

# WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – No. 1 Parent/Carer Partnership

We would like to take this opportunity to again welcome back all members of our school community. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break together and when the weather was kind, managed to get outside and enjoy yourselves. School is looking fantastic now it is filled with children, who have all settled well into life back at school. It is lovely to see so many smiley faces and the learning attitudes being displayed by the children are excellent!

## **A couple of our expectations this year**

This year we are continuing to work on raising the standards of presentation in learning. Last year, we saw a great improvement in the pride children took over their work and their books were looking fantastic. As the year starts over again, we will be reminding (and introducing to our new members) children of the non-negotiables and expectations of their presentation. We will also be refocusing on joining our handwriting so our writing is consistent and neatly presented. As adults, we will also be learning alongside the children as we are all learners and practising never hurt anyone!

We will also continue to promote and develop a growth mindset. In a nutshell this is whereby you have the attitude that, with practise and perseverance, you can achieve what you set out to do. Having a growth mindset is not always easy and does require a positive attitude and a willingness to try. Sometimes we find we can have a growth mindset for something but a fixed mindset for something else. That's okay; we need to learn how to move out of the fixed mindset using the resources (including people) around us. We will be discussing having a growth mindset in class and in assemblies and hopefully you'll start to hear your child(ren) say things like "if you try, try, try, then you can, can, can!", "I can't do it YET!" and "take a risk, make a mistake, learn something new!".

## **Grandparents Assembly**

This year, we will be holding our Grandparents Assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October during the afternoon. More details will follow shortly.

## **Meet and Greet with our new Headteacher, Gary Hawkins**

As you will know from the letter sent on Friday, Mr Gary Hawkins will be joining our fantastic team on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Gary would like to host tea/coffee mornings during his first week where he can get to introduce himself to you. Details of these will be sent out later this month.

## **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**

House points will start to be announced at the end of September.

These will be shared here.

The attendance award will be shared in this box – the house with the highest percentage for attendance earns 25 extra house points!

## **CLASS NEWS (written by the children):**

In this box here, a class will share what they have been up to recently. This will be written by the children and they will choose what they would like to share with you!

## 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:

18 <sup>th</sup> September	Opal class	25 <sup>th</sup> September	Sapphire class
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Moonstone class	16 <sup>th</sup> October	Emerald class
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Amethyst class	13 <sup>th</sup> November	Onyx class
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Diamond class	27 <sup>th</sup> November	Pearl class

## Letter to parents/carers

We send out letters on Tuesdays and Fridays only (unless we have something urgent to communicate). Please look in your child's bag on these days to make sure you have not missed anything. Our fortnightly Newsletter will be sent out on a Tuesday.

## Year 6 Moving On!

Year 6 parents/carers will be aware that the process of selecting secondary schools has begun. The best way to apply for your child's place is on line, at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions). Applications on paper must be sent directly to the Admissions and Transport Team (we cannot accept them here). All applications must be made on or before 31st October 2017.

## Inhalers

If your child requires an asthma inhaler, please ensure that they have a named up-to-date inhaler in school. This will be held by the teacher, who will make sure that it is accessible to your child at all times.

## Contact Details

It is vital that we are able to contact all parents/carers in case of an emergency. Please let the office know if you have changed your mobile recently. If in doubt please ask us what number we have registered for you.

## KEY AUTUMN DATES

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

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 PGL meeting
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Y6 to Crucial Crew
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Athlete mentor in to see year 6 and host a Parent Workshop
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Grandparents' Assembly (PM)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 to PGL
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Individual photos
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations (1545 – 1815)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations (1800 – 2000)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3/4 Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (6.00 pm)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (1.00 pm)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (5.00pm)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of school – 1.30pm finish

## TERM DATES

<b>School Year 2017/18</b>	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	
Occasional day	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Occasional day	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2017
Inset day	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017
Inset day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
<b>Children return</b>	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>
<b>Half term - Children finish</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>
<b>Children return</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>
<b>Christmas Holiday - Children finish</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Inset day	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018
Inset day	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>Children return</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>
<b>Half term - Children finish</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>
<b>Children return</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>
<b>Easter Holiday – Children finish</b>	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>	
Inset day	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>Children return</b>	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>
<b>Half term - Children finish</b>	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>
Occasional day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
<b>Summer Holiday – Children finish</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>
Occasional day	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Occasional day	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Occasional day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

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Inset day	Tuesday 4 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018
<b>Children return</b>	<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>
<b>Half term - Children finish</b>	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>
Occasional day	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Occasional day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
<b>Children return to school</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>
<b>Christmas Holiday - Children finish</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Inset day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019
Inset day	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019
<b>Children return</b>	<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019</b>
<b>Half term – Children finish</b>	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019</b>
<b>Children return</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
<b>Easter Holiday – Children finish</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>
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All Hertfordshire term dates are posted on the web at  
<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schlfe/termdates>