

Woodlands Weekly



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Wow! What a busy week!

Y5 spent a fantastic day at Tonbridge School this week, participating in a wide range of activities (ranging from Judo to creative writing) organised by the teachers and students from the school. Our children were, as always, a credit to Woodlands - and the Tonbridge School community commented on both their manners and passion. Well done Woodlands!

It's obviously the time of year for enrichment activities – Y1 had a fabulous day at Hever Castle. The weather was perfect and the children haven't stopped talking about it since then:

Tamsin – *“My favourite part was the maze because there were lots of dead ends and it was fun!”*

Aaron – *“I liked the bit when we were drawing the castle.”*

Johannes – *“I enjoyed the bit in the big play castle because there were lots of battlements.”*

Grace-Lily – *“I liked it when we went inside the castle because there were lots of statues.”*

Y2 honed their scientific skills on Wednesday with an exciting workshop - which was not only fun but also enabled them to think hard about some really tricky scientific concepts, such as how a rocket is launched - or a ping pong ball can 'levitate' above moving air!

2 Cedar's assembly about 'The Seaside' was entertaining, thought-provoking and full of interest! The children sung beautifully, performed some fantastic poetry (without words!) and tried to trip us up with some really tricky riddles. Well-done and thank you to 2 Cedar and their teachers.



| Year Group | % Attendance |
|------------|--------------|
| R | 96.1 |
| 1 | 98.9 |
| 2 | 97.5 |
| 3 | 97.6 |
| 4 | 98.3 |
| 5 | 96.6 |
| 6 | 96.7 |

Some great attendance this week – particular super-stars this week are Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4.

Holiday Reminders

Please don't forget that if you feel that your child is independent enough to have their ears pierced (and they can remove them by themselves for PE) then the beginning of the summer holidays is a good time to organise for this to be done. We can no longer tape children's ears – and they must be removed for PE.

School uniform lists are on the school website. Please remember that the colour for all trousers, shorts and skirts is **grey** – and not black. Thank you.

Special Educational Needs Survey from KCC

As part of the wish to fully understand parent, carers and children and young people's views and concerns to ensure KCC's actions have a positive impact on the lives of children and young people with SEND and their families, they are requesting that all parents and carers of children and young people with SEND; and all children and young people with SEND have the opportunity to complete the [SEND - Your Voice online questionnaire](#). Please click on the [embedded link to complete the survey](#).

Car Idling

Please remember that it is extremely polluting to leave your car running whilst waiting for your child. Both parents and local residents have been bringing this to our attention.

Parking and Turning – Lawrence Road and Higham School Road

I am incredulous that parents continue to try to park too close to the school and drive to the end of these extremely narrow roads to turn around and also park across the pavements. It is reckless, irresponsible and extremely unsafe. Please be responsible and consider the safety of all when bringing your children to the school. It is also far more enjoyable and much healthier to park further away and walk. Thank you.



Cricket News

On Wednesday our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 cricketers travelled to Kings Hill to take part in the Tonbridge & Malling Kwik Cricket Festival. In glorious conditions and against some very strong sides, both Woodlands teams produced some excellent entertaining cricket throughout the day. Our 'senior' team eventually finished 3rd overall with the Year 3/4s (mainly competing against Year 5/6 opponents) just behind in equal 4th place, both teams qualifying to represent the district at the Kent Finals in their respective age groups.

Well done to all the players who represented the school so wonderfully and a big thank you to everyone else for their support.

Modern Foreign Languages Day

As part of their Able, Interested and Motivated programme, four children from Year 5 were invited by Kent College, Pembury to attend a MFL Cross-Curricular Day on 29th June. Children enjoyed a chemistry lesson in French, a Spanish art lesson and practised their drama skills in German. They also participated in various sports activities which allowed them to communicate with other children using their language knowledge. The whole day was a huge success and the children were a credit to our school.

Year 6 Production 16th July at 1.30pm and 7pm

Although you do not need to apply for tickets to watch the play, we have to **limit you to 2 seats per family at the evening** performance to ensure that every child can have someone watching them. As there is less demand for seats in the afternoon, there is no need to impose a seat limit

then. The back gate will be open for the afternoon performance only at 1.15pm. For safeguarding reasons, the opening time is limited so please don't arrive too early as you might have a long wait! Thank you to Mrs O'Keeffe, one of our Governors who is on gate duty!

After School Dance Showcase with Miss Gould Tuesday 16th July

A reminder that parents/carers are invited to watch the children's showcase on Tuesday 16th July at 3.15pm. Please arrive in time for a prompt start at **3.15pm**.

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.

Calling all Year 2 Recorder and Guitar club members.

We will be holding two extra sessions for these clubs in order to prepare for our performance at this year's Open Evening on Thursday 11th July. We would like the children to come to Acorn Hall on this evening at 5.55pm. Our performance will start at 6pm.

Recorder club will have a short practice on Tues 2nd and 9th July at 12.00. **Guitar club** will have a short practice on Wed 3rd and 10th July at 12.00. We would love as many children as possible to attend. Thank you. Mrs Challis and Mrs Buxton

Year 5 Secondary School Experience Friday 12th July

Please note that the Year 5 pupils will walk to Hugh Christie with Woodlands staff on Friday and parents/carers need to collect them from Hugh Christie at 5pm. Those Year 5 children not attending need to be collected from school as normal at 3.15pm.

Music News

School instruments – these should be returned to school by Friday 12th July.

Wednesday 10th July: Ukulele Club are playing their favourite songs to raise money for the Juvenile Arthritis charity, our school charity this year. Please remind the children to bring their instruments and music in on that day (there are some to borrow if they forget.) All donations will be very welcome and will encourage the children! There will be no ukulele club on 11th July but the group will play their favourites again at Open Evening.

Open Evening 11th July: thank you to all those who have returned the slip to say your child can take part in the music at open evening. If you have not yet done so, please return the slip from the ParentMail, so that we have an idea of numbers. We would love a large group of year 4s to start the evening off at 6.30! Full details are on the ParentMail.

Junior Choir will be at the Methodist Church at 2pm on 11th July to sing and all are welcome to come and support them. There will be no Junior Choir practice after school that day because of the open evening performances.

Senior Choir have their last rehearsal on Wednesday and we will provide some biscuits. All donations of these welcome!

Band and recorders meet for the last time on Thursday 11th July. Thank you for all your support.



Superstar Corner

On Sunday 30th June Chloe from Cedar class and her teammates for Tonbridge Juniors football club won the Under 8s football tournament hosted by Tunbridge Wells. Well played Chloe!

PTA News

We hope you liked having our ice pop sale last week! We made a fantastic £186, so not only do you get a refreshing treat at the end of a hot week it all helps towards our funds to benefit the children!

YR 6 LEAVERS PARTY - 18TH JULY 4-6PM

We are busy getting things organised for this year's leavers' party. Information has been sent out today for Yr6 parents. If you can get your forms back into school next week that would be great.

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you have any items of school uniform that are still in good condition and you are happy to donate, please drop them into the Acorn office. Items should be washed with name labels taken out (but keep the size label on the item!) and no old logo items please.

COMMITTEE MEETING - SEPTEMBER 2019

We look forward to welcoming any new committee members in the new school year. The date of the next meeting will be confirmed when we can arrange it with Mrs Lonie. Please email: woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com for more information, or any suggestions you'd like us to consider.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Y6 LEAVERS BBQ - THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2019

FIREWORKS NIGHT - SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2019

BAGS2SCHOOL - FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2020

Community News

Tonbridge Methodist Church. We're really excited to be able to host a Holiday Club: Seaside Spectacular of stories, games, crafts and fun at Tonbridge Methodist Church from Tuesday 13th Aug- Thursday 15th Aug, 9:45am-12:15pm We're opening the Holiday Club for children who are currently in school years R-6 (as of July 2019), the cost shall be £5 per child and maximum £10 per family.

If your child/ren would like to come along please fill out the attached booking form and return it along with your money by Friday 26th July. Forms can be returned to Victoria by hand or by posting your form to:

Victoria Lawrence, Tonbridge Methodist Church, Higham Lane, Tonbridge, Kent TN10 4JG.

Tonbridge Dog Show Do you love dogs? Think your canine is the loveliest, cutest, most beautiful or most handsome? Then why not enter Tonbridge Fun Dog Show in aid of The Bridge Trust on Sunday 28th July. It takes place at the Sportsground/Racecourse from 10am until 4pm and is being organised by Tonbridge and Malling's long-standing dog warden Lorraine Baseden. They'll be other attractions

like food and drink stalls and games on the day and there are still opportunities for businesses to sponsor one or two of the classes. Please email

tonbridge.dogwarden@wardsecurity.co (please note no UK!) for more details.

Pure Sports Coaching are back at Hadlow Primary School for their annual Water Wars summer course!!! Join them between Tues 6th - Fri 9th August for 4 days of football fun for boys and girls of all abilities. Try football challenges such as shot speed radar and represent a country and lift your own World Cup. Alternatively, test your all round sports skills with our multi-sports course from Tues 27th - 30th August. Laser Tag, Capture the Flag and Human Battleships will be among the fun. Not forgetting both courses ending with over 1000 water balloons, slip n slide mats and much more exciting water games. Book and pay for all 4 days before 1st July to receive a 20% discount.

Rainbow Summer Holiday Club at Woodlands Primary School. From 29th July - 16th August 2019, open from 7.30 am to 6.00 pm - various slots & prices available.

Please see our website for more information and booking form www.rainbowschoolclubs.com.

Letters Home

All Tonbridge Methodist Church holiday club
All TMBC Dog Show

Diary Dates

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| 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 1.30pm and 7pm |
| 18 th July | 4pm Y6 Leavers' BBQ |
| 9 th Nov | Fireworks Night |

Dates/times which have been changed or added

Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

10 Jul 2Elm

Term Dates

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| 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 | Inset Day |
| 29 th Oct | Term Starts |
| 18 th Dec | Term Ends |
| 6 th Jan 2020 | Inset Day |
| 7 th Jan | Term Starts |
| 14 th Feb | Term Ends |
| 24 th Feb | Inset Day |
| 25 th Feb | Term Starts |
| 1 st Apr | Term Ends |
| 16 th Apr | Term Starts |
| 8 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)