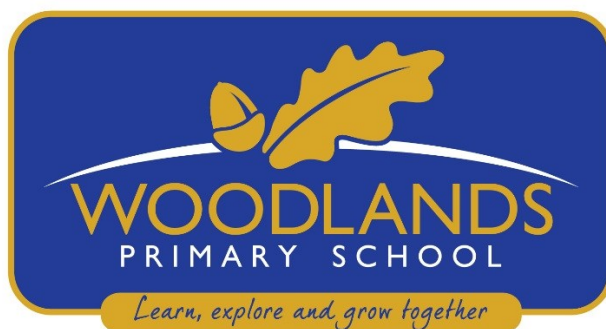


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I'd like to start by saying a big 'congratulations!' to our senior choir who performed beautifully at the Young Voices event at the O2 arena this week. Along with pupils from across the country, the children wowed with their amazing voices. Thank you to Mrs Jones and Mrs Tucker-Bays for their musical input and to Mrs Buxton, Mrs Rusling and Mrs Isaac for accompanying the children and providing this wonderful opportunity.

Our assembly theme this week was behaviour and respect. KS1 discussed purposeful games to play on the playground while KS2 explored how we show respect at Woodlands:

- Showing you care about others
- Being kind and friendly
- Showing good manners
- Following the school's rules
- Understanding that the adults working here have experience, expertise and work *very hard*
- Taking care of equipment and resources
- Thinking about the impact of your actions before you do something

Well done to 5 Hawthorn who provided great entertainment in the form of their class assembly this week. They provided a dramatic piece about how children at Woodlands learn too much! All inspired by the Storm-breaker books. Thank you to Mrs Cameron and her team for putting the assembly together.

Further to my comments regarding absences in last week's newsletter, I would like to provide the following link: : www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school This is a useful website, which gives advice on when to keep children off school. It is the responsibility for parents to make decisions about their child's health and to seek medical advice when required, however the link provides a useful guide.

4 Yew pupils have been litter picking this week to demonstrate respect for our environment. Please help them by ensuring snack packaging is placed in bins or pockets at the end of the day.

Hope to see you at the Family Bingo on 7th February.

Have a super, respect-laden weekend!



Vicki Lonie
Headteacher

Staff News:

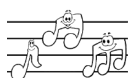
I'm very happy to announce that Mrs Chatley has given birth to a baby boy called Beau. Mother and son are doing well.



As you know, in order to qualify to be a teacher, all students are required to carry out teaching practice. This year we welcome three students to Woodlands. Mr Colclough worked in 5 Chestnut before Christmas and is now being supported by Mrs Cameron in 5 Hawthorn. Our very own Mrs Burnside and Miss Gould will also be taking part in teaching practices between now and the summer holidays in Year 5 and 6. The teaching practices involve the student working with individuals, small groups and classes, under the guidance and supervision of the class teacher and their mentor. This ensures that the quality of teaching is upheld during this time.

Miss Ridger has been called upon for jury service after half-term. Hopefully, this will be for a short time. During her absence, Mr Burns and Miss Gould will be teaching the class. Recruitment for the summer term to cover Mrs Cameron's maternity leave is currently taking place. We will announce the outcome in due course.

Year Group	% Attendance
R	96.3
1	96.5
2	96.4
3	96.5
4	97.0
5	96.4
6	95.9



Music News

Senior Choir trip to the O2 Arena



The Senior Choir went to the O2 Arena to the Young Voices concert on Wednesday and had a fabulous

time singing with over 8,000 children, accompanied by band, singers and dancers and including performances from Ruti (winner of The Voice 2018), and Tony Hadley originally from Spandau Ballet. All the children sang their hearts out and thought it was an amazing experience. Comments include:

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, the T-shirts were beautiful and I loved the wristbands thank you so much YV"

"I loved it so much I can't even explain it properly, it was AMAZING!!!"

"the costumes and lights were beautiful" "the songs were fun and I loved the choreography."

We were absolutely delighted to be given two suites with seats just behind the stage—this was a total surprise and a first for us, and everyone enjoyed the luxury of somewhere comfortable to sit and eat in between rehearsal and performance.

Please look out for photos and reports from the children on our website. If you would like to purchase a DVD of the night please do so directly through the Young Voices website. An information card containing the relevant details was included with your child's t-shirt. The school will not be ordering DVDs.

Year 4 will be playing their recorders again next Wednesday so please remind your child to have their recorder in school

that day.

Dates for your diary: the KS2 music clubs will be performing on Wednesday 1st April at 2.30pm. In the meantime please remind your child to come to rehearsals and to practise their songs and pieces at home in order to make progress. 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.

A new visitor to school

We are very excited to hear that the Tonbridge and Malling Specialist Teaching and Learning Service has a new member of their team; a black Australian Labradoodle called Yogi. Yogi may be joining some of the Specialist Teachers on their visits to the schools in our District.



An Australian Labradoodle has been chosen after a breed consultation with a Canine Behaviourist. The Australian Labradoodle as a breed, was developed initially to provide a non-shedding service dog for someone who was blind but who had allergies. They are also loyal and thrive on company but are also very empathetic dogs which will be vital in Yogi's role working with vulnerable children. Yogi will also have his own risk assessment and insurance.

Yogi will have an assessment at 6 months to ensure he is the right fit for the role but he will need to visit schools and settings regularly before this to help him get used to the noises, hustle and bustle of schools and settings and the requirements of his job.

BBC Radio 2's 500 Word Competition

Mrs Burnside will be running creative writing sessions for Year 5 and 6 children (and anyone from Story Club) who would like to enter BBC Radio 2's 500 word competition. The sessions will run from 3.15pm until 4:15pm on Tuesday 28th January, Tuesday 4th February and Tuesday 11th February in 6 Nutmeg's classroom, which can be found on the Upper Hub of Oak Building. All completed entries will be submitted by the school before the competition deadline of 27th February 2020. For further information about the competition and the supporting learning resources please go to the BBC 500 words website. If your child is interested please email Mrs Burnside on aburnside@woodlands.kent.sch.uk.

Used Postage Stamps

We are now collecting used postage stamps for RNIB. The collecting box is in Acorn entrance hall. Please ensure that the stamps are trimmed with approximately one centimetre of paper around the edge and do not include any large gold

Post Office printed labels or pre-printed postage marks — these have no value to RNIB.

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 for all your clothing donations - every bag counts and adds to our total weight! The van was loaded up this morning and we hope to have the final fund-raising total soon... watch this space.



FAMILY BINGO – FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 6pm

We are excited to be hosting our first bingo night at school on Friday 7th February, doors open at 6pm with the first game starting at 6.30pm. 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 Acorn office.

Tickets include 1 bingo card for each game. We will be running 3 games. Additional cards can be purchased on the night, including separate tickets for our golden game which will be a cash prize!

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

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

Tonbridge Parent Support Group will be holding a drop in coffee morning on Wednesday 29th January at 9am at the Methodist Church in Higham Lane, everyone is welcome.

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

Letters Home

Y1-Y6 Hayesbrook FDC Training Camp flyer

All Coats for Kids flyer

All Irish Dancing poster

Diary Dates

2020

28th Jan	Y5 Herstmonceux trip
7th Feb	PTA Family Bingo 6pm
25th Feb-27th Mar	PTA Copper Challenge
2nd 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
17th Mar	Parent Consultations (Details next term)
17th Mar	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 in Acorn Hall
19th Mar	Parent Consultations (Details next term)
19th Mar	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30-6.30 in Acorn Hall
20th Mar	Mothers' Day Cream Tea (details to follow)
24th Mar	Y6 IOW & SATS Meeting in Acorn Hall 6.30pm
26th Mar	Choir Competition
1st Apr	Music Concert 2.30pm
1st May	KS1 Disco
5th Jun	KS2 Disco
11th Jun	KS2 Music Evening Oak Hall 7pm
15th-19th Jun	Y6 Isle of Wight trip
25th Jun	Sports Day
27th Jun	PTA Summer Fair
2nd Jul	Sports Day (if 25th Jun is wet)
18th Jul	Y6 Leavers Party
12th-16th Oct	Y5 Carrotty Wood trip

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

Class Assemblies – 2.45pm

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

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

2020/2021

1st Sept	Inset Day
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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