listen to the moon by Michael Morpurgo

It's 1915 and whilst out fishing, Alfie and his father Jim find a sickly girl who can't talk on the spooky uninhabited island of St Helens. Rumours fly around a small fishing village of the coast of England that she is a mermaid, or even a German spy. 'Lucy lost' must find a way to remember her past story and piece together how she came to be there in the first place. An unforgettable wartime story that will leave you in tears.

By Sophie in 6 Peach

Poetry

During Guided Reading, 3 Fir read *The Moon* by Robert Louis Stevenson. They then wrote their own lines and put them into a class poem about the sun. The children wanted to publish the poem so they thought they would try the school newsletter before a publishing house! Here is 3 Fir's version:

The Sun

As a moving ball of gas, she rolls out of the horizon at dawn,
It is like a huge grapefruit lighting up the blue sky,
It is a gold coin piercing through the white fluffy clouds of summer,
And glows like a hot, endless floating ball.
The sun is energising.

But it burns boldly like a screaming firework that has shot up to the sky,
Red like Voldemort's eyes,
Its beam is a hot drop of sauce,
Scolding and frazzling your fragile skin.
The sun is fierce.

Y3/4 Sports Hall Athletics

Well done to those children who represented Woodlands at the indoor athletics event on Wednesday. They took part in a variety of track and field events, ranging from relay races to vertical jumping. The children showed great team spirit, supporting and cheering on their friends as well as other schools. We were incredibly proud, with the children finishing 5th overall!

Year 1 Victorian Day in school

Please note a change of date for our Victorian Day from Friday 22nd March to Monday 4th March. We apologise for the short notice. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Parking

This week we have had a complaint from one of our families in Higham Lane regarding access to their property and so would once again ask you not to park across the

driveways of local residents when dropping off and picking up your children.



Music News

Our next music assembly will be on Wednesday 3rd April at 2.30pm and our music clubs and some of our instrumental players will be performing. The senior choir are now working towards the choir competition run by the Tonbridge Lions on 28th March at Tonbridge Baptist Church. Kent Music have released details of their summer music courses. Check out for example the Music Explorers Course, Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th July at Benenden School for children aged 8 - 11, all instruments welcome, with instrumental sessions, singing, team games and fun exercises. Full details of all courses are available at www.kent-music.com/summer-school and financial assistance is available.



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Darcy in 6 Lime who recently passed her clarinet Grade 1 exam with merit. She also performed ballet, tap and modern jazz in a dance show at The Angel Centre last Sunday.

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who joined us last Friday for the comedy night! A great evening was had by all, and despite a last minute change in the lineup due to snow, we were entertained by some fantastic comedians.

We raised £520.00 that goes directly to the PTA, so thank you for your ongoing support.

We have a lull in events now until after the Easter holidays. But don't worry the committee will be busy gearing up for the array of events that we have coming up in the summer term :)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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

FamilyLine is a new service provided by Family Action to support parents and carers through telephone calls, email and text messages. They can provide a listening ear, answer those particular parenting questions or help with guidance around more complex issues. They can also provide longer term support through regular sessions with befrienders and counsellors. All via telephone, text message or email for free. They are currently open during the evening and at weekends. See www.family-action.org.uk for more details.

Model Railway Exhibition on Saturday 16th February 2019 at The Angel Centre, Tonbridge from 10am – 5pm. Adults £6, Children 10-16 £1 and under 10s free. For further information contact Roy Prentice on 01892 527199, email tonbridgemrc@yahoo.co.uk or website www.tonbridgemrc.com.

ISE (International Student Experiences) – Discover the hidden fortunes of being a host family. Make use of your spare room and welcome the additional financial reward. Meet new people, make new friends and practice your language skills. If you/grandparents and or teachers are interested in finding out more, please contact ISE on info@isegb.co.uk or telephone 07555548470/01892 514504 or www.isegb.co.uk.

Showtime Performing Arts for children and teenagers. Book your free class now! Saturdays at Tonbridge Grammar School, from 10am – 1pm, register on-line and claim a free trial at showtime.london/Tonbridge.

Barracudas Activity Day Camps School holiday activity day camps on your doorstep. Flexible hours, book now by visiting barracudas.co.uk or call 01480 467567.

Letters Home

All	Feast poster
Y6	Online Behaviour letter
Senior Choir	Choir Competition
School Band	Letter from Mrs Jones

Diary Dates

2019

4 th Mar	Y1 Victorian School Day
7 th Mar	World Book Day
7 th Mar	Annual 'Read In' 6-7pm
12 th Mar	Y6 SATS Information Evening and Isle of Wight Meeting 6.30pm in Acorn Hall
25 th Mar	Mothers' Day Cream Tea 3.15pm
26 th Mar	KS1 SATs Information Evening 6.30pm in Acorn Hall
28 th Mar	Mothers' Day Cream Tea 3.15pm
28 th Mar	Music Competition at TBC 6.30pm
3 rd April	KS2 Music Assembly 2.30pm
26 th April	KS1 Disco
17 th May	Clothing Collection
20 th -24 th May	Y6 Isle of Wight trip
7 th June	KS2 Disco
22 nd June	Summer Fair
27 th June	Music Evening 7pm
1 st July	Y1 trip to Hever Castle
12 th July	Y5 Hugh Christie Taster Day 2pm-5pm
9 th Nov	Fireworks Night

Dates/times which have been changed or added

Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

11 Mar	1 Hazel
20 Mar	1 Juniper
27 Mar	1 Willow
3 Apr	R Magnolia
9 May	5 Damson
22 May	R Cherry
19 Jun	R Tulip
26 Jun	2 Palm
3 Jul	2 Cedar
10 Jul	2 Elm

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	Inset Day
3 rd Sept	Inset Day
4 th Sept	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 the remaining Inset Days for the academic year Sept 2019 to July 2020 have yet to be confirmed)