

Woodlands Weekly



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Newsletter No. 4

I hope you have had a good week. I'm pleased to say that my learning walks around the school continue to reveal polite, attentive pupils following our school rules and routines across the key stages.

This was on display outside of school on Sunday 25th September at the Church Parade at the Methodist church. There were many Woodlands faces in the parade proudly wearing their Brownies, Beavers and Cubs uniforms. Harvest Samba and the National Anthem were both sung enthusiastically in the church and they represented us well.

More Woodlands pupils gave a good account of themselves in the latest addition of First News....

Alice, Thomas, Jack, Lottie and Lexie are all featured in this 'Her Majesty' special.

In RE, Year 2 have been learning about Sacred Places so on Monday each class visited Tonbridge Methodist church. We were very lucky and missed all the rain! The Reverend Sharon and her team made us very welcome and showed lots of different features of the church. She talked about the font, stained glass window, organ, bible and lots of other things. We also found out about what baptism and communion are. We were treated to some fruit juice instead of wine and a wafer. We would like to say a huge thank you to Rev Sharon for making our visit such good fun and informative.



Mr Burns continues to work away at shaping an even better curriculum for our pupils. You can view your child's curriculum documents (information about the year ahead) on the year group pages of the website – please take a look.

There are quite a few dates to be aware of in the coming week:

On Monday 3rd October, we are celebrating Harvest. The Reverend Sharon will be leading KS1 in a Harvest Festival at the Methodist church at 9.30am. Space is tight but parents of children in Years 1 and 2 are welcome to join us. In the afternoon, Sharon will be joining KS2 in school to think about this special time of year and those in need of their community. On that note, please do send in any food items for our collection with your child or drop off at Acorn Hall. This will go to our local food bank, FEAST, which is a very necessary and well-used resource for families in our school and local community.



Thursday 6th October is census day. **It is REALLY important that as many Year R to 2 pupils choose school dinner for that day.** The funding for school dinners for the year is calculated by uptake on census days and we are penalised every year because of absent pupils on the day. The theme for the dinners is 'Pirates'!

On Friday 7th October, the PTA will be holding a coffee morning and AGM in Acorn Hall. Please come and join us and find out what we do and how you can help. There is no pressure but can and find out for yourself!

Have a good weekend when you get there.

Mrs Lonie

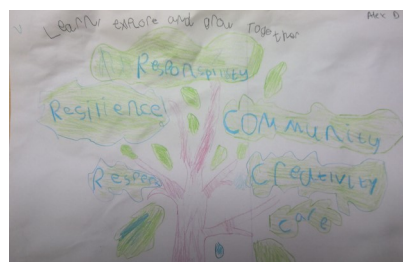
Superstar Corner

Congratulations to Jake in 2 Yew who this week won a trophy for Player of the Week at Tonbridge Juddians Rugby Club.



His coaches awarded him the trophy because they were so impressed with him and he won "Bulldog"! Jake explained how "he ran through a herd of children to get to the line!" Amazing Jake. Well done.

Well done to Marshall in 5 Hornbeam who has completed a Triathlon at Hever Castle.



Alex from Year 1 chose to talk about the schools core values for his presentation to the class. Good Work Alex!

Clubs

- Please ensure you collect your child/ren from after school clubs at 4.15, no children will be permitted to walk home alone due to the darker evenings.

Diary Dates

2022/2023

03 Oct	Harvest Festival
06 Oct	Census day special pirate menu
07 Oct	PTA AGM and coffee morning
05 Oct	Phonics information session, 6.30pm
10 Oct	Yr 1 Bedgebury Trip
11 Oct	Family Photos
12 Nov	Woodlands PTA Fireworks night
14 Oct	2nd Hand uniform sale
19 Oct	Individual Photos
21 Oct	Bags2 School collection
01 Nov	5 Hornbeam Bewl Water Residential
02 Nov	5 Rowan Bewl Water Residential
03 Nov	5 Sycamore Bewl Water Residential
03 Nov	Bonfire lunch menu
10 Nov	Whole School Flu Vaccination
12 Nov	PTA Fireworks
18 Nov	Early Christmas party
03 Dec	PTA Christmas Fair

Community

- Please see the attached flyer for free events at the Methodist Church. No need to book!

Driving and parking

We have received many phone calls and emails from concerned parents and residents about careless and dangerous driving.

Please only drive up Higham School Road if you have permission to use the school car park.

Here is an example of inappropriate parking from yesterday.



Letters Home



- PTA Fireworks poster
- Mega Camps October 2022
- PTA Newsletter
- Athletics and cross country sessions update
- Feast Harvest

Job Vacancies

Caretaker – Part Time, 16 hours per week. 3pm to 6pm Monday to Thursday & 2pm to 6pm on Friday.

PTA Message

PTA Dates to remember

- 07 Oct 22: PTA AGM and Coffee Morning
 - 14 Oct 22: Second hand uniform sale—PTA shed
 - 20 Oct 22: Bags2School collection
 - 21 Oct 22: Bags2School collection
 - 12 Nov 22: Woodlands Fireworks Night
 - 03 Dec 22: Woodlands PTA Christmas Fair
- Children's Christmas cards coming soon!



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



Reminders

- Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat for PE days – they will still get out if it is light rain.
- 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.
- If your child wishes to be part of the school council and/or the new eco council, please remember to bring their applications in by 14th October. Applications should include why they think they will be a great councillor, possibly with ideas on what they think the school does well and what we can do to be even better.
- Can you help? We would love to help all our families and children at Woodlands to access all clubs. We know how costly this can be with growing children and would appreciate any donations of children's football boots (non metal studs please), shin pads, football kits/ sportswear. Please can these be dropped to the School Office for the attention of Jo Stone (Pastoral Support Manager).
- Please only send your child to school with water in their drinks bottles, no squash or juice.
- Please ensure all uniform and coats are clearly labelled.
- Please ensure if your child rides a bike or scooter to school, they do not ride it in the school playground.