

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th June 2017 – No. 18 Parent/Carer Partnership

I know we always say how busy we are but Summer Term Two is always jam packed with lots of learning, events and fun-filled days. The lovely heat wave came last week and the children (and staff) coped very well in the heats! Our three rooms with air-conditioning proved very popular. We are now looking to the next four weeks and as you will see on the second page, we have much to look forward to. Behind the scenes, staff are preparing the children's reports and inputting in teacher assessments so we can provide you with the most up-to-date information about your child.

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 £1315 for school funds.

We felt the event was enjoyed by all and there was a lovely atmosphere throughout the event. Congratulations to all the raffle ticket winners and also to Cheetah house team for winning the football tournament. In particular we would like to say a huge thank you to:- El Bar de Tapas for the delicious paella and donating all funds to our school, Stevenage Old Town WI, Jamie Geary, Tate Jones, Abbie Hay, Scott Rivers, John Kerslake, the PTA and all the staff from school who beavered away behind their stalls! Apologies if we have forgotten to mention anybody!

PTA

We are pleased to announce that a few Year 3 parents have agreed to help us with fundraising as part of the Junior School PTA. If anyone is interested in joining us, please speak to the office staff and we will let you know when we will be meeting up to discuss the future.

Stevenage Speaks

Congratulations to Lois, Emma and Sam who represented the school fantastically at the recent tournament. They came 2nd out of 5; we are very proud of them. Also, a huge thank you to Miss Mclay who supported them with this.

GOLD BOOK WINNERS

Well done to the following children for being in the Gold Book for the last week:

Year 3 – Brooke, Ritjshua, Marissa, Lacey, Benjamin H, Holly S, Tilly, Lenny, Marni-Lea and Oliver.

Year 4 – Zac, Ronnie, Keira, Henry, Max, Hazel, Daisy, Nathaniel, Harrison, Shammah and Kiesha.

Year 5 – Lois, Sam, Emma, Ruby, Mackenzie, Adam R, Jessica, Jack, Milli, Mackenzie T and the whole of Diamond.

Year 6 – Nicole, Madison, Deyton, Issacher, Audrey, Danny, Lee, Nicholas, Olivia, Charlie O, Liara and the Sports Leaders.

HOUSE RESULTS

4th place – Cheetahs, 2972

3rd place – Lions, 2975

2nd place – Tigers, 3249

1st place – Panthers, 3255

The attendance award for the last two weeks is awarded to Tigers with 98.3% and Panthers with 96.1%

SAPPHIRE CLASS NEWS (written by the children):

In Sapphire Class (Year3), we have been measuring the capacity of liquids and making pretend potions. Onto English: We've been doing persuasive letters to the Queen. (Miss Marshall) We had to be the aliens and we had to persuade the Queen to let us come to Woolenwick Junior School! Now moving onto topic: In our topic these past few weeks, we have been looking at Stevenage. We were lucky enough to go into the town. We did tally charts on buildings and did a survey on vehicles.

We have enjoyed our time in Year 3 and we are looking forward to Year 4.

Class/Sharing Assemblies

Parents/Carers are warmly invited to attend Class/Sharing Assemblies on **Monday afternoons** at 2.45pm. This term we would like to invite you into the classroom after so you can look at the class learning environment and also your child's learning. This will be instead of tea/coffee with the teacher but you will have the opportunity to have a talk with both them and the teaching assistant of the class.

Dates for Class/Sharing Assemblies are:

Monday 8 th May	Emerald	Monday 15 th May	Sapphire
Monday 22 nd May	Amethyst	Monday 5 th June	Opal
Monday 12 th June	Diamond	Monday 19 th June	Amber
Monday 26 th June	Pearl	Monday 3 rd July	Quartz

Fire alarm at the end of the day

Some of you had the pleasure of experiencing a fire alarm at the end of the school day last week. This was a false alarm but was a very good experience for us to practise the procedure of a fire alarm at a very busy time! Thank you for trusting us with your children and standing to the side to allow them to line up and be registered.

This went smoothly and I want to thank the staff for ensuring all children were safe and accounted for as well as thank the children for their sensible and speedy response. With any practises there come some learning opportunities and therefore I wanted to share the following with you.

If a fire alarm were to sound at the end of the day:

1. Please allow children to line up (as they know to do) and be registered by their class teacher so we know all children are out of the building and safe.
2. Please stand to one side of the playground and follow staff instructions so we have the opportunity to account for all children. Please do not go to your child in their lines until an announcement is made.
3. Once we know all children are accounted for, we will let you know you can take your child. Until the alarm has been silenced and the site has been deemed safe, nobody is allowed to return into the building.
4. Please do not enter the building yourself – if you are already in the building for a meeting, we will have you signed in and therefore will escort you outside ensuring you are safe!

Moving on/Transition day

Moving up/on day is on Thursday 13th 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 anybody!

Open Evening – Thursday 13th July

We will be holding our very successful Open Evening on Thursday 13th July from 6-8pm. This is to allow parent/carers to informally 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!

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.

KEY SPRING DATES

Please find below a list of the significant dates for this term.

Wednesday 28 th June	Year 6 Art day
Friday 30 th June	Year 4 trip to multi-skills festival at the Gordon Craig
Monday 3 rd – Friday 7 th July	Science and SRE week in school. GSK visiting.
Monday 3 rd July	16 children to athletics festival at Ridlins
Monday 3 rd July	Year 5 to Thomas Alleyne's for Science workshop
Monday 10 th July	Year 6 to Dragon Boat festival at Fairlands
Thursday 13 th July	Moving Up Day and Open Evening
Monday 17 th July	Year 5/6 performance - afternoon
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 5/6 performance - evening
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 5/6 performance - evening
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers BBQ – evening – children only
Friday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers assembly – year 6 parent/carers welcome

TERM DATES **Academic Year 2016/2017**

Summer Term 2017

INSET DAYS:	Tuesday 18 th April
CHILDREN BACK:	Wednesday 19 th April
HALF TERM:	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June
BREAK UP:	Friday 21 st July at 1.30pm
OCCASIONAL DAY:	Monday 24 th July at 1.30pm

Academic Year 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

OCCASIONAL DAYS:	Wednesday 30 th August and Thursday 31 st August
INSET DAYS:	Friday 1 st September and Monday 4 th September
CHILDREN BACK:	Tuesday 5 th September
HALF TERM:	Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October
BREAK UP:	Tuesday 19 th December at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2018

INSET DAYS:	Wednesday 3 rd January and Thursday 4 th January
CHILDREN BACK:	Friday 5 th January
HALF TERM:	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February
BREAK UP:	Thursday 29 th March at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2018

INSET DAYS:	Monday 16 th April
CHILDREN BACK:	Tuesday 17 th April
HALF TERM:	Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June
OCCASIONAL DAY:	Monday 4 th June (children back on Tuesday 5 th June)
BREAK UP:	Tuesday 24 th July at 1.30pm
OCCASIONAL DAYS:	Wednesday 25 th , Tuesday 26 th and Friday 27 th July

All Hertfordshire term dates are posted on the web at
<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schlfe/termdates>