

Woodlands Weekly

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Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a good week last week. Here are some lovely photos of our Climate Change Champions who attended the march in Tonbridge High Street at the end of last term. Great to see our pupils being the change they want to see in the world!

Don't forget this term's Headteacher Home Project—to create a poster to educate others about Climate Change. I have received my first few but would like to see a lot more! I hope parents and pupils have taken the time to look at the wonderful photographs that were taken by pupils for the last project. If not, you have a few weeks to see them before they are replaced by the climate posters—they are on display outside my office.

I consider myself extremely lucky to have such a great job! My day is filled with joyous moments—interactions with lots of children, smiles and happy greetings wherever I go and fabulous learning moments. This week I was walking through the hall and was met with 90 Year 1 pupils country dancing. What a fabulous sight to behold! The same day I attended one of the many clubs the Year 6 children run at lunchtimes. They were supporting younger pupils to paint and design creations on the laptops. The care and nurture on display from the older children was really heartening. As a Headteacher, I hold academic achievement and providing a wide range of learning experiences as a priority, but above all, I want staff to support children to be really good people. This was on full display this week!

Last night, I attended the Resilience event at Tonbridge Baptist Church. This involved a documentary about how ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) can affect the mental and physical health of children and beyond into adulthood. As an important part of our curriculum review and improvement, we will be focusing on children's mental health and wellbeing and how we can equip our children to stay fit and healthy both physically and mentally now and in the future. We will be holding Parent Forums in the coming terms (and years!) to share this work. I hope you can join us.

February can be a tough time for some of us. Lack of sunlight, grim weather and the financial impact of Christmas can be felt by many. In school, staff use a personal action plan around the Five Ways of Wellbeing. This is used to be pro-active in keeping ourselves happy and well across the year and in trickier times. If you would like to know more, go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/improve-mental-wellbeing/>

Have a good weekend and parents, try to find a little 'me time' if you can! (Even if it's just a bath with the door closed!)

*Vicki Lonie
Headteacher*

Staff News

We are happy to announce that Mrs Khatib will be joining us to teach Mrs Cameron's class in the summer term, when she leaves for maternity leave. We have also just learnt that Miss Ridger is likely to be away on jury service for 4 to 5 weeks. Mr Burns and Miss Gould are teaching currently. Due to the expected length of the jury service, Mrs Khatib will be taking over from Mr Burns when her DBS is through. We will notify parents when this happens and parents are free to pop by and say hello. Miss Gould will be teaching in her capacity as a student teacher, under the guidance of Mr Burns.

IMPORTANT—Yr R Parent Message

Currently, at the end of the day, children sit on the carpet and their name is called when parents are spotted and they are handed over. We have discussed this arrangement, and as an extra precaution, the door will remain closed. Children will leave the class one by one and be handed over to parents one at a time, the door closing for security between children. This may mean that hand-over takes a little longer, so please be patient. If you would like to discuss anything with the teacher, please wait until all children are dismissed before approaching the teacher. It would also be helpful if parents refrained from waving and beckoning their children, as this encourages children to go to the door before it is their turn. In the mornings, the door will also be closed if there is a gap between children arriving. If you arrive before 8.55 and the door is closed, please stand at the door, and it will be opened to let your child enter. Again, this is to ensure children's safety. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

World Book Day tokens

Thanks to National Book Tokens and lots of lovely book publishers and book sellers your children will be coming home with a £1 World Book Day book token tonight (Friday 28th February). All you need to do is take it to your local bookseller and swap it for one of the FIFTEEN exclusive, new and completely free World Book Day books. Or, if you would prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead. The tokens are valid until Sunday 29th March 2020.

REMINDER World Book Day Thursday 5th March

REMINDER Annual 'Read In' Thursday 5th March 6–7 pm

We will be celebrating World Book Day at Woodlands on Thursday 5th 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.

Parent Consultations

Our Parent Consultation evenings are taking place on **Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March** for all year groups, except Miss Ridger's class, between 3.30 and 6.30pm. **We aim to see all parents** – they are a vital part of our partnership with you and enable your child's progress to be discussed and celebrated and future plans to be agreed.

We will be using the ParentMail booking system enabling you to view available appointments yourself and book the one that is most convenient for you.

Children in KS2 who take Maths with Mrs Littlejohn will get feedback on their Maths progress within the main consultation. If, however, you would like to see her separately, please email direct to arrange a convenient time: alittlejohn@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

You will not be able to book appointments with our Inclusion Manager, Mrs Tarrant Blick by using the online system. If you wish her to join your consultation, please let your child's class teacher know. Miss Ridger will hold parent consultations once she has returned to school in term 5.

The ParentMail booking system will be available from 10.00am on Monday 2nd March 2020. Please contact the school office if you have any problems with the booking system.

Y6 Offer Day

Just a quick reminder to our Y6 pupils and parents that National Offer Day is **Monday 2nd March**. You will be sent an email after 4.00pm with details of your secondary school - and a letter will be posted to you via first class mail, which should arrive on Tuesday 3rd March. The letter will give you details of how to launch an appeal. Please do email the school office (office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk) or your child's class teacher should you want some support with this.

Book Fairs

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fairs alongside Parent Consultations with books for sale on Tuesday 17th March and Thursday 19th March between 3.30 and 6.30pm. Please note that the sales will take place in Acorn Hall. The more books we sell, the more free books we can choose for school! The children will be bringing home a leaflet tonight. **Cheques should be made payable to Scholastic Book Fairs Ltd and not Woodlands Primary School as stated on the leaflet.**

Playground use

Any pupil cycling or bringing a scooter to school, should approach our entrances slowly and dismount before entering the site. No cycling or scooting should be taking place on the playground before or after school. We also request that children are taken home after dismissal and not permitted by parents to play football, use the play equipment and play other games on the school site. This is a time when after-school clubs occur and it interferes with the smooth running of these. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sport Relief

It is Sport Relief the week beginning Monday 9th March and as a school we will be supporting this, as has been our tradition. This year the children will be taking part in the Sport Relief Mile (Wednesday 11th March) and a

Danceathon (Friday 13th March). We are sending out a sponsorship form for your child to collect sponsors on which will cover both events and raise money for this worthwhile cause. During the week, the children will have an assembly highlighting how the money they raise will help others.

Year 5 Kent Test Meeting

Parents of Year 5 pupils can opt for their child to take the Kent Test (11+) in September 2020. To find out more, there will be a meeting held in Acorn Hall at 6.30pm on Monday 9th March. If you are unable to attend, information will be sent to parents and available on the Local Authority website following the meeting.

Key Stage 1 SATs evening – for Year 2

Children in Year 2 take Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) during the month of May. This is a government requirement. As far as the children are concerned this is a very low key event. The staff administering the tests refer to them as ‘special booklets’ and the general feel is one of excitement rather than testing. Results are usually published with the children’s reports in July.

If you would like to come and find out more about what your child will be doing please join us for a meeting on Monday 23rd March at 6.30pm in Acorn Hall for around 45 minutes. Due to the nature of this meeting it would be better if you can attend without your children. We look forward to seeing you.

Music News

Senior Choir – permission slips are needed urgently for the choir competition on Thursday 26th March, 6pm for 6.30pm at Tonbridge Baptist Church. Further information will be sent out shortly. Children need to learn their song words and attend all rehearsals.

Orchestral afternoon on Friday 20th March – thank you to those who have returned slips – there will be some music on the way to you very soon.

End of term concert: this will be on Wednesday 1st April at 2.30pm. Please come along and support the children. There will be space for a few soloists with priority given to those who have not played yet this year. Please let Mrs Jones know if your child would like to play.

Guitar lessons with Tom Williams available starting in Term 5. 20/30 mins, solo/duo, please contact Tom on tomwilliamsmusic@hotmail.com/07736051082 Very limited space available!

Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Alice in 4 Fir who took part in the Tunbridge Wells and North Kent dance festivals in the half term, she won a 3rd place medal with her Song and Dance entry.

Smart Raspberry Cookery Classes after school club

We have some places to fill at our **fun cookery classes** on a Monday afternoon. We are going to continue to have a wonderful time cooking up some delicious recipes. If you would like your child to join the class and they are not currently attending, please book on the link:

https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course_id=468

Please contact jill@smartraspberry.com if you have any problems or questions.

PTA News

We hope you all had a good break. Here at the PTA we have a quiet term ahead but we do have our COPPER CHALLENGE running until the Easter holidays.

Every classroom now has an empty bottle and the idea is to fill it up with coppers (1p or 2p's). So raid those loose change pots of annoying coppers and see if your class will be the one to collect the highest amount by the Easter holidays. The winning class will win an 'own clothes day!'

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE - FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

You may have seen our lovely new shed appear on the edge of the field over the last summer holidays. Since then we have been busy filling it with lots of second hand uniform. Our first sale will be on Friday March 20th, before and after school. Perfect for picking up some summer uniform ready for the summer term!

BAGS 2 SCHOOLS - 25th SEPTEMBER

Our next date is booked in for Friday 25th September. So if you are having a clear out over the spring/summer, remember to keep any bags of clothes ready for our next collection.

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

Community News

Hever Festival Theatre Shows. Please find attached the first set of family shows we are presenting at Hever Festival Theatre this year. For more information and offers on tickets contact Alison Bundy on alison@heverfestival.co.uk or call 07710074075, www.heverfestival.co.uk Box office 01732 866114 (M-F 10am-2pm).

Roselands Pre-school Highamwood Ltd –have vacancies for two Playgroup assistants for 19.25 hours per week in Term time (sessions to be confirmed, plus ad-hoc sessions as required starting Easter 2020). Forward CVs to roselandsoffice@btconnect.com. Closing date Friday 6th March. Due to conflict of interest, they cannot consider current parents for this role. Any questions please contact Elizabeth Frith on 01732 368580.

Razzamataz Theatre School Tonbridge invite you to join them for a Free taster session, coming up soon we have our professional workshop visit where you could train with a 'West End Musical Theatre star! Mad March Hair Day and a Razz sleepover! call on 07401 801318 or email tonbridge@razzamataz.co.uk to book your place today.

Kent Music news: Kent Music run summer schools in July at Benenden school for children aged 8 and up, such as Music Explorers, Recorders and Summer Singing. For more information please go to their website <https://www.kent-music.com/>

Letters Home

- All *Sports Relief sponsorship form*
- All *Chiddingstone Castle Easter holiday flyer*
- All *CDC World Book Day menu 5th March*
- All *CDC Around the World menu 9th-13th March*
- All *Hever Festival Theatre Family Shows*

Diary Dates

2020

25th Feb-27th Mar	PTA Copper Challenge
2 nd Mar	Y2 Kent Life trip
3rd Mar	PTA Committee meeting 7pm in the Staff Room
4th Mar	YR Chatham Historic Dockyard trip
4th Mar	Y1 Leeds Castle trip
5th Mar	World Book Day
5th Mar	Annual Read-In 6-7pm Oak Building
9th-13th Mar	CDC Around the World week, Science Week, Sports Relief
9th Mar	Year 5 Kent Test (11+) Info Meeting in Acorn Hall 6.30pm
13th Mar	PTA Sport Relief Coffee morning 9am
17th Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30—6.30pm
17th Mar	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 in Acorn Hall
19th Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30—6.30pm
19th Mar	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 in Acorn Hall
20th Mar	Mothers' Day Cream Tea (details to follow)
29th Mar	PTA Second hand uniform sale (times to follow)
23 rd Mar	KS1 SATs Info Meeting at 6.30pm in Acorn Hall
24th Mar	Y6 IOW & SATS Meeting in Acorn Hall 6.30pm
25th Mar	Mothers' Day Cream Tea (details to follow)
26th Mar	Tonbridge Schools Choir Competition
1st Apr	Music Concert 2.30pm
20th Apr	Y3 Horton Kirby trip
27th Apr	Y6 Safety in Action trip
1 st May	KS1 Disco
5 th Jun	KS2 Disco
11th Jun	KS2 Music Evening Oak Hall 7pm
15 th -19 th Jun	Y6 Isle of Wight trip
25th Jun	Sports Day
27 th Jun	PTA Summer Fair
2nd Jul	Transition Day
18 th Jul	Y6 Leavers Party
25th Sept	PTA Bags2schools clothing collection
12 th -16 th Oct	Y5 Carrot Wood trip

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

Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

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 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

2020/2021

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

2021/2022

1st Sept Inset Day
2nd Sept Term Starts

Year Group	% Attendance
R	97.4
1	94.6
2	98.3
3	97.6
4	97.4
5	94.2
6	99.3