

Woodlands Weekly



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I am sure that you have all heard that the Governing Body has appointed a new Headteacher, Mrs Lonie, who will be starting in September. More details are on the letter sent home, via ParentMail at lunchtime today. I will, of course, ensure that we have a smooth transition and we all look forward to spending some time with her before then.



Year Group	% Attendance
R	95.5
1	99.0
2	95.2
3	97.1
4	97.5
5	99.1
6	98.5

Wow! What an excellent week's attendance. Particular congratulations to Years one and five this week.



2019

Some of you will remember when we were lucky enough to be visited by the National Deaf Children's Society Roadshow Bus in January. We would like to bring to your attention that next week is Deaf Awareness Week, which aims to promote the positive aspects of deafness, promote social inclusion and raise awareness of the huge range of local organisations that support deaf people and their family and friends.

If you've never communicated with a deaf child before you may feel nervous about how to do it. Don't worry – it's not as hard as you think! It's important to understand that every deaf child is different – with [different levels of deafness](#), [hearing aids](#) or [implants](#), [technology](#) and [communication preferences](#) but the tips below are useful for communicating with all deaf children.

*Find out how they communicate
Get their attention
Face them when you're talking
Speak clearly and naturally
Use visual cues, where possible
Make it clear what the topic of conversation is
Stand with your face to the light
Speak one at a time
Reduce background noise
Never give up or say "I'll tell you later"*

Please take a look at the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.



Football News

On Wednesday 1st May seven girls travelled to Hayesbrook School to take part in a Football Tournament.

We played 4 matches - drew 3 and lost 1. Overall we came joint 3rd out of 5 teams in our group.

It was really exciting and fun – we had a great time!



Music News

Music clubs are running again and we are working towards performances so regular attendance is important. If your child is unable to attend Senior or Junior Choir or band, please can you let us know as there have been several absences so far this term with no message received. A phone call to the office is the best way to send a message on the day itself. Lunchtime clubs also need to be remembered so please remind your child to bring in his or her instrument and come along!

Year 4 are looking forward to their trip to the Kidenza classical music concert at Tonbridge Baptist Church on Friday 10th May. They will be following a book published especially for Kidenza and all the classes have been introduced to this book in their music lessons. If you would like information about this lovely book please go to the author's website: <http://www.annbryant.co.uk/peter-and-the-timber-wolf> to learn about the concerts and, if you wish, to purchase your own copy.

PTA News

Last night we had a fabulous Quiz Night hosted by the Artisan Restaurant at West Kent College. Well done to the winning team 'The Blessed Cheesemakers' who are this year's quiz champions! A big thank you to Amy Reeves for organising the evening with the college - a fantastic £400 was raised for the PTA.

The carrier bags for Bags2Schools are currently lost in transit... but they are doing their best to get them to us, and we will send them out as soon as they arrive in school. In the meantime just use any bin bags for your donations - the heavier the better! You will be able to bring them into school w/c 13th May with drop off locations on Thursday and Friday morning.

After our message asking for financial help with our new sports kits, we have been given some very generous donations from a couple of companies, including Gaza Timber who will be sponsoring the t-shirts for the school sports teams. A big thank you - the teams are going to look very professional.

There is still opportunity to sponsor the netball team for anyone interested. Please contact: woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com for further information.

BAGS2SCHOOLS - FRIDAY 17TH MAY

If you are starting to clear out the winter clothes after the arrival of warmer weather - remember to save any unwanted clothes in bin bags ready for our clothing collection on the morning of 17th May.

COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY 14TH MAY

We always welcome new members to the committee, our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th May 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:

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

F2 Academy 'Summer Stars' Sessions Yrs R & 1 (Tuesdays) - All Sessions Free! Our respected F2 Academy provides football and futsal coaching for young players with a real path of progression for talented players. We will be providing a block of completely free sessions for children in Reception & Yr 1 to introduce them to the game and our fantastic learning methods. Fun and improvement guaranteed!

FA 'Wildcats' Girls-only Sessions Yrs 1-6 (Tuesdays) - First Session Free! We have once again been selected by the FA to run the Tunbridge Wells 'Wildcats' centre for girls aged 5-11 years. The sessions will introduce and develop football/sport skills through fun, imaginative games and activities that will hopefully get girls to try football and love it! The weekly 'Wildcats' sessions will be £3 each after a free first session and are suitable for all ability levels. Both sessions will take place at the Skinner's School Fields, Chestnut Avenue, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0BU on Tuesdays

from 5-6pm starting on Tuesday 7 May. Parents can email us at info@firstclassfootball.com for full details and to book on.

SATURDAY 4 MAY 2019, 10 AM – 12 NOON – TONBRIDGE

METHODIST CHURCH – HIGHAM LANE

Yard Sale, plants, toys and children's books, jigsaws, books, CDs, cakes and coffee, gifts, fudge, raffle, barbecue in aid of our Uganda Projects. We shall be pleased to see you, do bring any bric-a-brac, household items, CDs, toys or children's books in good condition you no longer need.

17th Tonbridge Grylls Cubs who meet Monday evenings at The Methodist Church have spaces. Girls and boys aged 8-10 are welcome. Contact Richardlovelock@ymail.com for details.

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley - at Tonbridge Castle on Sunday 4th August at 7.30pm. Adult £15, child (under 16) £10, Family Ticket (2A =2C) £40 from Illyria.co.uk.

The Tempest by William Shakespeare - at Tonbridge Castle on Tuesday 27th August at 7.30pm. Adult £15, child (under 16) £10, Family Ticket (2A =2C) £40 from Illyria.co.uk.

Penshurst Run or Dye - Sunday 30th June 2019, 5k, 3.5k and 1k mini runner dash. £5 off using code ROD2019. For more information go to www.runordye.co.uk.

Letters Home

Reception NHS Community Health letter (paper) on Tuesday 7th May
All Poster re Communicating with Deaf Children

Diary Dates

2019

17 th May	Clothing Collection
20 th -24 th May	Y6 Isle of Wight trip
7 th June	KS2 Disco
20 th June	Sports Day
22 nd June	Summer Fair
27 th June	Sports Day (Reserve)
27 th June	Music Evening 7pm
1 st July	Y1 trip to Hever Castle
4 th July	Transition afternoon for all year groups
11 th July	Junior Choir to the Methodist Church 2pm
11 th July	6-8pm Open Evening
12 th July	Y5 Hugh Christie Taster Day 2pm-5pm
16 th July	Y6 Production (afternoon and evening performance - times tbc)
18 th July	4pm Y6 Leavers' BBQ
9 th Nov	Fireworks Night

Dates/times which have been changed or added

Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

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

C6 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)