

Woodlands Weekly



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Welcome to start of Term 6 – how fast this year is passing and what changes we can see in your children from September. I was looking at the writing of some children in YR this morning – they had written the most amazing letters to the three bears apologising for eating their porridge and breaking their chairs! Another class was measuring how far their aeroplanes flew in the hall – and what great confidence in counting they were all showing. Well done YR.

This week saw two year groups on trips:

As Sophie and Harvey's report below demonstrates, Y5 pupils were thrilled by their trip to the science park at Herstmonceux. Their teachers were so pleased with their engagement and response to all the activities:

Year 5's trip to Herstmonceux was filled with fun facts and scientific sensations! Some events included water circuits, large telescopes, interesting infrared cameras and all sorts of scientific experiments. We learnt how there are thousands of other colours that are included in the rainbow which the eyes of a human can't see. Also, we got the chance to be levitated in a chair using the force of a vacuum. By Sophie and Harvey (5 Ebony).

On Tuesday, our Year 6 children travelled to the Maidstone Barracks to learn about Safety in Action. The purpose of the trip was to teach the children what to do in emergency situations and learn about the dangers of crossing roads, railway tracks, tides and currents, electricity and fires. They learnt what to do if they dropped their phone on train tracks, how and when to perform CPR, what to do in a fire and when to test their fire alarms, they were reminded about how to stay safe online and their digital footprints. It was an eye-opening and memorable experience for the children; they were so engaged and made us really proud.

When you see the Year 6 children, ask them for some top tips on how to stay safe in those various situations- they will really enjoy sharing their knowledge.

Message from School Trends

'Need school uniform and wanting delivery to school? The Delivery to School option will be switched off on Monday 24th June 2019 for the Summer Break. Should you miss the deadline you will still be able to order for delivery to a home address. Please allow up to 21 days for delivery over the busy summer months...'



National Book Tokens competition to win £5000

Here at Woodlands we love reading - please help us to win £5000 of Book Tokens. There is a competition being run by National Book Tokens to win £5000 of book tokens. The school with the most nominations will win. Please help us by nominating Woodlands Primary School, Tonbridge at <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Could you ask friends and neighbours to nominate us too?
The closing date is 31st July 2019. Thank you.



Year Group	% Attendance
R	93.7
1	93.7
2	98.1
3	96.8
4	94.3
5	98.2
6	92.6

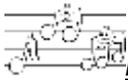
A little bit varied this week – but a huge well done to Y2 and Y5. Remember that every day in school counts!

New Parents Open Morning YR Sept 2020

If you have a child due to start school next September, or you know anybody who does, please note that we are holding two Open Mornings when parents/carers can come and look around the school and ask any questions they may have. These will take place on Tuesday 12th and Tuesday 19th November at 9.30am. Please book a space on your preferred date by contacting our school office.

Lost glasses

Please keep a look out for a pair of missing children's glasses, the frames are black on the outside and bright green on the inside. If found please hand them in to the school office in Acorn building.



Music News

Our annual music evening is next Thursday 13th June at 7pm in Oak Hall. All music clubs at KS2, both choirs, ukulele and recorder clubs and school band are performing along with several instrumental soloists and Tom Williams with his Year 5/6 guitar pupils. This is always an enjoyable evening when we celebrate the achievements of all our children involved in music. Permission slips should now be in. If you have not returned the slip, more letters are coming home today with the children. Please return the slip or email Mrs Jones at mjones@woodlands.kent.sch.uk to say if your child can take part. All the children should wear school uniform and be in their places by 6.45 at the latest. Instrumental players should arrive from 6.15pm and Tom Williams will be there from 6pm to prepare all the guitar pupils. Instrumental players who would like to run through their pieces should bring their instrument and music into school on Thursday and let Mrs Jones know.

Singing at the Summer Fair: it would be lovely to have some singing at the Fair on June 22nd at 12.30 and a ParentMail will be sent out shortly. The Junior Choir will be singing at the Methodist Church on 11th July at 2pm, save the date! Would your child like to learn a musical instrument? Our team of peripatetic music teachers are looking for new pupils to start in September. Please contact Mrs Jones if you have any enquiries or email the teachers:

Dale Frost (Drumming):

<https://www.tonbridgedrumstudio.com/>

Tom Williams (Guitar): tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com

Mrs Trigg (Clarinet/Saxophone): sarah@thetriggs.com

Mrs Butler, Mrs Jones (Piano/violin): www.kent-music.com

We are currently looking for a new flute teacher to be in place by September and would really like some more flute beginners! Thank you for your support for music in the school.

After School Cheerleading Club

Please note that there was an error in the note sent home regarding the start date for the After School Cheerleading Club – it should have read 7th June and NOT 7th July.



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Frankie in 4 Chestnut who recently climbed Mount Snowdon in 6.5hrs, apparently he smiled all the way and down!

Well done to Imogen in 4 Chestnut who achieved her 400 metres swimming badge on Sunday, (16 lengths), which she swam in 11 mins.

PTA News

KS2 are busy getting their glad rags on for the discos tonight - thank you for attending and we hope you all have fun! As the children have the opportunity to purchase and consume sweets at the disco, we have made the decision not to increase the sugar rush (!) by handing out Haribos when leaving. We hope this doesn't cause too much disappointment with the children.

VOLUNTEERS

We love hosting the events for the school and hope you all enjoy attending them whilst at the same time fundraising for the school. But unfortunately the committee is only so big and, as much as they try, can't be in 2 places at once. This is where part time volunteers are crucial. From manning a stall at the fairs for an hour to making popcorn for the discos or helping the children pick their secret Christmas presents - it's all vital work and the more people we have the less work there is for everyone... well that's the theory!

If you can ever offer some time to help out at any of our events, please do let us know.

2ND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

You may have seen from the message earlier in the week that we are opening a second hand uniform shop. If you have any items of school uniform that still in good condition and you are happy to donate, please drop them into the Acorn office. All items should be washed with name labels taken out (but leave the size label on the item) and no old logo items please.

SUMMER FAIR

Thank you to those who have already signed up for shifts on stalls. Are you a whizz on the barbecue? Could you man the Little Tykes ride on track for our younger visitors (we'll provide the ride-ons!)? Would you and your footie-mad Year 5 or 6 child love a turn in goal on Beat the Goalie? If you're coming to the Fair and could spare an hour (or more) to help please volunteer here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/P7P8B>

Donations

Our first donation day is on Friday 14th June (next week) and then Friday 21st June. Please see the attached list for year group details. Remember there's a prize for the class bringing in the most jam jars! (Please note they cannot contain any products with nuts in or be in a jar previously containing nut products, including Nutella).

Raffle

If anyone with a connection to a local business is able to donate a raffle prize please contact summerfair19@gmail.com. Thank you.

FIRST AID

For our big events (the fairs and fireworks) it is important that we run them responsibly. With this in mind, we want to be able to provide First Aid. We would like to have a bank of first aiders that we could call upon to volunteer their help at these events. If we have enough people on the list it would mean this role could be shared across the events.

If you are First Aid trained, a nurse or a doctor and would be happy to volunteer your services, please could you email: woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com

COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY 18TH JUNE

We always welcome new members to the committee, our next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th June at 7pm in the staff room. We will be completing tasks in preparation for the summer fair, such as folding raffle tickets and wrapping hampers. Please email: woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com for more information, or any suggestions you'd like us to consider.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

SUMMER FAIR - SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2019

Y6 LEAVERS BBQ - THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2019
 FIREWORKS NIGHT - SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2019
 BAGS2SCHOOL - FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2020

Community News

God's Zoo Holiday Club 2019. A holiday club for children in Primary school and Pre-primary. 24th – 26th July at St Peter & St Paul and St Saviour, Tonbridge. £15 per child (max £25 per family). Booking forms available in our churches or at www.tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk.

Sevenoaks SUNS Basketball. Newly opened sessions at Hayesbrook School on Mondays 6.15-7.15pm for children in years 4, 5 & 6. For information contact Dimitris Korentzelos at development@sevenoakssuns.com. Leaflets are available in the Acorn building entrance hall.

Tonbridge Parent Support Group. School Transition Talk 12th June 9.30am Tonbridge Methodist Church. Guest speakers from Headstart Kent, Rita Tarrant-Blick (Woodlands Primary School) and Paul Bargery (Hugh Christie), will explain ways you can help your child who is moving up to Primary or Secondary School. Free tickets and more information:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/school-transition-talk-helping-your-child-with-moving-up-to-primary-or-secondary-school-tickets-61028414631>

Discounted summer football course with Premier Football School. Premier Football School are once again running a football course at the Weald of Kent Grammar School, Tonbridge, this summer from Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th August for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 of all abilities, from 10.00am - 3.30pm. During the course we run a kids World Cup tournament with trophies for every child to take home. We also offer lots fun competitions, such as run penalty shoot-outs with prizes. PFS are offering parents/carers the opportunity to pay just £39 for this four-day course by entering discount code PFS4DAYSUMMER when booking on our website. To book, please visit www.premierfootballschoo.co.uk

The Hayesbrook School 2020 Admissions. Come to one of our open events: Year 5 Taster Days – June/July 2019 and Open Evening and Mornings – October 2019. To book a place go to www.hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk/openevents.

Premier Sport Extra-curricular courses Woodlands Primary School. The Club running at our school:
 Gymnastics Club – Thursday – 8:00–8:45 – Years 1-6 - Only £28 for the remaining sessions. (7 sessions – 6th Jun – 18th Jul 2019). *Only 5 places left!* To book, please visit www.premier-education.com/schools/extra-curricula.r

Kent College Fearless Girls for girls interested in or considering entry to Kent College in September 2020, the event is on Saturday 8th June. Please pick up a leaflet in the school entrance hall or register your interest via the school website.

TMActive Holiday clubs. For more information go to: <https://www.tmaactive.co.uk/juniors/holiday-programmes>

Letters Home

All Tonbridge Parent Support Group
 All Princess Christian's open farm flyer
 Y6 IOW CD letter
 Y6 RSE letter
 Y5 Vet experience
 Y2-Y6 Hayesbrook CFC Dev Trials

Diary Dates 2019

13th June Music Evening 7pm
 17th June Y4 trip to Leigh village
 20th June Sports Day (am)
 20th June Father's Day Tea in Oak Hall 3.15pm
 22nd June Summer Fair
 27th June Sports Day (Reserve)

1 st July	Y1 trip to Hever Castle
4 th July	Transition afternoon for all year groups
9 th July	Y4 trip to Canterbury Cathedral
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

19 Jun	R Tulip
26 Jun	2 Palm
3 Jul	2 Cedar
10 Jul	2 Elm

Term Dates

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)