

# Woodlands Weekly



**Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe**

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I wanted to start this week with a big 'Thank you!' to all our wonderful Teaching Assistants. It was National



Teaching Assistants Day this week but we shouldn't need to wait until that happens to acknowledge how great they are. When the role first came about many years ago, it was more about listening to readers and washing up paint pots. These days it is a highly skilled job, requiring expert curriculum knowledge, the ability to support a wide range of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and the patience, kindness and flexibility to be all things to all people!! We are very lucky to have them.

This week, in assembly, we focused on our core value of RESPECT, exploring the angle of politeness and manners. The children considered what these looked like at home and at school. I hope they have been showing you these good manners this week!

I'm feeling very excited today as tomorrow will be my first (late) summer fair at Woodlands. Thank you in advance to all those parents who have volunteered to run stalls and contributed to the day. There is a lot of hard work that is put in by the committee so the more parents who can help, the better the fair can be. Don't forget to rock up from 1pm to 4pm to take part. You might even get to throw a cup of water over the headteacher (for a price)!!

Have a super weekend. I hope to see you at the fair!

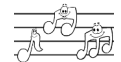
*Mrs Lonie*

## KS2 before school multi-sports club

Please could parents dropping off for the KS2 before school multi-sports club, park outside of the school site and walk in. We had lots of parents coming into the school car park this

week, at the same time that staff were arriving. This meant a lot of cars moving about at the same time, which wasn't safe for the families walking through the school to drop off. Thank you.

## Music News



Music News: our new drumming teacher has started this week and is in school on Wednesday mornings. If you are interested in drumming lessons for your child, please contact Music Station: [info@musicstation.pro](mailto:info@musicstation.pro). Violin, piano, guitar and woodwind lessons have also started. Please enquire at the office for details.

Senior and Junior Choirs: as these clubs are after school, all children have time to have a break and a snack before the practice begins. The rehearsals begin promptly at 3.30pm. Miss Rusling and Mrs Jones look forward to seeing the children next week.

School Band: as this is before school, any children in band who are at breakfast club are welcome to help set up the room from 8am. Please let the office or Mrs Jones know if your child would like to help.

## PTA News

Hi everyone

### **Summer Fair**

It's finally here. We hope you are all as excited as we are! Just some last minute reminders. The fair is from 1-4 and entrance is via the main entrance on Hunt Road, via the wooden gate. There will not be access via the electronic gates or parking available on site. If you are dropping off a cake to us, please tell us what it is and label your Tupperware.

We will be a cash only site except for a few, independent stalls.

Entry is £1 for an adult and free for children. We cannot allow pets on site.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Jemma & Jess

Co-Chair of the PTA

### Letters home

Yr 5&6 Girls—MGGS poster  
All—Gymfinity Kids flyer  
All—E-scooter information from Kent Police

### Community News

#### **E-scooters**

We are having increasing issues with people using E-scooters and have been asked to make all aware of the laws around them. Please read the attached information, as we do seem to have a lot of young people using them.

Kind regards

PCSO Toni Matthew, Youth Engagement officer

#### **Families Magazine**

Here is the [link](#) to the current issue of [Families West Kent Magazine Sep/Oct 2021](#)

#### **The Hayesbrook School Open Days**

We still have some availability for our delayed Year 5 (the now new Year 6 boys) open events and will be holding the following sessions:

Friday 24 September 2021 – Year 5 Taster Session – 3.30 – 5pm

Please click [here](#) to book.

#### **Sevenoaks Swimming Club—Free trial**

We are a caring, fun, and inclusive community that wants to encourage as many children (plus parents!) to enjoy the sport as possible. Our pathways flow from learn to swim through to national and international medallists, as well as including fitness, water polo, and masters swimming.

We're currently inviting local children, aged 4-10, to either begin or continue their swimming journey with us. Please find attached a poster regarding free trials for the Club. We would love your pupils to join us, have fun and see if swimming is for them! We need the next generation (especially boys!) of local talent to help our Club take the next step! Please see the leaflet attached for more details.

**The Wellbeing Toolkit** is a series of four webinars delivered by two experts in the field of wellbeing and anxiety at The Education People. The aims of the webinars are to provide both parents/carers and their children with practical help, guidance and support on how children can improve their self-esteem, confidence, and general wellbeing. There is also a specific webinar that focuses on how to support children with autism around their possible increased levels of anxiety. Parents and carers will receive practical strategies and solutions to the issues that they may currently be experiencing, suitable for children and young people of all ages. These webinars would usually cost £20, but please contact Mrs Hardcastle to receive the online booking link and a code for **free** access.

### Diary Dates

#### **2021**

18 Sept	PTA Summer Fair
21 Sep	Year 2 Parent Information Meeting—Acorn Hall 6-7pm
22 Sep	Year 1 Parent Information Meeting— <b>OAK HALL</b> 6-7pm

23 Sep	Year 4 Parent Information Meeting—Acorn Hall 6-7pm
4 Oct	Braiswick Individual Photographs
4 Oct	3 Tulip Rocks Day (info to follow)
5 Oct	3 Magnolia Rocks Day (info to follow)
7 Oct	3 Cherry Rocks Day (info to follow)
7 Oct	Harvest Festival
18 - 22 Oct	Yr 5 Residential trip to Carrot Wood
19 Oct	Braiswick Family Photographs (siblings in school only)
4 Nov	<a href="#">Reception 2022 Open Morning 9.30-11.30</a>
13 Nov	PTA Fireworks Display
22 Nov	<a href="#">Reception 2022 Open Morning 9.30-11.30</a>

#### **2022**

7 Jan	Year 3 Romans Workshop
17 Jan	Bach to the Future Roadshow
20 Jan	Young Voices at o2 Arena
26 Apr	Year 3 Horton Kirby Rivers Day Trip (info to follow)

### Term Dates

#### 2021/2022

1st Sept	Inset Day
2nd Sept	Term Starts
15th Oct	Inset Day
22nd Oct	Term Ends
1st Nov	Term Starts
15th Nov	<a href="#">Inset Day</a>
17th Dec	Term Ends
3rd Jan	Bank Holiday
4th Jan	Inset Day
5th Jan	Term starts
11th Feb	Term Ends
21st Feb	Term Starts
1st Apr	Term Ends
15th Apr	Bank Holiday
18th Apr	Bank Holiday
19h Apr	<a href="#">Term Starts</a>
2nd May	Bank Holiday
27th May	Term Ends
6th Jun	Term Starts
22nd Jul	Term Ends

[July INSET date to be confirmed.](#)

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