

WOOLEN WICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th February 2016 - No. 8 Parent/Carer Partnership

A BITTER-SWEET ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING MRS BROTHERTON



We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Tracey Brotherton will be leaving us, for a



year, at the end of this half term to spend more time with her very young family. Due to circumstances beyond anybody's control, including Tracey's, we have only had very short notice. We wish Tracey all the best for the coming year and look forward to her return next year.

Amber class will receive further information, via an additional letter, outlining arrangements for the rest of the year.

Half term

We will break up at 3.15pm on Friday 12th February. The children are due back to school at 8.50am on Monday 22nd February.

Inhalers

If your child requires an asthma inhaler, please ensure that they have a named, up-to-date inhaler in school, which will be held in a secure, accessible place by their teacher.

Sainsburys 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.

Healthy Eating—Carbohydrates

How much is the right amount of food?

Carbohydrates are the most important source of energy for your body and necessary to 'grow' our brains. Carbohydrates are found in bread, noodles, pasta, rice or potatoes. These should make up a third of a child's packed lunch box—opt for wholegrain versions, or high-fibre 'white' breads.

WE'RE GETTING A NEW ROOF!

We are really pleased to announce that after 3 years of waiting, Hertfordshire County Council will be starting work to replace the roof. As many of you will know, the school has suffered from leaks over many years. Over the half-term, contractors will be starting work and this will continue until approximately 9th May. Please can we assure you that while there will be some disruption, this will be kept to a minimum. There are no Health and Safety issues so therefore the school will run as normal. Work on the roof will be completed in stages. For the week that work takes place over a classroom that class will use alternate classrooms, the hall and areas around school. Please note work on the roof above Year 6 will only take place in the Easter Holidays to avoid disruption in the run up to SATs.



Dogs outside school

We are still having reports of a lot of dog mess outside the school gates and on the paths leading away from school. Please make sure you are clearing up after your dog. Additionally, as some people are scared of dogs, please try to refrain from leaving them unattended outside the school gates. Please note, dogs are not allowed inside the school grounds, even if they are carried in a handbag and however cute!



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 still open to taking bookings for February half term. They are open Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th February.

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.



SchoolComms

When making payments via SchoolComms, we would like to encourage you to use the Instant Bank Transfer option. It is not only faster for you, but also saves the school money. Many thanks in advance 😊

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

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:

26 th Feb	Emerald
4 ^h Mar	Amethyst
11 th Mar	Ruby
18 th Mar	Pearl
Thur 24 th 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

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