

# Woodlands Weekly



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And finally.....

I have spent the most fantastic twenty years at Woodlands. It has formed an enormous part of my adult life and has helped to shape my future. It truly is an inspirational school and that is because of the staff, the children, the parents and the wider community in which it sits. Thank you all for your support, wit, wisdom, challenge and laughter.

The sendoff I received, this morning, from the staff and children was perfect in every way – the thought, the care and the memories it has left me with will last another lifetime. Thank you for your gifts – I have been absolutely overwhelmed by them, but particularly by your exceptionally kind words. I will miss all of you (yes all of you!) dreadfully but I know that the school is in completely safe hands. I can't wait to hear about its future successes – of which there will undoubtedly be many.

Have a lovely summer, enjoy the sunshine (which is on its way!). *The staff team and Mrs Lonie look forward to welcoming you back on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.*

*May 6 Priestley*

## **A Message from Alison Minton – Chair of Governors**

*I am writing to inform you that after 6 years as the Chair of Governors, I will be leaving the governing body at the end of the academic year. I have greatly enjoyed my time as a governor but it is time to move on. My thanks go to the pupils, staff and governors who have supported me greatly during my time as Chair.*

*I am delighted to inform you that Graeme Reynolds, a parent Governor, will be the new Chair of Governors. I wish him, the Governing Body and the School all the best for the exciting year ahead.*

*Alison Minton  
Chair of Governors*

Alison has worked tirelessly and selflessly as Chair of Governors at Woodlands. We would all like to thank her for her commitment and support, particularly during the birth of Woodlands Primary! Thank you Alison from all of us at school.



Wow! That really was THE GREATEST SHOW! Year 6 made us unbelievably proud this week when they sang, danced, stomped and clapped their hearts out in their performances. All of their tremendous hard work and unwavering dedication to the show in every rehearsal paid off. Well done Year 6! The school will not be the same without you – but we wish you every success as you spread your wings and start the next stage of your education.

## **Dance Club Showcase**

We were lucky this week to have a performance from Miss Gould's dance club where parents and teachers came to watch their routines from this year. We were amazed by the amount they've learnt, the technique they showed us and their much improved professional performance! There were smiles, proud tears and lots of clapping from the audience. Miss Gould is extremely proud of them all. Thank you dance club.

## **From Sriha in 6 Lime**

My day being the head teacher was scary at first but when I got used to how much attention I was getting it was ok. Firstly, I began the day by helping with the assembly then headed to 'my' office for a well-needed break. Quickly, I decided that I needed some help to rule the school so I recruited some deputies from 6 Lime. It was a fair process, I asked three of my friends to take turns being deputies, which made me even more confident and put Mr Burns out of a job. Throughout the day, we had to inspect the school and it was kind of weird that we went into the boys' toilets. We gave them a really low score for how bad they smelled. I also got to go into the staff room. It was one of the funniest days of Year 6 for me and my friends. I will definitely never forget this day. I would say it was a really fun time being head teacher especially when we had hot chocolate and tea with my deputies at the end of the day. Hard life ay?

***(Note from Mrs Priestley: tea and hot chocolate are the most important part of a head teacher's day! And we need to do something about those toilets....!)***



Year Group	% Attendance
R	92.0
1	96.5
2	95.7
3	96.0
4	94.5
5	96.4
6	96.7

A huge well done to all the pupils who have managed to be in school for over 97% of the year. We are very proud of you!

#### **A Few Reminders for a smart September!**

**Uniform** – grey **not black** trousers, shorts or skirts. Plain, not patterned socks. A complete list is on the school website.

**Earrings** – now is a good time for ear piercing. Children who have them pierced have to still remove them for PE. Please ensure that children are able to do this by themselves – or do not wear them on PE days. Small, plain stud earrings only, please.

**Breaktime Snacks** (KS2) – this should be fruit or vegetables ONLY. Children will be asked to put other food away in their lunchbox until lunchtime.

**Hair Adornments** – should be discreet!



#### **The Summer Reading Challenge 2019**

Children aged 4-11 are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge in all Kent's libraries this summer. Taking part in the Challenge is simple. Children can join the Challenge at their nearest library, and it is all free.

The theme for 2019 is **Space Chase: an out of this world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.**

The Summer Reading Challenge has been shown to help encourage children to continue their reading over the summer, which is so important, and we would love to see more children taking part this year.

Children will receive their very own Space Chase mission folder to get started and they collect special stickers to add to their folder as they complete each book. They only need to read 6 library books (or more!) over the holidays to complete the whole challenge and receive their medal.

The Reading Challenge runs from 13<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> September, so children have plenty of time to complete it. Children can join in the fun online too.

For more information go to <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in>

#### **Year Group Information Meetings**

We do hope that all parents attend these meetings as they aim to give information about the year ahead. This year we are planning to hold them in a hall followed by an

opportunity for you to visit the new classroom and chat to the teacher at the end.

#### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Y1 6.15pm Acorn Hall

Y4 7.00pm Oak Hall

#### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

Y2 6.15pm Acorn Hall

Y3 7.00pm Oak Hall

#### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Y5 6.15pm Oak Hall

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September\***

Y6 6.15pm Oak Hall

\*Please note the change of date

#### **Smart Raspberry After School Cookery Club**

We are pleased to be able to offer a new and exciting club for children in Years 1-6.

Smart Raspberry promotes healthy food and helps children to develop skills, knowledge and confidence through cooking! Your child can come and learn the basic skills involved in cooking, to experiment with different ingredients and most importantly to enjoy food! We make a wide variety of savoury and sweet dishes, some of which are ready to eat and some of which simply need to be cooked or heated at home.

All ingredients, cooking equipment, use of aprons, packaging and a laminated recipe card to keep each week are included within the cost. Cooking classes will start after school on September 9th and run after school on Mondays for 12 weeks. **Places must be booked in advance via the Smart Raspberry website.**

Smart Raspberry are also running summer holiday cookery workshops in August. **To book a place at the club or for more information, please see [www.smartraspberry.com](http://www.smartraspberry.com)**

#### **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 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am. Please book a space on your preferred date by contacting our school office.



#### **Cricket News**

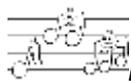
It's been a busy and exciting time on the cricket front recently....and not just for England's World Cup Winners! Last Thursday our Year 5/6 team travelled to Canterbury to take part in the Kwik Cricket County Finals. On what was a long, hot day, the team produced some great cricket, losing only narrowly to both the eventual winners and runners-up, en-route to 6<sup>th</sup> place overall. Then, in similar conditions on Tuesday, the Year 3/4 players also performed exceptionally well at their County Finals in Ashford. Tough games/defeats against the first and third place sides saw us again finish in 6<sup>th</sup> position.

Congratulations to all the players who, once again, represented the school so wonderfully (although some of the singing left a bit to be desired) and a huge thank you to Mrs Stone for driving the 'fun bus'.



F.E.A.S.T

It's not too late to book your spaces at FEAST this summer. Please feel free to book if your family are on a low income, receive free school meals or are in receipt of any type of benefits. Honestly there is no catch, and we don't ask for proof of income. More details at [www.feast.org.uk](http://www.feast.org.uk)



### **Music News**

**Instrumental lessons:** We are pleased to be welcoming a new flute and brass teacher Miss Catterwell who will be making a presentation in assembly in the first week of next term. We hope that we will soon have some new flute and brass learners!

If you have any enquiries for other instruments please contact the teachers directly:

Dale Frost

(drumming): <https://www.tonbridgedrumstudio.com>

Tom Williams (guitar): [tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com)

Mrs Trigg (clarinet/saxophone): [sarah@thetriggs.com](mailto:sarah@thetriggs.com)

Mrs Butler, Mrs Jones (piano/violin): [www.kent-music.com](http://www.kent-music.com).

Thank you for your support for music in the school.



### **Superstar Corner**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July Chloe in 2 Cedar Class took part in the Weald of Kent gymnastics club in-house competition.

She really enjoyed competing and came a wonderful 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done Chloe!

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July Saoirse in 2 Cedar Class also took part in the Weald of Kent gymnastics club in-house competition.

Her favourite part of the competition was the vault and she came a wonderful 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Well done Saoirse!

Congratulations to Grace in 5 Nutmeg Class who was recently presented with her Bronze Stage 1 Rookie Lifeguard Award. Grace shows such strength in her swimming and we are all very proud of her.

Congratulations to Evie in 5 Nutmeg Class who has taken three dance exams since Easter: ISTD Grade 3 ballet and tap and Grade 4 ballet and gained a distinction in all of them.

Congratulations also go to Grace in 6 Olive Class who recently passed her Grade 3 ISTD Ballet Exam with distinction.

### **Premier Sport Before School Gymnastics Club**

The September before school gymnastics club is online to book now. The club will run from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019 – 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 for children in Years 1-6 from 8:00- 8:45 costing £52 [more info »](#)

Book before 18th August to **SAVE 10%** with our exclusive **CLUBPREMIER** discount code. To receive this exclusive 10% discount code, all you need to do is text 'CLUBPREM P4S' to 60777 and you will instantly receive your 10% code via text, plus hear about future special offers for school clubs, holiday camps and much more!

*Working in partnership with British Gymnastics, our clubs have been designed to deliver all appropriate disciplines across the term in a fun, friendly, environment, which will*

*build up to a final performance on the last week of the course - Parents welcome!*

BAGA Core Proficiency Awards: *The majority of our clubs work through the British Gymnastics proficiency award scheme. Starting at level 8 up to level 1 and then onto the more advanced Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. The scheme assists in the progressive development of core skills such as balance, strength, flexibility and co-ordination and incorporates compulsory pulse raising activities.*

### **PTA News**

Wow, what an amazing year we've had. We are proud to report that together we have raised a fantastic **£23,491.00!**

We've enjoyed events such as:

2 fairs

1 fireworks night

1 comedy night

2 clothing collections

1 quiz night

3 Discos

1 Christmas secret presents

21 Class Christmas cards

The end of the year brings a sad farewell to a key member of our committee - Mrs Priestley - without her support these events would not be possible to run smoothly within the school, so a big thank you and good wishes for the future from all of the committee.

An additional thank you goes out to the whole committee and helpers - it's been a year of first events for some members and last events for our experienced members as their big children leave for secondary school. Please enjoy a relaxing summer and we look forward to planning more exciting events in September for the year ahead!

### **2ND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM**

If you are having a clear out over the summer and have any items of school uniform that you would like to donate, please drop them into the Acorn office in September. Items should be washed with name labels taken out (but keep the size label on the item!), 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](mailto:woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com) for more information, or any suggestions you'd like us to consider.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

**FIREWORKS NIGHT - SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2019**

**BAGS2SCHOOL - FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2020**

### **Community News**

**Lauren Brindley** (professional dancer/singer on cruise ships and main leads in pantomimes) is running some musical theatre/dance workshops in the summer holidays. Please contact [lauren\\_brindley@btinternet.com](mailto:lauren_brindley@btinternet.com) to be added to the mailing list for more information. Special offers will be available for siblings.

**Creatables** Camping Calamity. Two half day workshops in Hildenborough Village Hall on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 1pm – 4pm. To book a place call Kate on 07903592373 or email [creatablescontact@gmail.com](mailto:creatablescontact@gmail.com).

**The 13<sup>th</sup> Tonbridge Brownies** who meet on Thursday evenings from 6.15-7.30pm at the Tonbridge Methodist

Church have a space. Girls aged 7-10 are welcome. Please contact [13tonbridge@gmail.com](mailto:13tonbridge@gmail.com) for more details.

### **Letters Home**

All	Multisports
Y2	TCDC
Y1 – Y6	Smart Raspberry Cookery Club
All	Space Chase
All	First Class Football Summer

### **Diary Dates**

#### **2019**

9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y1 Year Group Info meeting in Acorn Hall 6.15pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y4 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 7pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y2 Year Group Info meeting in Acorn Hall 6.15pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y3 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 7pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y5 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 6.15pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 6.15pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fireworks Night

#### **Dates/times which have been changed or added**

#### **Class Assemblies – 2.45pm**

#### **Term Dates**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019	Inset Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Inset Day
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Term Starts
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Term Ends
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Inset Day
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Term Starts
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Term Ends
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	Inset Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Term Starts
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term Ends
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Inset Day
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term Starts
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Term Ends
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Term Starts
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Term Ends
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Term Starts
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Term Ends