

# Woodlands Weekly



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



[office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@woodlands.kent.sch.uk)

[www.woodlands.kent.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands.kent.sch.uk)

**16th September 2022**

**Newsletter No. 2**

Last week ended with the sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Children watched the Newsround coverage on Friday and on Monday, we celebrated the life of the Queen in assemblies. As per the parentmail, we will be closed on Monday for the national Bank Holiday to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral.



We have received the following email from the Local Authority:

The Chair of Kent County Council, Lesley Game, invites all Kent primary school children to send in Tribute drawings of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to give thanks for her life and service.

All drawings will be displayed at County Hall in Maidstone where the public have been invited to sign the book of condolence. The drawings will remain in place for a period of time.

Please can drawings be sent to the following address as soon as possible: **Civic Office, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.**

Our lovely Year R pupils enjoyed their first full days in school this week - tired but happy faces at the end of the day. I look forward to seeing Yr R parents at one of our two information meetings in the next couple of weeks.

If you are a parent of a Year 1 or 2 pupil and would like to find out more about phonics and how to support your child with early reading, please do join them on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 9am** or **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.**

We have had a number of emails into the office this week complaining about clubs: firstly due to parents missing the deadline to request a place, and secondly to complain about clubs not being held. I feel this is a real shame. We are offering over 40 clubs across the year, mostly run by staff after school ends. This is a healthy offering, covering a range of interests. We are not able to offer all clubs to all children but across their time at Woodlands, children will be given multiple opportunities to engage with these activities. Alongside those offered, we have football clubs running at lunchtimes, nurture groups, academic catch-up classes and activities run by outside agencies.

Last year, the office spent an unreasonable amount of their time reminding parents, chasing for permissions and payments after deadlines, and walking across the school handing over forgotten lunch boxes and water bottles. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could meet the deadlines set and remember these forgotten items. Moving forward, the office will have to take a firmer line with deadlines as they do not have the capacity to spend so much time chasing parents. If permissions or payments do not happen in time, for example, your child will not be permitted to go on the trip. This would be extremely upsetting for your child and staff so please be mindful of this.

Thank you in advance for your help with this. The office staff are working very hard and will appreciate your support.

Have a good weekend.

## Superstar Corner

On 30<sup>th</sup> October, Grace and her parents attended an Afternoon Tea held at the Lodge at Canterbury Cathedral for Grace to collect her Writing Award. It was a lovely afternoon (involving lots of cake!) and Grace represented the school beautifully. We were very proud.



Congratulations to Emily Reeves in 5 Sycamore for successfully auditioning for the Wicked Productions Panto Beauty and the Beast which is on at the EM Forster Theatre, Tonbridge this Christmas.

## PTA Message

PTA Dates to remember

20 Sept 22: PTA Committee meeting  
07 Oct 22: PTA AGM and Coffee Morning  
21 Oct 22: Bags2School collection  
12 Nov 22: Woodlands Fireworks Night  
Please see our newsletter for more news!



## Community

One of our parents, Mr Coles, has managed to affiliate his Sunday walking football club with Kent FA, giving him the opportunity to offer over 30's walking football for ladies. They had their first game on 13th of August at 3pm, playing at Long Mead 3G cage, TN10 3TQ. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mr Coles on:

[Ttwfcsundays@gmail.com](mailto:Ttwfcsundays@gmail.com)

Spider Coles messenger on Facebook

07850 576 374

## Clubs

Junior Choir, Senior Choir and the school Band will start on 26th September 2022.

## Reminders

Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat for PE days – they will still go out if it is light rain.

Outside the Year 1 classrooms are lots of wellies that were left in Reception at the end of last year. If these haven't been claimed by the end Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, we will assume they are no longer needed and will be used for spares for Forest School.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the year two trip to the Methodist Church has had to be changed to the morning of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. We would be very grateful for any offers of help with walking to and from the church. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to join us. Thank you.

To help the Year R pupils find their way in and out of class in the mornings and afternoons, could parents without Year R children please use the other gates (not leading in/out of Year R) to access the school exits? Many thanks in advance for your help.

## Letters Home

- Upz and Downz Café Flyer
- St Gregory's catholic School
- YANA Poster
- Autism Awareness Poster
- Tonbridge and Malling children's centre Autumn Programme 22
- Supporting ADHD Poster



## School Lunches

Tuesday 20th September will be Monday 19th September Menu.

## Diary Dates

### 2022/2023

20 Sept	PTA Committee Meeting (Oak staff room)
22 Sept	Year 5 Meet the Teacher (Acorn Hall)
26 Sept	Year 2 Trip to the Methodist Church
28 Sept	Phonics information session, 9am
07 Oct	PTA AGM and coffee morning
05 Oct	Phonics information session, 6.30pm
21 Oct	Bags2 School collection
10 Nov	Whole School Flu Vaccination
12 Nov	PTA Fireworks

New dates/times in blue

## **Term Dates**

### **2022/2023**

1 Sep	INSET Day
2 Sep	INSET Day
5 Sept	Term Starts
21 Oct	Term Ends
31 Oct	Term Starts
16 Dec	Term Ends
3 Jan	INSET Day
4 Jan	Term Starts
10 Feb	Term Ends
20 Feb	Term Starts
31 Mar	Term Ends
17 Apr	INSET Day
18 Apr	Term Starts
26 May	Term Ends
5 June	Term Starts
7 Jul	INSET Day
21 July	Term Ends

