

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!

We hope you have all had a **lovely, festive** time over the Christmas holidays and have been able to have some **quality, family time** together. The staff here had a lovely time recharging their batteries and catching up with friends and family members. Christmas is often a great opportunity to do this. We are all ready and raring to go in the year 2017! Yesterday in assembly, the children discussed the start of a new year and setting resolutions to help achieve personal goals. We feel it is important in this busy day and age to make sure resolutions involve having some **“me” time** and we hope all of us factor some “me” time into our busy, daily lives!



OUR KEY AIMS FOR 2017 AT WWJ:

During our January INSET days, the staff focussed on developing and maintaining high expectations as well ensuring we continue developing a growth mindset for all members of our school community.

- Developing and maintaining **high expectations** involves all aspects of the school day. From ensuring the children take pride in their learning and always present it to their best to how children behave in and around school. The staff are committed to getting the very best from the children. Setting high but achievable expectations is essential in ensuring all children are able to reach and excel in their learning. We don't want to, what we call, put a glass ceiling on their learning.
- **Growth mindset** in a nutshell is believing, that with effort and determination, we can achieve what we set out to do. This may take practise, reflection and setting small goals but eventually we will achieve what we set out to do.
- We are working hard to promote the importance of and develop children's **spelling**. With increased demands and expectations from the new national curriculum, it is essential the children are constantly exposed to and are learning spelling patterns and rules. Rather than grouping children across the school, children will be working in groups across the year group which allows tighter control within the classroom of key spellings and their rules. Further information will be sent out, to help you in how best you can support your child at home with their spellings. The first big ask is please make sure you are encouraging them to get out their Spelling Log Books at home and learning from them at least three times a week.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

This term, we will be trialling having our class assemblies on a **Monday afternoon**. These will start promptly at **2.45pm** allowing plenty of time for you to watch the assembly and then if you need to, collect your child(ren) from the Infant school. Tea/coffee and a chat with the teacher will also still be offered after the assembly.

NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER

Our full newsletter will be going out next week and we hope you enjoy reading it. We are striving to ensure we keep you as up to date as possible through our newsletter, as well as sharing all the fantastic things which are happening in school. Each class will contribute at some point during the term to the newsletter, house point results will be shared, sporting achievements, etc. We will also keep you up-to-date with any key learning, general admin bits and key safety points which need to be shared. If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter, please let the office know and we will aim to include it.