

Woodlands Weekly



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.....the school was filled with Alices, Demon Dentists, White Rabbits, Mad Hatters and other incredible costumes to celebrate World Book Day. Thank you for making sure that your child's character was from a book (!) and that they had the book with them! We can always lend books to you if you can't find the one you need. Throughout the day, Varjac Paw (aka as Mrs Rees-Porter) prowled the school setting off a hooter which made the children drop, sit and read. What a fantastic sight - particularly at lunchtime – hundreds of children quietly reading. Hopefully you have seen the tweets of their costumes – SF Said (Varjak Paw author) has tweeted us and a retweet of our Gangsta Grannies has been liked by David Walliams! The teachers also swapped classes to read classes their favourite stories - and a huge variety of bookish activities were on display around the school. Y5 wrote a back-to-front fairy tale using 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as inspiration, replacing beanstalks with sunflowers and replacing goodies for baddies. They also renamed some favourite stories:

Beauty and the Feast
Handle and Petal
Three Billy Goats Puff
Snow Right
Goldilocks and the Three Pears
The Three Little Wigs
Alice in Thunderland
Snow Bite
Goldilocks and the Three Ears
Tom Numb.

Which one would you like to read? I rather fancy Goldilocks and the Three Ears!

The annual 'Read-in' was a great success and Oak building was filled with pyjama-clad children, hot chocolate and wonderful stories – thank you for coming. I know the children had a fantastic evening – and many didn't want to go home!

Thank you to Mrs Howe, Mrs Rees-Porter and the rest of the English team for organising such a memorable event.



Author visit and book-signing next Monday 11th

March

Next Monday 11th March, the best-selling non-fiction storyteller and author Christopher Lloyd is visiting our school to give his highly amusing, informative and interactive talks on *The Story of Science and Engineering* to all children in Years 1 to 6.

After school, Christopher will be in Oak hall to sell, sign and personally dedicate books. You will be able to purchase copies of the What on Earth Timeline Wallbooks on a variety of subjects at the reduced price of £10 (usually £12.99) as well as copies of Christopher's latest title, *Absolutely Everything!*, also for just £10 (usually £16.99). Sticker books for £5 will also be available to buy. Christopher can accept either cash or card payments.

Our Fabulous, Famous Guitar Teacher!

Tom Williams, our amazing guitar teacher, has just released his new single, 'It's Dark Now'. A few of his pupils helped to make the most amazing music video in the school hall on a Saturday morning in mid-February. Here is the link to the You Tube Video – please do like and share:

<http://youtu.be/iPN3b5z-tGQ>

As Tom himself says, it's 3 1/2 minutes of joy and happiness, what could possibly be better than that?



Parking Tickets

Is your child a budding artist? Do you feel strongly about the parking problems around the school? We are asking children to design a parking ticket which we will use to put under the windscreen wipers of cars which are parked illegally or dangerously. I have already received some brilliant entries – please could you send in any more by Monday?



Mr Gum

Mr Gum is a really funny book that I enjoyed reading and I would rate it 4 out of 5 stars. My favourite part of the book was where Mr Gum goes to the butchers and buys some rotten beef which he wants to use to try and kill the lovely dog that he hates. In the book, Mr Gum meets a kind young boy in a sweet shop who wants Mr Gum to be good again. Another funny part is when we find out that Mr Gum hates the smell and taste of delicious sweets while everyone else loves them.

Emma – 5Nutmeg



Please note that ECO Club and Running for Fun on Tuesday 19th March will not take place due to Parent Consultations: Junior Choir, Dance with Miss Gould and Y5/Y6 Boy's Football will all take place as normal.

Girls Football Club will start again next Monday, 4th March and (**apart from 11th March when there will be no club**) continue until the end of this term (4).



Year Group	% Attendance
R	98.2
1	97.2
2	97.7
3	98.3
4	97.4
5	99.9
6	97.2

Gold Stars all round this week!

Y5 Parent Meeting – Secondary School Application

We will be holding our first information evening regarding secondary school admission on **Thursday 14th March** at **6.30pm in Acorn Hall**. Although this information will be repeated in the September Y6 Parent Information Meeting, it is important for you to attend this if you are interested in entering your child for the Kent Test. This is the test which enables access to a grammar school in Year 7.

On-Line Safety

As always we would urge you to be mindful of what your child is able to access on-line. It is important that parents are well-informed. For example:

Do you know what your child is accessing on their laptop, tablet or phone?

Are they playing games designed for older children? Are you aware of who your child is talking to through these games?

Have you activated parental controls for your child's devices? Do you rely solely on these to keep your child safe on-line?

Do you talk to your child carefully about online safety?

If you are unsure about the answers to these questions, please read our online safety section of the school website where there are links to the most helpful websites to support you with keeping your child safe – or talk to Mrs Tarrant-Blick (rtarrant-blick@woodlands.kent.sch.uk) for friendly advice!



Comic Relief 2019 – Friday 15th March

A message from Sophie, Alice, Emilia, Joshua, Dexter and Tattv in Y6:

This year we are raising money for Comic Relief. You can wear snazzy socks or tights, a red nose, or snazzy hair for a small donation to the charity. There will also be a charity stall at lunchtime in the Oak playground and one after school in Acorn playground. Other than the socks, tights and hair, please wear school uniform. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

Our Parent Consultation evenings are taking place on **Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March** for all year groups between 3.30 and 6.30pm. **We aim to see all parents** – they are a vital part of our partnership with you and enable your child's progress to be discussed and celebrated and future plans to be agreed.

We are using the ParentMail booking system enabling you to view available appointments yourself and book the one that is most convenient for you.

Children in KS2 who take Maths with Mrs Littlejohn will get feedback on their Maths progress within the main consultation. If, however, you would like to see her separately, please email direct to arrange a convenient time: alittlejohn@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

You will not be able to book appointments with our Inclusion Manager, Mrs Tarrant Blick by using the online system. If you wish her to join your consultation, please let your child's class teacher know.

Parent Questionnaire 2019

Our annual Parent Questionnaire will be available to complete at consultation evenings and there will be boxes in both the entrance to Acorn Building and Oak Building to post them in. The questionnaire helps the governors to build on our successes and plan for the future – please do try to complete one. Please ensure that all completed questionnaires are handed in by **Friday 29th March**.

Y2 and Y6 Information Evenings

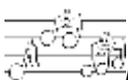
The Y6 team are running an information evening about the Y6 trip to the Isle of Wight - and also including information about the end of year SATs - on **Tuesday 12th March 2019**.

The Y2 team are running an information evening about the Y2 SATs on **Tuesday 26th March**. These are very informative evenings and it would be fantastic if all parents could attend from these year groups.



Miss Gould's Dance Club

On Tuesday, we had a professional dancer come to Miss Gould's Dance Club to run a Little Mix Workshop where we learnt a professional dance that was performed on a real cruise ship in America! We learnt a new type of dance called Street. This was a change as we could express ourselves in a different way. We all enjoyed it because it was cool and very fun. Even Miss Gould joined in! We used up lots of energy and are excited to carry on with the choreography. Dance Club would like to say a big thank you to Lauren Brindley for running the workshop for us. From Amelie and Pamela, 5 Damson



Music News

Senior Choir - we urgently need permission slips back for the choir competition on 28th March. Please let Mrs Jones know if your child can attend.

All the music clubs have resumed this week and are working hard towards our music assembly **on 3rd April at 2.30pm**. Do come along and support them! If your child would like to play a solo please let Mrs Jones know.

Save the Date: The Junior Choir will be visiting the Methodist Church on **Thursday 11th July at 2pm**.

Book Fairs

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fairs alongside Parent Consultations with books for sale on Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March between 3.30 and 6.30pm. Please note that the sales will take place in Acorn Hall. The more books we sell, the more free books we can choose for school! **Cheques should be made payable to Scholastic Book Fairs Ltd and not Woodlands Primary School as stated on the leaflet.**



Superstar Corner



Great British Spring Clean Well done to Amy in 2 Palm and her Mum, Raquel, who are devoted litter pickers – a subject after my own heart. Recently they were awarded a 'Love Where You Live: Environmental Champions' Award and were presented with their prize by the Mayor.

PTA News

The quiz night tickets are now live on Parent Mail so start getting your teams together and order the early bird tickets!

The Artisan Restaurant in West Kent College are kindly hosting a quiz night for us on Thursday 2nd May. The quiz night will be held in the restaurant of the college building, with a hot buffet included in your ticket price. Drinks will be available to purchase from the restaurant.

Please book your tickets via ParentMail or through the office with the booking form. Early bird tickets are £16 if

purchased before 22nd March or £18 afterwards. Teams of up to 8 people are welcome.

To register your team or any enquires please email: woodlandsquiznight@gmail.com.

We always welcome new members to the committee, our next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm in the staff room. We will be beginning to plan the summer term events. Please email: woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com for more information, or any suggestions you'd like us to consider.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

KS1 DISCO - FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2019

QUIZ NIGHT AT WEST KENT – THURSDAY 2ND MAY

CLOTHING COLLECTION - FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2019

KS2 DISCO - FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2019

SUMMER FAIR - SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2019

Y6 LEAVERS BBQ – THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2019

FIREWORKS NIGHT - SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2019

Community News

Join Premier this Easter Holiday. Multi-Sport, Musical Theatre & Football themed holiday camps running at a venue near you! New for 2019 - The Premier Discount Club Join Premier's brand new discount club to receive exclusive discounts and offers that are not available anywhere else! Simply text CLUBPREM KENT to 60777 and you'll receive an instant 50% discount for Easter Camps! Find your nearest camp at www.premier-education.com

Recre8 The new Summer 2019 Recre8 brochures have been received from Tonbridge School and are available from the carousel in the school entrance hall.

Tonbridge Parent Support Group – Forthcoming Events

13th March, Parenting – How to use consequences effectively

27th March, Words that work: How to increase co-operation, focus and motivation.

The events are held at Tonbridge Methodist Church. We are a friendly informal group of parents, anyone and everyone is welcome to come along for a chat and a cuppa. You are welcome to bring your children.

The **Tonbridge Music Club** is holding a family concert for children aged 7-13 with the Maxwell String Quartet on Saturday 16th March 1500-1600 at the Tonbridge Parish Church. Under 25s go **free** and under 16s must be accompanied by a paying adult. Please see the attached flyers for further details.

Tonbridge Scout and Guide Band - whether you can already play an instrument or you are a musical novice, on Saturday 23rd March the 17th Tonbridge Scout and Guide band are offering free musical taster/lessons to everyone as part of Music For All's UK Wide Learn to Play Day. The event is being held at Lamberts Yard, High Street, Tonbridge TN9 1ER between 10am and 3pm. You can just turn up on the day, but to secure a specific slot get in touch by emailing sarah@17th.org.uk

Diary Dates

2019

12th Mar

Y6 SATS Information Evening and Isle of Wight Meeting 6.30pm in Acorn Hall

14 th Mar	Y5 Parent Meeting – Secondary School 2020 (Acorn Hall)
19 th Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30pm-6.30pm
19 th Mar	Book Fair 3.30pm-6.30pm
21 st Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30pm-6.30pm
21 st Mar	Book Fair 3.30pm-6.30pm
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
2 nd April	Year 4 Sheherazade Performance 1.45pm
2 nd April	Year 4 Sheherazade Performance 7pm
3 rd April	KS2 Music Assembly 2.30pm
26 th April	KS1 Disco
2 nd May	Quiz Night at West Kent
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
11 th July	Junior Choir to the Methodist Church 2pm
12 th July	Y5 Hugh Christie Taster Day 2pm-5pm
18 th July	Y6 Leavers BBQ
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

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)