

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12th 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 6th 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 30th 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 th September	Opal class	25 th September	Sapphire class
9 th October	Moonstone class	16 th October	Emerald class
6 th November	Amethyst class	13 th November	Onyx class
20 th November	Diamond class	27 th 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. 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 th September	Y5 PGL meeting
Thursday 21 st September	Y6 to Crucial Crew
Wednesday 27 th September	Athlete mentor in to see year 6 and host a Parent Workshop
Friday 6 th October	Grandparents' Assembly (PM)
Monday 9 th October	Y6 to PGL
Friday 3 rd November	Individual photos
Tuesday 7 th November	Parent Consultations (1545 – 1815)
Wednesday 8 th November	Parent Consultations (1800 – 2000)
Monday 13 th November	Y3/4 Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 12 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (6.00 pm)
Wednesday 13 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (1.00 pm)
Thursday 14 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (5.00pm)
Thursday 14 th December	Pantomime
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of school – 1.30pm finish

TERM DATES

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

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