

Woodlands Weekly

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Newsletter No.25

As I am sure you will understand, my newsletter today will need to be brief. We are busy planning for the coming days and weeks. School closes today for the foreseeable future and a reduced provision will be available from next week for a small number of pupils. The criteria for pupils accessing the provision is on my parentmail sent out first thing this morning. Children need to stay at home wherever possible, as the reason for school closure is to slow down the spread of the virus.

I will continue to be in contact with you throughout the closure to ensure our community stays together, even when we can't be physically together.

I want to say again how incredibly proud I am to be the leader of Woodlands and how supportive and understanding parents are being at this difficult time. It is much appreciated.

Take care of yourselves, and each other. Ensure your children receive a good balance of exercise, music, art and other learning provided by the school. Keep them well, both physically and mentally.

My very best wishes,

*Vicki Lonie
Headteacher*

Sports Relief

Well done to all the pupils that took part in last week's Sports Relief Mile and Danceathon. We will let you know the sum raised as soon as it has all been counted. Thank you to all the pupils that managed to raise money by completing a muddy Sports Relief Mile and Danceathon. The quickest times for 3 laps in Key Stage 1 were run by Evan and Emily (Year 2) and in Key Stage 2 Harry and Jessica (Year 5)

Another well done to the whole of Woodlands who had great fun last Friday, who put their dancing shoes on for the Sports Relief Danceathon. All of the children and staff had a super time wiggling away, whilst raising money for a great cause. Thank you for all of the sponsorship.

Year 6

Some Year 6 children will be dropping off the home learning folders to those who have been absent over the last couple of days. They will be leaving them on the doorstep!!

We will be ensuring that the Year 6 children will have an opportunity to celebrate their time with us at the right time, dependent on the situation.

Chess Tournament Results

Congratulations to all the members of our Woodlands Chess Club who participated in the first stage of the Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge 2020. Chess players in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 played seven rounds during our weekly lunchtime sessions. They should all be very proud of themselves.

Ten of our chess players have qualified for the Megafinals, which will take place in various regional schools, possibly in the autumn. They are James and Charlie in Year 3; Joshua and Peter in Year 4; William and Bode in Year 5; and Thomas, William, Aidan and Zachary in Year 6. Well done to them all!

Special congratulations to our overall champion, Aidan in Year 6. He won every game he played, and set a wonderful example in the way he encouraged his opponents. As well as qualifying for the Megafinals, Aidan has won a gleaming trophy for being the Woodlands Chess Champion 2020.

Music News

Keeping music going at home: We have put together some resources and ideas for each year group which will be included in the sharepoint documents. This is a good opportunity to practise an instrument, learn a song, or maybe research a type of music by listening to different artists and composers. Resources for clubs will be added to the website whenever possible. Please email Mrs Jones mjones@woodlands.kent.sch.uk if you would like any ideas or help with any musical resources while at home. Kent Music have produced a list of technology apps that are fun and easy to use - the BBC have some good ideas for Reception/KS1 here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/>.

Artists such as Chris Martin from Coldplay and Charlie Puth have launched concerts called Together at Home to help encourage everyone in this crisis - music can lift us up and keep us going!
<https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/charlie-puth-together-at-home-coronavirus/>

PTA News

These are strange times we are experiencing currently. Our focus is to keep our committee members and school families safe. It is for this reason that you'll see we have had to cancel our upcoming events including the discos. This will inevitably effect our fundraising goals, but rest assured we will be working behind the scenes to think of clever initiatives to implement and support the school when it needs it more than ever.

We spoke about our Amazon Smile fundraising link last week and this week we have another one for you, Easy fundraising. They have over 4,000 shops and sites that will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!

You maybe turning to online ordering more at the moment, so this will really help us if you could use one of these links (at no extra cost to yourselves). It may not seem much, but to give you an idea of the impact it can have, we currently only have 28 active users on this site but those 28 people have made us over £1,035! So please sign up, imagine how much we could raise if we increased the amount of people using it!

You can find our Easyfundraising page here:https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodlandsfriends/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=en-e2

And as a reminder here is our Amazon Smile link

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1090106-0>

COPPER CHALLENGE

Sadly, we have had to bring our copper challenge to an abrupt end. Luckily, we had a halfway count up last week and can announce the winners. We have raised over £550 since half term, so a big thank you for raiding the loose change pots and backs of sofas!

1st place - 1 Tulip raising £81.07

2nd place - R Marula raising £64.56

3rd place - 5 Bay raising £48.27

All 3 classes will win an own clothes day, to be arranged on a suitable date by their class teacher.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

As you saw we had to cancel this event today. But rest assured we will be holding it again as soon as things are back to normal again.

OUR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Our next meeting has been cancelled for the foreseeable future. We will let you know about the next date as soon as we know.

Community News

Rainbow Out of School Club will be running a club through the Easter holidays for the children of **Key Workers only** at Stocks Green School, Hildenborough from Wednesday 1st April. The club will run from 9am—3pm (may extend until 4pm depending on numbers) at a minimal cost. All enquiries to contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com or 07717214041.

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.

Letters Home

All *Thinkuknow* leaflet

All *All house name options*

Diary Dates—all dependent on the school being open

2020

20th Apr	Y3 Horton Kirby trip	CANCELLED
27th Apr	Y6 Safety in Action trip	POSTPONED
29th Apr	Parent Forum Transition KS1 to KS2	6.30pm Acorn Hall
1 st May	KS1 Disco	CANCELLED
5 th Jun	KS2 Disco	CANCELLED
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	
1st Jul	Y5 Tonbridge Community Day	
2nd Jul	Transition Day	
10th Jul	Y5 Hugh Christie Experience 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

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

1 Cherry to be rescheduled.

Term Dates

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