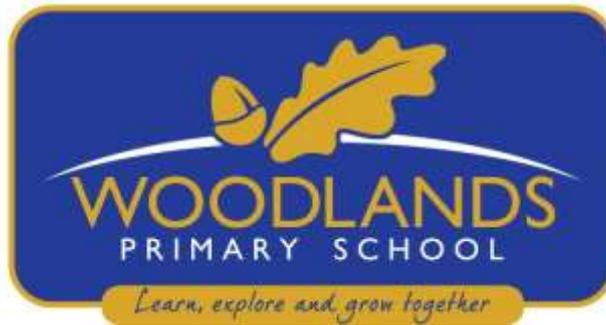


Woodlands Weekly



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Newsletter No. 1

Welcome back after what I hope was an enjoyable summer holiday. I have enjoyed meeting the pupils and parents around and about this week and started the mammoth job of learning names and who is related to who. Bear with me – it will take a while! Please continue to introduce yourselves on the playground and I hope that many of you can make the 'meet the teacher' meetings in the coming fortnight so that I can see you then, in the context of your year groups.

The children have made a great start this week. In Wednesday's assembly, we looked at the importance of perseverance and listening to feedback to be 'even better'. The warm atmosphere and friendly nature of staff, pupil and parents is already very apparent – all the more exciting for me!

I look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks and months and sharing our plans for the year ahead.

Vicki Lonie
Headteacher



Year Group	% Attendance
R	97.6
1	97.1
2	96.9
3	97.9
4	97.2
5	99.2
6	97.8

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!

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. This will also be an opportunity to meet our new headteacher, Mrs Lonie.

Monday 9th September

Y1 6.15pm Acorn Hall

Y4 7.00pm Oak Hall

Tuesday 10th September

Y2 6.15pm Acorn Hall

Y3 7.00pm Oak Hall

Wednesday 11th September

Y5 6.15pm Oak Hall

Wednesday 18th September

Y6 6.15pm Oak Hall

KS2 Fruit Snack Pots

Please remember that The Contract Dining Company are continuing to sell fruit snack pots at breaktime to children in KS2. The cost of the fruit is 50p. If your child brings a small sealed container to school they can purchase the fruit and then take it outside with them.

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 Monday September 9th and run after school on Mondays for 12 weeks. **Places must be booked in advance via the Smart Raspberry website.**

To book a place at the club or for more information, please see www.smartraspberry.com

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all those children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge, "Space Chase", organised by the KCC libraries. We are so proud of all the children who managed to complete the challenge of reading six books over the summer. They received a medal and a certificate. Well done!

If you haven't quite finished, don't worry; you have until Saturday 14th September to claim your medal, so KEEP READING!

Fizz Pop After School Club

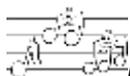
Please remember that if you have signed up your child to attend the Fizz Pop Science After School clubs, they will start on Monday 9th September (3:15-4:15).

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 on 01732 355577.

Dyslexia for Parents

Please see attached flyer regarding a training session at Nexus Foundation Special School.



Music News

Please note that music clubs run by Mrs Jones will start one week earlier than other clubs, on 18th and 19th September. All children need to apply using the clubs application form even if they were in the club last year. Senior Choir have a commitment to perform on Saturday 14th December at Tonbridge School Chapel and will be needed from approximately 3pm – 5.30pm, so please take this into account when signing up. Senior Choir will also be going to the O2 in January and Junior Choir to the Methodist Church in November (dates tbc). Both choirs need good numbers so all are welcome!

Recorder Club: this is a club for continuers from Years 4 – 6 and children will be encouraged to follow simple music notation. (Please note Year 3 children will all be learning the recorder later in the year as a class and this continues into Year 4).

Ukulele Club: ideally children will need their own ukulele but we have a few ukuleles that can be borrowed to start with.

School Band: existing band members still need to put the club down on their list. Children applying need to be confident and able players and instrumentalists such as

piano, clarinet etc will need to be able read music, which is specially arranged for them by Mrs Jones.

All children involved in the music clubs will need to attend all sessions and practise their music at home.

Instrumental lessons: We currently offer lessons on piano, violin, guitar, clarinet, flute, saxophone and drums.

Drumming lessons start next week on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. For drumming enquiries our teacher Dale Frost can be contacted on

dale@tonbridgedrumstudio.com.

For guitar lessons with Tom Williams please contact him on tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com.

For piano lessons with Mrs Jones on Fridays or violin lessons with Mrs Butler on Mondays please contact Kent Music at www.kent-music.com

We are excited to be welcoming a new teacher, Nicky Catterwell, who is taking over from Sarah Trigg who has sadly left us after several years of teaching clarinet and saxophone. Nicky is an experienced performer and teacher and can also offer brass tuition. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Nicky can be contacted on 07713 164930 or at n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk. For any other queries please contact Mrs Jones at mjones@woodlands.kent.sch.uk.

PTA News

The PTA are back and refreshed, and we have lots of fun events for you to enjoy this year. We are just finalising dates with the school calendar and then we can let you know when the events are happening so you can populate your diary.

OUR COMMITTEE

If you like the idea of helping to organise some of our events and would like to join the committee, please email: woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com. We are a very relaxed and supportive team and look forward to welcoming any new members. (Next meeting date TBC).

OCCASIONAL HELPERS

We are aware that everyone's lives are busy and people would like to be able to dip in and out as their schedule allows. If you want to help but feel you can't commit to the committee, don't worry, we have our much valued 'helpers list'. This is an email group we send requests out to when we need extra pairs of hands. You can then choose if and when you can volunteer help. You can do one task or all of them, there's no obligation at all.

If you would like to be added to the helpers list please email: woodlandsprimarypta@gmail.com.

2ND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you have replenished your child's school uniform for the new school year, and have items of old uniform that your child has grown out of, please do remember our second hand shop. If you would like to donate any items they should be washed with name labels taken out (but keep the size label on the item!), no old logo items please. Drop off at the Acorn office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

FIREWORKS NIGHT - SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2019

BAGS2SCHOOL - FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2020

mSporti – After School Football Clubs

The Coach will lead fun-packed sessions and teach an essential range of football skills. We have carefully selected fun-based drills and games which will develop each child's co-ordination and confidence whilst improving physical fitness. Children will be able to develop their skills at their own pace, where a positive team spirit will be encouraged at all times. All players will enjoy our mSPORTi after school club programme, which includes

- Skill work including; Ronaldo Chops, Step Overs, drag backs many more...

- 1v1 Attacking and Defending practices

- Shooting Sessions

- Passing and Receiving Exercises

- 3v3 and 4v4 Matches

- Fun Games

- mSPORTi fun tournaments on the final week of term.

On the final week of term all the children that attend the mSPORTi after school clubs will receive an attendance prize. We will also be awarding one child per group with the 'Player of the course' award. All of our coaches are F.A. qualified, CRB checked and First aid trained.

The Football club will be for school Years R, 1 & 2 (KS1), so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Regretfully fees cannot be refunded or carried over for absences or holidays.

Photography and video footage: Please be aware that we may take photographs and video footage on the course / clubs for inclusion in promotional material. Please contact head office if you have any objections.

Years R, 1 & 2

Term 1 & 2 (Sept - Dec 2019) £65.00 Mon 09 Sep 2019 to Mon 16 Dec 2019. Book online at:

<https://msporti.co.uk/clubs-and-courses/after-school-clubs/woodlands-infants-football>

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Term 1 & 2 (Sept - Dec 2019) £65.00 Wed 11 Sep 2019 to Wed 18 Dec 2019. Book online at:

<https://msporti.co.uk/clubs-and-courses/after-school-clubs/woodlands-football-years-3-4-5-6>

Community News

LOCAL INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED MUSICIAN RETURNING IN CONCERT IN HIS HOME TOWN

Jon Sanders, born and brought up in Tonbridge, is a leading international bouzouki, ukelele and guitar player. He is variously called "The Bard of the Bouzouki" and "The Duke of Uke". Jon's music has gone round the world.

This latest concert will also feature special guest award winning singer songwriter Frank Burkitt. His music is not confined to one genre but it has a very unique sound and feel at its core, influenced by blues, country, bluegrass, swing and Scottish folk – "good old-fashioned song writing. His last album won the Tui folk album of the year in New Zealand this year.

Jon has been based in west coast Ireland and New Zealand for over 25 years, touring extensively across the globe with a wide variety of acts. His three critically acclaimed albums, Latitudes, Twigs of the Neem Tree and Zoukele were described as "deeply meditative, impishly playful and jazz tinged."

Don't miss Jon's forthcoming concert at St Saviour's Church, Dry Hill Park Crescent, Tonbridge at 7.30pm on Friday 27 September 2019.

Tickets £12 (accompanied children under 16 free)

Seat reservations from Sally Musson 01732 838411

mussonsally@btinternet.com or on the door (subject to availability). More information about Jon's music at www.jon-sanders.com and Facebook Jon Sanders Music.

Bennett Memorial Diocesan School 2020

Parents/carers with children in Year 6 wishing to visit the school and to hear more about it are warmly invited to come to one of three Open Evenings which will be held from 6pm for tours on:

Tues 24 Sept 2019

Thurs 26 Sept 2019

Wed 2 Oct 2019

Leaflets are available from the Acorn office entrance.

Letters Home

All Dyslexia for Parents

All Nicky Catterwell flyer

Y6 NCMP letter to parents/carers

Y1 Hearing & Vision Screening

Y3 Trip to the British Museum

Y3 Swimming letter

Y1-Y6 School Clubs letter

Y2 Astrodome letter

Diary Dates

2019

9th Sept Y1 Year Group Info meeting in Acorn Hall 6.15pm

9th Sept Y4 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 7pm

10th Sept Y2 Year Group Info meeting in Acorn Hall 6.15pm

10th Sept Y3 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 7pm

11th Sept Y5 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 6.15pm

18th Sept Y6 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 6.15pm

19th Sept Y1 Hearing & Vision Screening

20th Sept Y1 Hearing & Vision Screening

3rd Oct Y2 visit from Astrodome

7th Oct Braiswick Photographic Co – Individuals not Y3

7th Oct Y3 trip to the British Museum

30th Oct Braiswick Photographic Co - Family Groups + Y3

9th Nov Fireworks Night

26th Nov Whole School Flu Vaccination

Dates/times which have been changed or added

Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

To be confirmed

Term Dates

4th Sept Term Starts

18th Oct Term Ends

28th Oct Inset Day

29th Oct Term Starts

18th Dec Term Ends

6th Jan 2020 Inset Day

7th Jan Term Starts

14th Feb Term Ends

24th Feb Inset Day

25th Feb Term Starts

1st Apr Term Ends

16th Apr Term Starts

8th May Bank Holiday

22nd May Term Ends

1st June Term Starts

22nd July Term Ends