

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17th June 2016 - No. 15 Parent/Carer Partnership

SUMMER FETE

THANK YOU to everyone for their support to our summer fete whether you donated prizes/cakes/etc, came along to support it or both. We really appreciate the generosity displayed in helping us to raise a whopping £1480 for school funds.



We felt the event was enjoyed by all and there was a lovely atmosphere throughout the event.

In particular we would like to say a huge thank you to:-

Diane Kerslake who organised and co-ordinated the whole thing, Papa John's Pizzas (for donating 100% of their takings to our school-wow!), Rising Stars, Stevenage Old Town WI, Emma Farrier, Nigel Bond, Scott Rivers, Tate Jones and all the staff from school who beavered away behind their stalls! Apologies if we have forgotten to mention anybody!

Congratulations to all the raffle ticket winners and also to Tiger house team for winning the football tournament.

Family BBQ and Disco

The Woolenwick Junior School Family BBQ & Disco is to be held from 6.00 - 8.30 pm on Friday 1st July. A letter will be sent out giving further details, and will include a reply slip for ordering your tickets.

Sun Awareness

As the weather has begun to brighten up (we say with our fingers crossed!), please can we take this opportunity to ask parents/carers and children to remember their sun awareness! Please make sure that your children have suitable head wear (named), sun protection (sun cream, etc) and clothing (not vest tops, etc) for school. This is also important if the children are on school trips where they will be exposed to the sun. We have been told that suncream if applied in the morning, should last the day and therefore children do not need to bring it in to school.

MOVING ON/TRANSITION...

Moving up/on day is on Thursday 14th July. This is the day that all the children move up to the next year group for a taster morning followed by a craft/sports afternoon, and the year 6 children go on to their chosen secondary school. The children should register in their normal classroom at the start of the day and leave from this room so as not to confuse the parents.

OPEN EVENING – Thursday 14th July

This year we have decided to hold our very successful Open Evening in the Summer term rather than the Autumn term. This is to allow parent/carers to meet new class teachers before their child starts in their class and also to allow both the parents/carers and children to see what is in store for them before they enter the year group. Further information will be provided next week about the times of this event and the different things that will be happening. Please note that this means we do not expect parents of just year 6 pupils to come, as it is not a review of the year but looking to the year ahead!

New snacks

The school is now selling tickets for breakfast snacks (toast, muffin, crumpet etc.) and breaktime snacks (apple, banana, easy peeler etc.) for 50p. Tickets for the snacks will need to be purchased/requested **in advance** and can be used at any time for either snack. The money **and** request slip will need to be handed to the Class Teacher, in a sealed envelope in the usual way, with the child's name. The tickets will be issued to the child with the class letters on Tuesdays and Fridays, ready for use thereafter. You are responsible for your own tokens. The children must use their own tokens for themselves and not give them to friends. A new request slip will be issued with the tokens so that you can re-order them.

BREAKFAST SNACKS

These will be served between 8.30am and 8.45am from the kitchen hatch. The children will be able to enter the school via the Year 6 playground door. They can exchange their

token for a choice of buttered toast, muffin, crumpet or teacake, and will be expected to take it back into the playground to be eaten

BREAKTIME SNACKS

These will be served between 10.20am and 10.35am from the kitchen hatch. The children will go straight to the hatch at breaktime. They can exchange their token for a choice of red or green apple, easy peeler, pear or banana, and will be expected to take it back into the playground to be eaten

SOME REMINDERS...

Playground Equipment

Parents/Carers are reminded that, for reasons of safety and insurance, children are NOT allowed to go onto the play equipment before and after school.

Renewal of Free School Meals

Parent/carers **do not need to re-apply** for free school meals for September. Letters will only be sent to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a meal.

Delivering and Collecting Children from School

When dropping children outside the school, please take note of the road markings – they are there for safety reasons. Drivers should not stop or park on the school entrance markings (the zig-zag area) even if picking up or setting down children. They should be kept clear of all stationary vehicles.

Class assemblies

24 th June	Amber
1 st July	Diamond
8 th July	Quartz
15 th July	Ruby

All class assemblies start at 9am. All parents/carers are welcome to stay for a tea/coffee after the assembly and a chat with the class teacher.

Important dates for Spring Term 2016

1 st July	Family BBQ
12 th July	Y4 to Colchester Castle
13 th July	Y3 to Wimpole Hall
14 th July	Moving up day
14 th July	Open Evening
18 th July	Yr 5&6 performance Afternoon & Evening
19 th July	Y5 trip
19 th July	Yr 5&6 performance Evening
21 st July	Leavers' BBQ
22 nd July	Leavers' Assembly 9.00am
22 nd July	Last day of term
25 th July	Occasional day – SCHOOL CLOSED



TERM DATES

The HCC terms dates for the next three years can be viewed at <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/sc/hlife/termdates/>. In order to help you plan holidays, we have defined our INSET and Occasional Days for the next three years as follows:-

2016

Occasional Day

Monday 25th July 2016



2016/17

Inset Days

Thursday 1st September 2016

Friday 2nd September 2016

Thursday 5th January 2017

Friday 6th January 2017

Tuesday 18th April 2017.

Occasional Day

Monday 24th July 2017