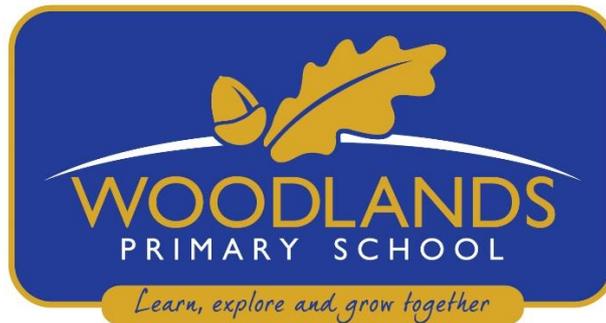


# Woodlands Weekly



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*Thank you all for a fabulous autumn term. Since starting in September, I have been made to feel extremely welcome by pupils, parents and staff.*

*During that time, I have also been lucky to watch.....*

12 KS2 classes excelling  
11 Christmas performances entertaining  
10 soloists singing  
9 infant classes learning  
8 site staff mending and cleaning  
7 year groups' staff giving  
6 cooks a-cooking  
5 office staff members caring  
4 exciting class assemblies wowing  
3 amazing Year 6 classes war-time singing  
2 deputy heads supporting  
....and a very happy headteacher leading the school!



*It doesn't quite scan, but you get my drift!!*

*There has been such hard work from staff. Not only are they improving the curriculum to make it EVEN BETTER, but they have put together all of these wonderful performances and opportunities for the children. Mrs Jones has been in over-drive with Mrs Tucker-Bays and their team to ensure that music has been a real focus for the children. And of course, the children have also worked their socks off to give us their best.*

*Even this week, the last week of term, Year 6 donned their WWII costumes, showed off their war-time singing and displayed the fabulous art-work that they have been working on this term. A great end to a super topic in Year 6.*

*I hope you all have a fabulous Christmas, full of time to be together with your loved ones.*

*I look forward to seeing you all in January, rested and ready for the busy term ahead.*

*Merry Christmas!!*

Vicki Lonie  
Headteacher

## Year 6 WW2 Exhibition

Thank you to the huge number of supporters who came to the WW2 Exhibition hosted by the Year 6 children yesterday. The afternoon began with the children singing a collection of war songs they have been learning in their music lessons. Thank you to Mrs Jones for organising this so beautifully. After this, the children were able to showcase their stunning water colours inspired by Paul Nash's 'The Dead Sea', their artist studies of Evalyn Dunbar, who was a female war artist notable for recording women's contributions to WW2 and their charcoal sketches of London during the war, inspired by the famous photograph of St Paul's Cathedral during The Blitz. The children also showed off their impressive Anderson Shelters that they have been constructing in their DT lessons and their independent projects on how Kent was affected by WW2. We are so proud of the children and the work they have produced and hope you enjoyed the afternoon. Thank you so much to all of the Year 6 staff for all of the hard work that went on behind the scenes to make this afternoon possible. Have a lovely Christmas- see you all in the New Year.



## Year 6-The Election

Last week, the Year 6 children took part in their very own Woodlands Primary School General Election. They began the week by learning about democracy, how general elections work and how to vote. On Tuesday, they studied the party policies in class, watched the party political broadcasts, discussed them and then went to the polls! Each child was given a ballot paper and anonymously put a cross next to the party they felt should win. After this, the children were split into small groups and were given the task of creating their own political party with three main priorities. Each party then had to write their own persuasive party manifesto stating what they would do about issues such as education, health care and the

environment. Yesterday, the parties had the opportunity to stand for election in the Woodlands Primary School General Election and were voted for by their peers. All of the children were engaged and enthusiastic throughout and took a real interest in the real election too. Well done Year 6!

## WHO DID YEAR 6 VOTE FOR?



Year 6 studied the party policies in class, discussed them and then went to the polls! Each child was given a ballot paper and anonymously put a cross next to the party they felt should win.

	Ebony	Nutmeg	Damson
Conservative	2	6	2
Green	6	6	17
Labour	7	4	7
Liberal Democrats	17	14	6
Brexit Party	0	0	1

## Christingle

Thank you to the Reverend Sharon Lovelock and Victoria, who came to explain Christingle to the children. Pupils of all ages made their Christingle candles with an understanding of why this religious tradition takes place.



We are now a distribution point for The Hygiene Bank. The school stocks essential hygiene and toiletry products that are freely available. Requests are dealt with discreetly and confidentially. No proof of need, or forms to fill out. For more information, please speak to Mrs Hardcastle.

## Cognitive Abilities Tests for Year 5 children

Please remember to return the reply slip as soon as possible next term if you would like your child to take the CAT tests in January 2020.

## Admissions to school in September 2020

If you have a child due to start school next September 2020 you can now make an online application for a school place at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) and a booklet explaining the admissions procedure is also available online. If you have any questions please contact the school office, the Primary Admission team on 03000 416111 or email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk). The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

We have one remaining tour of the school available on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 2pm. If you would like to visit on this date please call our school office on 01732 355577.

## After school clubs

In **Term 3**, lunchtime and after-school clubs will start again from the **second** week of term, **w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January**, only Mrs Jones' Senior Choir will start from the first week back.



## Superstar Corner

Bode in 5 Hawthorn, who attends Synergy Taekwondo, received an award at the weekend for the 'Best Grading 2019'. Well done Bode.

At the weekend, Isla & Lexi in 6 Ebony, Arianna & Jorja in 5 Chestnut and Alice in 4 Fir, all took part in the Tonbridge Community Pantomime, 'The Queen of Hearts' they had lots of fun and performed brilliantly, well done to them all.

## PTA News

As the year draws to a close we'd like to thank you all for your support with our events this year. Be it through volunteering help or simply attending one of our events. We hope 2020 will bring even more fundraising opportunities to support the projects going on within the school.

## BAGS2SCHOOLS

We are running our Bags2School collection again on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. So if you are having an end of year clear out of clothes, shoes, towels or cuddly toys, please remember us and put them aside. Please see the attached leaflet for details of what can and cannot be donated. As before we will have collection points available on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> before school, and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> after school, with the option to drive up your donations to the school after 4pm. More details to follow in January.

## FAMILY BINGO

Save the date! We will be holding a bingo night at school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Ticket details to be announced in January.

**OUR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 7pm in the staff room. At this meeting we'll be planning our events for the next term - everyone is welcome!

## Smart Raspberry After School Cookery Club

We are pleased to be able to continue offering our after school cookery class next term. 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, which is £9 per class. Cookery classes will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and will run after school on Mondays from 3.15pm - 4.30pm, for 10 weeks. Limited places are available and must be booked in advance via the Smart Raspberry website. Some recipes we will be making are: Orange Polenta Cake, Sweet Potato and Feta Parcels, Triple Chocolate Cookies, Spicy Tuna Wraps and Pear and Rhubarb Crumble. Click here to book:

[https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course\\_id=468](https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course_id=468)

If you have any questions, please email Jill on [jill@smartraspberry.com](mailto:jill@smartraspberry.com) or call 07904 108591. For more information, please see [www.smartraspberry.com](http://www.smartraspberry.com). If you would like your child to attend but places are full, please ensure you join the Waiting List so you will be allocated a place when one becomes available. If you do not do this, we do not know you are waiting for a place! Smart Raspberry are also running a Christmas Sweets Workshop in December, details via the website.

### **Letters Home**

All Invicta Cricket flyer

All Bags2School flyer

### **Diary Dates**

#### **2020**

7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3Elm Rocks Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y1 outstanding Hearing & Vision checks
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	YR & Y6 Height & Weight
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	YR & Y6 Height & Weight
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3Palm Rocks Day
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3Cedar Rocks Day
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PTA Committee Meeting Staff room 7pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Superhero Census Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	O2 Concert for Senior Choir
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PTA BAGS2SCHOOL
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y5 Herstmonceux Trip
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTA Family Bingo
1 <sup>st</sup> May	KS1 Disco
5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	KS2 Disco
15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y6 Isle of Wight trip
27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	PTA Summer Fair
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**

#### **Class Assemblies – 2.45pm**

21 Jan	5 Hawthorn
28 Jan	3 Elm
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**

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