

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22nd January 2016 - No. 7 Parent/Carer Partnership

WINTER IS HERE!

Even though winter has been here for a few months now, this is the first real burst of cold weather (although if the weather man is to be believed it will be much warmer next week).

Suitable clothing

Whilst the cold weather is with us, can we please take this opportunity to ask that your child comes to school each day with a jumper and waterproof coat. Children will not be allowed out at playtime if they are not wearing suitable clothing. It is important that your child has sensible indoor and outdoor shoes to wear. Many thanks.



Severe weather

In the event of snow, please look on the school website (via the school website) to find out if the school is open. We will also send a text message, via SchoolComms, to all those who have provided us with a mobile phone number. Therefore, please ensure the school have your current telephone number. Please assume the school is open if no message is posted – we plan to be open as long as it is safe.

Clubs

Clubs will commence on Monday 25th January (next week). A list of names for clubs has been posted on the notice board in the dining hall. It is your child's responsibility to notify you which clubs they will be attending. The last week of clubs will be the week commencing 21st March.

Healthy Eating–Protein

How much is the right amount of food?

Protein is important for helping your child to grow and helps keep them fuller for longer. Good choices include skinless chicken, oily fish, eggs and dairy foods, as well as beans and pulses for vegetarians. Give your child the amount they can in the palm of their hand to provide them with the right amount.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported our "Wear Something Silver" day in aid of the Garden House Hospice. We are pleased to announce that we raised £191 to support the charity. The Garden House Hospice are hosting a Charity Dog Walk on Sunday 28th February at Norton Common, Letchworth, from 10am. If you would like more information, please ask the office or Google Garden House Hospice where you can register on line.

Dogs outside school

If you walk your dog to school, could you please ensure that they are not left near the gates of the school, and that you clear up after them. Some people are scared of dogs, and we have noticed "evidence" of dogs being near the gate on Gunnels Wood Road. Please note, dogs are not allowed inside the school grounds, even if they are carried in a handbag and however cute!



Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016

We are once again taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids campaign. It will run from 27th January until 3rd May whereby you will receive 1 voucher for every £10.00 you spend at Sainsbury's. Any vouchers that you collect can be deposited into the collection box outside the school office.

Parent Consultations

Just to give you advance notice, this term we will be holding parent/carers consultations on two evenings:-

Mon 7 th March	5.30 – 8.00pm
Tue 8 th March	3.30 – 6.00pm

BLAST holiday club

BLAST are now taking bookings for February half term. They are open Monday 15th-Wednesday 17th February. Please ask for a booking form at the school office.

Milk

If your child has school milk, please check that they are drinking it, as we seem to have a large amount of left over every day which is going to waste. If you decide that your child no longer wants to have milk, please let the office staff know and they can amend the lists.



Dinner Money

The dinner money costs for the spring term are as follows:

Per day	£ 2.30
Per week	£11.50
Half term	£66.70

Easter Holidays

Yes we are being like those supermarkets who already have their eggs out ready for Easter!



Please note that, this year, Good Friday and Easter Monday are not part of the Easter holidays. The school will be closed for the Bank Holidays on Friday 25th March (Good Friday) and Monday 28th March (Easter Monday), but then the children will need to be back at school for four days until we break up at the end of the day on Friday 1st April for our two-week Easter Holidays.

Class assemblies

The following class assemblies are on a Friday:

22 nd Jan	Topaz
29 th Jan	Amber
5 th Feb	Diamond
26 th Feb	Emerald
4 ^h Mar	Amethyst
11 th Mar	Ruby
18 th Mar	Pearl

Thur 24th Mar Quartz (2.30pm)

All class assemblies start at 9am, unless otherwise stated. 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

Mon 25 th Jan	Clubs start
Mon 1 st Feb	Growth Mindset workshop, afternoon
Thurs 4 th Feb	Growth Mindset workshop, evening
15 th -19 th Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 7 th Mar	Parent Consultations 5.30 – 8.00pm
Tue 8 th Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.00pm
7-11 th Mar	No clubs this week
Fri 25 th Mar	Good Friday
Mon 28 th Mar	Easter Monday
Mon 4 th Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS

TERM DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS



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

2016

Inset Days

Monday 18th April 2016
Friday 27th May 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