



Woodchurch CE Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter 2

21st September 2018

'We shine together in God's light, learning, exploring and challenging to inspire our futures'

News, News, News... As the autumn has finally arrived, all the children are now settling into their new classes after completing the first full week. Wright Class are taking part in more school activities daily and are in school all day every day. They have really settled in well and we are very proud of them.

Last week, on Tuesday, our new Reception children had their first class photograph taken for the Kentish Express. On Wednesday, Captain Graham led our Worship. He talked about God being everywhere and being always there for you. On Thursday, we welcomed the wonderful 'Open the Book' volunteers back to lead our Worship. They told the story of 'Deborah the Judge'. Also on Thursday, the school celebrated 'Roald Dahl Day'. Thank you for sending all the children in wearing something yellow to celebrate this day. Each class learnt about the amazing author and took part in learning from his different books.

Last Friday, the Year 6s who wished to be considered as House Captains delivered a speech to their Houses, presenting reasons for choosing them as the best candidate for house captaincy. Each child in the school then voted for the most appropriate candidate for the job and the winners will be announced very soon so please keep an eye out for that. Well done, House Captains!

This week, our School improvement Advisor, Ruth Swailes, came to see how the school was getting along and she was pleased with all the wonderful things we were doing and plan to do, as well as the amazing learning she saw. Year 6s and some Year 5s have started their swimming lessons this week. Also this week, we found out that 'Woodchurch in Bloom' awarded silver in the 'South & South-East in Bloom' campaign. Thank you to everyone that helped the school bloom!

NEWS FROM THE CLASSES...

Everest Class: The class have been exploring and recognising numbers, naming different parts of their bodies and creating their own skeleton pictures. They have also discussed what is special about our school.

Snowdon Class: Snowdon Class have had a very busy few weeks. In Maths, they have been learning to count forwards and backwards and have been counting one more and one less. They have been learning about families and read 'Monkey Puzzle'. The children made their own missing posters for their mums and wrote riddles for jungle animals. They have also been learning about houses and looking at different homes from around the world. They designed a new home for the lady from 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and created it with junk modelling.

Idris Class: Idris have had a busy start to the year. On Roald Dahl Day they began their new class book, 'Billy and the Minpins'. The children have been learning about four different types of sentences (statements, commands, exclamations and questions) and how to punctuate them correctly. In Maths, the children have been learning how to partition 2-digit numbers in different ways.

Kilimanjaro Class: In Maths, Kilimanjaro Class have been reading, writing and partitioning numbers and representing them in different ways. In English, they have been creating descriptions of settings and characters based on the book 'Stone Age Boy'. Continuing the theme of the Stone Age, they went hunting for rocks in Science and hunting mammoth in History.

Matterhorn Class: Year 4s have started their class book 'Beowulf' and are thoroughly enjoying it. They have been thinking about how to be a good friend and in Maths, the children have been learning about roman numerals.

Fuji Class: In English, the children have been writing an informal letter home from the children stranded in the rainforest from their book, 'The Explorer'. In Maths, the class have been reading negative numbers on a scale and in Science, they have been creating their own fair test based on air resistance and gravity.

Mauna Loa Class: This week Mauna Loa Class have been looking at varying the structure and type of sentence they use in their writing and how to use more adventurous punctuation. They are now using this to draft a letter from a soldier in WWI based on characters from 'War Game'. In Maths, Year 6 have been starting to look at the four number operations and understanding the Maths behind written methods. In RE, they looked more at the Creation Story and produced artwork to celebrate the beauty of our natural world.

Whole School Attendance:

96.18%

Wish List Please: Miss Mayes would like to request any board games (e.g. Monopoly) you no longer require for Board Game Club please – we would really appreciate any donations. Mrs Leigh is wondering if anyone can donate some plant bulbs to Green Gang please. Thank you ☺

Celebration Awards 14.09.18

Well done to all award winners!

Buddy Cup-

Snowdon Class: Edward
Idris Class: Tyson
Kilimanjaro Class: Dakota
Matterhorn Class: Tyler
Fuji Class: Joseph
Mauna Loa Class: James

Courtesy Cup- Tyson

Miss H's Perseverance Award- Seren

Headteacher's Award- Charlie

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Buddy Cup-

Snowdon Class: North
Idris Class: Stanley
Kilimanjaro Class: Amelia
Matterhorn Class: Charlie
Fuji Class: Tilly
Mauna Loa Class: Talen

Courtesy Cup- Aaron Brown

Miss H's Perseverance Award- Ava

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ENDURANCE

FOWSA NOTICEBOARD

After a successful kick-off meeting, our next committee meeting is on Monday 8th October but we'd also like to invite parents and carers to an informal planning event on **Tuesday 2nd October at 8:00pm** in The Six Bells pub (**this is a change of date**). The committee is fairly new and we hoped this would be an opportunity for anyone interested in getting involved (in whatever capacity) to learn a bit more about FOWSA in a more relaxed environment. We're hoping to hold at least one meeting a term in the evening so that working parents also have the opportunity to contribute if they can.

NEXT EVENT(S):

School Disco: Friday 5th October Tickets go on sale next Friday (28th Sept) and are £1.50 for both KS1 and KS2. The KS1 snack box is £2.50.

Film Night: Friday 16th November

Christmas Fair: Friday 14th December (this is a change of date)

Tag days for the Christmas Fair will be confirmed soon. To involve the wider village community, this year's event will be held **in the Woodchurch Memorial Hall** from 3.00pm on the 14th. We are hoping to see Santa, sample some delicious festive food and to enjoy some Christmas games. This event is a significant one in the FOWSA calendar and we'd love to see everyone there.

We're always on the lookout for new ideas for ways we can raise the funds which make a fundamental difference to the school and our children. **Please** get in touch with any of these or events/ ideas you've seen working well elsewhere (we'll happily steal with pride!). Both Clare (Silcock, Chair) and Claire (Brown, Treasurer) are usually about both before and after school so please grab us and get involved – each and every volunteer we have makes a difference. Or email us (FOWSA@woodchurch.kent.sch.uk). We're working hard on ways to make the work which FOWSA does more visible to everyone.

Caterlink

Caterlink will be providing our school dinners. They will be ensuring that we get good quality meals at the same price of £2.05, with locally sourced food and a fantastic menu. Please remember you **MUST** pay for lunch in the morning or prior to the day. You can pay for school lunches by cash or online through Caterlink's website.

Our Friday Celebration Acts of Worship Parents are invited to join us at our Friday Celebration Acts of Worship at 8.50am every Friday. Each week we give out certificates, Buddy Cups, the Courtesy Cup and find out the class who has won Woolly, the Woodchurch sheep. We celebrate all that is good at Woodchurch CEP School and it is lovely for parents to join in this celebration as well, so feel free to join us when you can.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in the church at 9.00am on 5th October 2018 and you are all welcome!

As in previous years, children are invited to bring Harvest food donations to school on Friday morning to decorate the church for Harvest. These will be blessed, and will remain in church for the Sunday service and be distributed the week after. This year, all the wonderful donations of fresh produce, tinned and dried goods will be packed up by Year 6s to create food parcels for the people of Woodchurch and Ashford Women's Refuge.

If you know anyone who would appreciate a harvest gift in the village, please contact Mrs. Durrand & Mrs. Allen in the office.

Upcoming events & the whole year's important dates for your diary:

All our dates are on our website as well. Please keep an eye out for new dates and activities on Twitter, our website and this newsletter weekly. This week, please see attached diary dates.

Date	Activity/Event	Time
Term 1 2018		
Friday 5th October	Harvest Festival Service in the church FOWSA Disco	9.00am in the church KS1 3.00 – 4.30pm KS2 4.30 – 6.00pm
Friday 19 th October	End of Term 1	
Term 2 2018		
Monday 29 th October	Start of Term 2	
Tuesday 6 th November	Parents' Information Evening	5.00 – 7.00pm
Thursday 8 th November	Parents' Information Evening	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need Sponsored Bounce & Non-Uniform FOWSA Film Night: one KS1 film and one KS2 film	3.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday 23 rd November	INSET Day – School Closed	
Wednesday 12 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity to Parents	1.30pm
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Christmas Fair on the Village Green/ Village Hall	3.00pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Carol & Giving Tree Service in church – All welcome End of Term 2	1.30pm