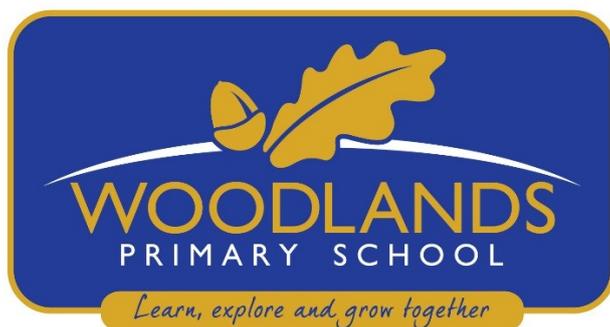


# Woodlands Weekly



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Our week started with a focus on the Chinese New Year in assembly, sharing images and information about the celebration. We are now in the Year of the Rat! This was followed by a fantastic assembly on Tuesday by 3 Elm. The children told us about their exciting 'Rock Day', led by science guru Andrew Berry. Well done 3 Elm pupils and staff – a highly enjoyable presentation!

At Woodlands, we like children to have a voice and understand that they can make a difference - 'Be the change that you want to see in the world' (Mahatma Gandhi). To provide opportunities for this, the spring term's Headteacher's Home Project is to design a Climate Change poster, to raise awareness and call for action. The full details are on the school website, under the curriculum tab. We have also been provided with information about the next Global Climate Strike. The local organisation arranging the peaceful protest in town wrote the following:

'On **Friday 14th February** from **3pm**, those joining the Tonbridge Climate Strike will be gathering outside Tonbridge Station with banners and placards, if possible. They will then march up the High Street and gather at around **4pm** at the Big Bridge. The event will be positive and empowering for young people, and is intended to be entirely family-friendly. Last time many parents with younger children attended, as well as a large number of secondary school students.'

If you would like to attend the event with your child(ren), I am happy for you to collect from school from 2.15pm onwards on that day. Please notify the office of your intention to do so. As a school, we are not actively recommending it, but would like to support those families who feel passionately about the issue and were hoping to attend. Please send me any photos you take to share in school.

One of our pupils demonstrated this get-up-and-go

approach by writing to the Duchess of Cambridge before Christmas, inviting her to visit our fabulous school. Although she is rather busy to visit, Charlie did receive a letter in response (see social media for the letter).

Also this week, Year 5 went to Herstmonceux Science Centre and had a fantastic time and Year 4 took part in a Change for Life healthy living event.

Next week is National Storytelling week. Keep any eye out for next week's special themed menu. Reading is very much a focus this year, so please make the most of next week and beyond to share books with your child. If you have been DBS checked, and would like to support readers after school for an hour on Mondays or Thursdays this year, please get in touch. Staff are supporting children, but would really appreciate time from helpers.

We have also received the analysis of the responses to the parent survey. Thank you so much to those who responded. This really is a useful exercise. I will be publishing the results in the coming weeks.

Hope to see you at the bingo next Friday.

Have a healthy, pro-active weekend, one and all!

Vicki Lonie  
Headteacher



Year Group	% Attendance
R	94.3
1	96.1
2	94.1
3	96.5
4	95.4
5	96.3
6	95.6

### **Infant Agility Festival**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, Mrs Stone and Mrs Hobden took 10 very excited children from Years 1 and 2 to the Infant Agility Festival at the Angel Centre in Tonbridge. The children took part in a series of events, demonstrating their balancing, throwing, bowling and jumping skills. Their team skills were then put to the test in a number of relay races. The children had an amazing time and represented our school brilliantly, all showing fantastic resilience and a "can do" attitude. This brilliant team spirit led to an amazing score and them finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 12 local schools. Well done to all involved!



### **Year 5 Herstmonceux trip**

Year 5 had a great trip to Herstmonceux Observatory and Science Centre on Tuesday. The day was filled with some fascinating workshops on light and space led by the Science Centre staff and the children had a go on lots of great interactive science experiments. They learned about our solar system, colour, forces and sound. Year 5 represented Woodlands extremely well and their behaviour was excellent.



### **World Book Day Thursday 5th March**

#### **Annual 'Read In' Thursday 5th March 6 - 7 pm**

We will be celebrating World Book Day at Woodlands on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as one of their favourite book characters. We are looking forward to sharing lots of book related fun during the day.

In the evening children are invited to return to school with a parent or carer to enjoy our annual 'read in'. This will start at 6pm with a whole school story in Oak Hall. After this, members of staff will be residing in Oak building to read bedtime stories until 7pm. If children would like to wear their pyjamas they are very welcome to do so. Children need to be accompanied by an adult for this event.

### **HAIR**

Please remember, that in accordance with the school guidelines, if your child has long hair it should be tied up neatly for school every day. This also helps to prevent the spread of head lice. Hair adornments should be small and simple. Thank you

### **Outdoor Learning Day Thursday 6th February**

Next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, the whole of Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in an outdoor learning day. Each child will take part in 6 activities across the day which will include some of the following: a forest school taster, stretcher making, building a global home, giant art, poetree and climate change dodge ball to name a few. The children will need to come to school in appropriate clothing that is both warm and waterproof as they will be outdoors throughout lesson times regardless of the weather. Lunch will remain as normal so they can still choose to have a school dinner.

### **Feast**

FEAST is running again during half term and bookings will open on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. There are 6 dates to choose from, each with a different menu. Come and have lunch, then top up your shopping from the community larder. 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. Please speak to Mrs Hardcastle or look at [www.feast.org.uk](http://www.feast.org.uk) for more details.

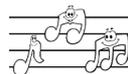


### **After School Football Clubs with Mr Heath**



Due to the continued poor condition of the school field, we have decided to cancel Girls Football Club (Mondays) and Football Club (Tuesdays) for the rest of this term. Hopefully, this will allow the pitches to dry out enough for us to restart clubs again after the school holiday.

Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



### **Music News**

Please look out for photos of the Senior Choir trip to the O2 on the website. Please note that if you would like to order a DVD this must be done via their website. The school are not ordering DVDs.

**Dates for your diary:** The Senior Choir will be performing in the Primary Schools choir competition at Tonbridge Baptist Church on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. A ParentMail will be sent out before half term. The KS2 music clubs will be performing on Wednesday 1st April at 2.30pm. It is therefore important for children to attend rehearsals regularly. Please remind your child to come to rehearsals and to practise their songs and pieces at home in order to make progress. If your child no longer wishes to be in a club please let Mrs Jones know.

**Summer Concert:** Our annual music evening will be on June 11th at 7pm in Oak Hall.

School clarinet: we have a clarinet in school that is not being used and could be hired for a modest fee. If your child is interested in having lessons with our clarinet teacher please

let Mrs Jones know (mjones@woodlands.kent.sch.uk).

Guitar lessons – Tom Williams has filled all his spaces for now but is always happy to deal with enquiries. [tom-williamsmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:tom-williamsmusic@hotmail.com). We also offer lessons in drums, violin, piano, wind and brass. Our instrumental teachers in school can be contacted as follows: our drumming teacher Dale Frost: [dale@tonbridgedrumstudio.com](mailto:dale@tonbridgedrumstudio.com), Nicky Catterwell: (wind and brass) can be contacted on 07713 164930 or at [n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:n.catterwell@hotmail.co.uk) For piano lessons or violin lessons please contact Kent Music at [www.kent-music.com](http://www.kent-music.com) or tel: 01622 691212.

### **Tom Tugendhat's 2019 Christmas Card competition**

We have now received the certificates for the entries to Tom Tugendhat's 2019 Christmas Card competition. If your child entered the competition please pop in to Acorn office to collect their certificate.

### **The Contract Dining Company Menu Change for Tuesday 25th February**

Please note that The Contract Dining Company will be offering pancakes and NOT cinnamon apple crumble with custard as stated on their menu on Tuesday 25th February 2020. The rest of the menu will remain as printed.

### **Lost Property**

If you think your child has lost anything in school, please look in the lost property box in the entrance hall in Acorn building and the cupboards/bench seat in Oak building. Please check both sites. The red box in Acorn building is overflowing! Any items not claimed will be sent to a charity shop at the end of term.

Please remember to name **ALL** your child's belongings.

### **PTA News**

Thank you again for all your clothing donations last week. We raised a fantastic £420 from giving our wardrobes a declutter, so worth all the carrying in of heavy bags!

### **FAMILY BINGO – FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY**

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets. Tickets are now on sale for £1.50 per adult and 50p per child via Parentmail or using the booking form with cash/cheque to the office. Doors open at 6pm with the first game starting at 6.30pm. All tickets include one card per game with the option to purchase more on the night.

There will be a cash bar and we will be serving snacks and Jackets potatoes.

### **BINGO PRIZES**

If you work for a company that would like to donate a prize for the evening, please do let us know: [woodlandsbingo-night@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsbingo-night@gmail.com). We have 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize tables so anything would be gratefully received.

### **BINGO NIGHT HELPERS**

If you are available to help on the evening, from serving drinks or food to selling bingo cards, please let us know: [woodlandsbingonight@gmail.com](mailto:woodlandsbingonight@gmail.com). You do not need to be coming to the event to help out, or you can play tag team with another family member if you are already there. Helpers will receive an addition card per game :)

**OUR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday 3rd March 7pm in the staff room. At this meeting we'll be planning our events for the next term - everyone is welcome!

### **Community News**

**Rainbow Out of School Clubs Ltd** have now set the dates for the Summer Holiday Club at Woodlands Primary School. The Club will run from Monday 27th July 2020 until Friday 14th August 2020. Information can be found at [www.rainbowschoolclubs.com](http://www.rainbowschoolclubs.com), with bookings via telephone 07717214041 or email [contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com](mailto:contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com).

**Premier Education** will be running sports and dance based holiday activities this February half term at a nearby venue. Available for children of all abilities aged 4-12 with action packed days consisting of fun games and sports for your children. There will also be dance specific courses running at select venues. Venues are as follows:

- The Weald Sports Centre, Cranbrook
- Putlands Sports Centre, Paddock Wood
- West Borough Primary School, Maidstone
- Cage Green Primary School, Tonbridge

Standard days run from 9:00am-3:30pm and are £16 per child per day. Extended days run from 8:30am-5:00pm and are £20 per child per day. Book 2 weeks or more in advance to receive an automatic 15% discount or speak to a Premier Education Activity Professional in your school to receive their exclusive 20% discount code. To book your child's space, visit [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)

### **Letters Home**

- All Feast flyer
- All Skills Academy flyer
- YR Reception Screening letter
- Y6 Tonbridge Juddians Girls' Rugby flyer
- All Storytelling week Menu

### **Diary Dates**

**2020**

3rd-8th Feb	National Storytelling Week
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTA Family Bingo 6pm
25th Feb-27th Mar	PTA Copper Challenge

2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Y2 Kent Life trip
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	PTA Committee meeting 7pm in the Staff Room
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	YR Chatham Historic Dockyard trip
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y1 Leeds Castle trip
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Annual Read-In 6-7pm Oak Building
9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	CDC Around the World week
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations (Details next term)
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 in Acorn Hall
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations (Details next term)
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 in Acorn Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mothers' Day Cream Tea (details to follow)
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y6 IOW & SATS Meeting in Acorn Hall 6.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mothers' Day Cream Tea (details to follow)
26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tonbridge Schools Choir Competition
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Music Concert 2.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> May	KS1 Disco
5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	KS2 Disco
11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	KS2 Music Evening Oak Hall 7pm
15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y6 Isle of Wight trip
25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Sports Day
27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	PTA Summer Fair
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Sports Day (if 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun is wet)
18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Y6 Leavers Party
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y5 Carrot Wood trip

Dates/times which have been changed or added in light blue.

#### **Class Assemblies – 2.45pm**

4 Feb	3 Palm
11 Feb	3 Cedar
10 Mar	5 Bay
11 Mar	1 Cherry
18 Mar	1 Magnolia
25 Mar	1 Tulip
29 Apr	R Baobab
10 Jun	R Acacia
17 Jun	R Marula
1 Jul	2 Juniper
8 Jul	2 Willow
15 Jul	2 Hazel

#### **Term Dates**

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

#### **2020/2021**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Inset Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Inset Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Term Starts
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Term Ends
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Term Starts
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Term Ends
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Inset Day
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Term Starts
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Term Ends
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Term Starts
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Term Ends
19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Inset Day
20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Term Starts
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Term Ends
7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Term Starts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Inset Day
21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Term Ends

#### **2021/2022**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Inset Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Term Starts