

Woodlands Weekly



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Our engaging, varied curriculum is well under way with a number of exciting trips and visitors this week....

From our Reception Team:

It's been a very exciting couple of weeks in Reception. We learnt about how important postal workers are and then walked down to the local post box to each post a letter home. Have you received your letter yet? We had a visit from a local dental nurse to talk to us about the importance of brushing our teeth. We learnt about which foods are healthy and which are not. We hope you have all used your egg timers whilst brushing your teeth at home! On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from the local firefighters and their fire engine. We learnt all about the tools in the fire engine and even hosed down the playground, narrowly missing Mrs Lang. Can anyone guess who's visiting us next? Clue – "nee naw nee naw"



Year 1 had a wonderful day at Bedgebury Pinetum on Monday. For most children, this was their first time on a coach so the journey was very special and filled with singing! The weather cheered up and they had a fascinating tour around the forest, learnt about the different trees at Bedgebury (including some enormous Redwoods) and handled a variety of pine cones. The staff were very proud of the children who showed our school rules all day and remembered their excellent manners.

Year 4 went on a trip to Tonbridge School to look at the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition from the Natural History Museum. They learnt about how some of the photographs were taken and the stories behind them. They were able to explore the gallery and choose their favourite photograph!

What a super week! I've also had confirmation that the Welsh footballer, Jonny Williams, will be visiting on 10th November. He will be talking to KS2 and then running football workshops for Year 4 pupils.

As you will be aware, our teachers work extremely hard to provide the very best experiences for their pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to politely request that they are treated with the respect they deserve. There have been a number of disappointing communications with parents this term, both in person and via email. This can add to what is already a very demanding role and can erode wellbeing. Teachers and leaders in schools are highly trained, and in most cases very experienced, professionals and we appreciate it when we are treated as such.

I'd like to finish this week with a big 'Thank you!' to those parents who really support what we are trying to achieve – those who park with consideration, those who listen to readers in school and those who listen to their children read at home, those who help on trips, those who label their children's uniform(!), those who champion us on social media and those who celebrate who we are and what we do. We appreciate you!

I hope you have a good weekend. Don't forget to purchase your Firework Display tickets for the PTA event!

Mrs Lonie



Sports News

On Wednesday, a group of year fives and year sixes went to Tonbridge Juddians and competed in a Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament. It was so much fun and even though some people had never played tag rugby before, we played well as a team. We won three games, drew one and lost two.

By Chloe and Daisy (6 Hawthorn)



Reminders

- **Kent Test/Secondary School Reminders**

Results will be sent from KCC to parents of children who sat the test via email on Tuesday 18th October. The scores can be accessed via KCC's portal after this.

As explained, there is no appeal process to change the result and those suitable for the HT panel have already been seen. If you would like to discuss the result with your child's class teacher, please do so at the parent consultation meetings after half-term. Once you have chosen your child's school options (you now have two weeks left to do this) and received your allocation in March, there will be an opportunity to appeal to a grammar school if you have named it on your choices.

Please remind your child that some of his/her class mates will have passed and some won't have, so to be sensitive to this on social media and at school.

- Please ensure your child arrives at school for 8.45am when doors open. If your child is brought to school after doors have closed (and is therefore late), please sign him/her in at Acorn Office. Gates being open is not a sign that doors are open, as the gates are shut afterwards to allow parents to leave. Your child will then be taken to class. Parents are responsible for ensuring any relatives dropping children off are aware of this.
- 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)

Request

- If you have any old garden forks please can we have them as spares for our forest school.
- If your child has grown out of their walking boots/wellies/ waterproof clothes please can we have them as spares.
- We have had 3 kind donations of books to the library this week. Thank you so much! If you have any suitable for donation, please contact Mrs Newsome on Inewsome@woodlands.kent.sch.uk

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.

Job Vacancies

- Teaching Assistant Full-Time (32.5 hours) – Monday to Friday
- Early Years Teaching Assistant—Term Time 08:30 to 15:30 Monday to Friday
- Caretaker Part-Time (16 hours) – Monday to Friday
- Admin Assistant—Term Time 08:45 to 15:15 Monday to Friday

PTA Message



PTA Dates to remember

- 14 Oct 22: Second hand uniform sale—PTA shed
- 20 Oct 22: Bags2School collection
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- 12 Nov 22: Woodlands Fireworks Night
- 03 Dec 22: Woodlands PTA Christmas Fair

Children's Christmas cards coming soon!

Driving and parking

We are still receiving 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.



Diary Dates

2022/2023

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
09 Nov	Family Photos
10 Nov	Visit from Jonny Williams
10 Nov	Whole School Flu Vaccination
12 Nov	PTA Fireworks
15 Nov	Parent Consultations
17 Nov	Parent Consultations
18 Nov	Early Christmas party
03 Dec	PTA Christmas Fair
19 Jun	KOOTH Visit—Year 6

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



Events

- Family SPACE Night with Mid -Kent Astronomical Society **Friday 28th October at 7.30pm**
<https://www.midkentastro.org.uk/?&p=events>

Letters

- Kent, Surrey & Sussex Neonatal Parent Advisory Group
- REMINDER - Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival - Sat. 15 Oct. 2022
- Magical Merlin - Half Term Activity for families
- PTA News