

Woodlands Weekly



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And here we are already at the penultimate week of term!

What a fabulous evening we had last night at Open Evening; it was lovely to see so many of you there. There is always a fantastic buzz around the school as children show off their hard work and then introduce parents to new teachers and new classrooms. I must confess to a slight teary eye, particularly listening to the music – and of course the fabulous choir and band ensemble. For me, Open Evening epitomizes education at Woodlands – rich in opportunity, exciting and full of ‘buzz’. The children had another look around the classrooms this morning – they love to spot their friends’ and siblings’ work.

Please do encourage your child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at the library – there is a leader board of local schools and it would be lovely to see Woodlands at the top. Please see the note below.

I have been patrolling the surrounding streets in my other job, as school traffic warden (!), this week. I was delighted to note a much more sensible approach to parking being adopted - and also very pleased by the polite apologies I received from a few people who had parked inappropriately. Keep up the good work, Woodlands parents! Remember: ‘exercise by default’!



Year Group	% Attendance
R	96.3
1	97.6
2	96.2
3	99.3
4	98.8
5	96.4
6	95.6

Year 3 wear the attendance crowns this week – WOW! I wonder if we can get a record 100% from any year group next week?

School Reports

Reports are coming home today! Inside them you will find a handwritten comment from your child (Y1-6) and below this, a tear-off section for you to reply to the school or your Class Teacher. Please take the time to respond as your feedback is a valuable way for us to ensure we provide the best possible education for your children. Should you wish to discuss the report, please contact your child’s class teacher.

Speak Out Stay Safe

A message from the NSPCC:

‘As it is coming to the end of the school year I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the school for all your fundraising for the NSPCC. **The total raised is £4795!** That is fantastic and the children, staff and parents/carers should be very proud. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with your school and look forward to returning in 3 years’ time to deliver the Speak Out, Stay Safe programme again’.

Samantha Bird



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 13th July – 14th 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>

Outstanding School monies

We would be grateful if any outstanding monies could be paid by the end of term to enable us to settle our accounts. Payments can be made via ParentMail or cash to Acorn office. Thank you

Year Group Information Meetings

We do hope that all parents attend these meetings as they aim to give information about the year ahead and this year will include the launch of our new homework policy. 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 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

Y6 7.00pm Acorn Hall

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!

Year 6 Leavers' photographs in the Kent & Sussex Courier

We have been advised that the Year 6 leavers' photographs are being printed in this week's edition (Friday 12th July) of the Kent & Sussex Courier.

Before school R M Maths Interventions

Please note the final session will be on Tuesday 16th July. Thank you for your support this year.

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.



F.E.A.S.T

FEAST is open for bookings for the summer! This year, there are 17 dates available across 5 different venues. Please see www.feast.org.uk, or Mrs Hardcastle, for dates, menus, locations and more.

Please also get in touch if you'd like to make a donation (either foodstuffs or financial) to support the project, or if you'd like some flyers to share with others.



Music News

Well done to all those children who took part in the music at Open Evening and gave us a wonderful show. Well done too to the Junior Choir who gave a lovely performance at the Methodist Church in the afternoon. Music clubs are now finished for the year and there will be an opportunity to sign up for next year when the clubs letter comes out in September.

Piano pupils' concert: Thursday 18th July 3.30 pm in Oak Hall. All piano players welcome. Please return your slip or contact Mrs Jones on mjones@woodlands.kent.sch.uk if your child would like to play. Year 6 children will play first so that they can go to their barbecue.

Musical instruments on loan must now be returned to school. Please give to the office or to Mrs Jones. Thank you for those who have already returned instruments.

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

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

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

Thank you for your support for music in the school.



Superstar Corner

Congratulations to James in 5 Nutmeg who recently passed his Trinity Rock and Pop Grade 2 exam!

PTA News

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

We are busy getting things organised for this year's leavers' party. Information was sent out last week to Yr6 parents. Please return your form to school as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

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

8th May
22nd May
1st June
22nd July

Bank Holiday
Term Ends
Term Starts
Term Ends

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.

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 Skills Academy Summer Camp

Diary Dates

2019

16 th July	Y6 Production 1.30pm and 7pm
18 th July	4pm Y6 Leavers' BBQ
9 th Sept	Y1 Year Group Info meeting in Acorn Hall 6.15pm
9 th Sept	Y4 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 7pm
10 th Sept	Y2 Year Group Info meeting in Acorn Hall 6.15pm
10 th Sept	Y3 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 7pm
11 th Sept	Y5 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 6.15pm
11 th Sept	Y6 Year Group Info meeting in Oak Hall 7pm
9 th Nov	Fireworks Night

Dates/times which have been changed or added

Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

Term Dates

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