

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7th February 2017 – No. 10 Parent/Carer Partnership

It's been another busy few weeks at Woolenwick Juniors – we can't believe next week is half term already! Time for all to recharge their batteries. Over the last couple of weeks, we have enjoyed having Stevenage Sporting Futures in 'On Tour' where all classes have participated in a range of sports activities.

Arrivals and departures

Just to let you know, for safeguarding reasons, the main gates to the playground will be locked at 9am. At 3.10pm, the main gates will be unlocked and re-locked at 3.45pm when the majority of children have left the premises. The main car park gates will remain closed but unlocked for staff to exit. Parents/carers and children are not allowed to use the main car park gates or access the main car park at any time.

As many of you now know, we have an electronic entry system in our foyer. If your child is coming in late, you will need to sign them in on here. The office staff will then hand your child a label for them to hand into their class teacher. You will also sign your child out through this system. Don't panic if you're not sure what to do, the office staff are on hand and the children love doing it too!

Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who helped raise £535.20 for school funds. This was through the purchase of school calendars, raffle tickets and donations for tea/coffee at the Christmas productions. An extra-large thank to Cheryl Geary for helping sell many calendars and raffle tickets! Calendars can still be purchased.

Sporting achievements

Both our netball and football teams have been busy over the last few weeks. Well done to all involved for your effort and hard work.

Netball:

Woolenwick 1 – Longmeadow 4

Woolenwick 0 – Codicote 3

Woolenwick 1 – Knebworth 2

Football:

Woolenwick 5 – Bedwell 0

GOLD BOOK WINNERS

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

Year 3 – Sophia, Isaac, Jack, Holly S, Riana, Denton, Ritjshua, Kieran, Zoe, Serena, Bobby, Dominick, Charlie, Jamie, Tilly and Poppy.

Year 4 – Ronnie, Indiana, Thomas, Kelsey, Mackenzie, Phoenix, Hazel, Daisy, Harley and Riannon.

Year 5 – Declan, Corey, Mackenzie M, Alfie T, Maddie, Elysia, Adam R, Lennon, Holly, Tom, Harry, Chris, Poppy and Eloise.

Year 6 – Charlie O'R, Libby, Phina, Kai, Ben, Darcy, Arthur, Gracie, Daisy, Ellicya, Issacher, Kelsey, Callum, Charlie, Deyton, Kai P, Lilly and George.

HOUSE RESULTS

4th place – Cheetahs, 1400

3rd place – Panthers, 1505

2nd place – Lions, 1550

1st place – Tigers, 1606

CLASS NEWS (written by the children):

Do you ever wonder what Emerald class do at school? Well, you may be surprised at how much we have done this term. Read on to find out.

Firstly, in English we have been exploring explanation texts and we wrote about the bedroom tidy machine. Meanwhile in maths the first subject we did was shapes. We then did angles and are now doing perimeter and area. In D and T we are making torches. We have made the circuit and designed the outside. So far in computing we have been developing our skills in photography and have been taught how to do panning, high shots, low shots and zooming. We have been enjoying P.E because we have been doing tennis and gymnastics. On certain days of the week we have been doing science, we learnt about changing states with solids liquids and gases.

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character. There is no need to spend money on expensive costumes, as we would love to see your home-made efforts. Visit the World Book Day website for ideas. We will also be celebrating World Book Day during the last week of term where we will host our very own book fair.

Class/Sharing Assemblies

Parents/Carers are warmly invited to attend Class/Sharing Assemblies on **Monday afternoons** at 2.45pm, followed by tea/coffee and a chat with the teacher. Dates for Class/Sharing Assemblies are:

Monday 30 th January	Amber	Monday 6 th February	Diamond
Monday 20 th February	Opal	Monday 27 th February	Amethyst
Monday 6 th March	Sapphire	Monday 13 th March	Quartz
Monday 20 th March	Pearl	Monday 27 th March	Emerald

Sainsburys Active Kids 2017

We are once again taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids campaign. It will run from 25th January until 2nd 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.

Fruit Corner Yogurt Pots

Please could you send in any clean fruit-corner yogurt pots to be used as book stands for the library (but not if you are a "tippist" as the pot will not lay flat!) Thanks.

KEY SPRING DATES

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

Tuesday 31 st January	Stevenage Sporting Futures on Tour
Thursday 2 nd February	
Tuesday 28 th February	Y4 Trip to Welwyn Roman Baths and Mill Green Museum - £11.50
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 14 th March	Parent Consultations 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday 15 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 16 th March	Y3 Trip to British Museum - £9.50
Monday 27 th -31 st March	Book Fair in school
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Eggstravaganza

TERM DATES
Academic Year 2016/2017

Spring Term 2017

INSET DAYS: ~~Thursday 5th January and Friday 6th January~~
CHILDREN BACK: ~~Monday 9th January~~
HALF TERM: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February
BREAK UP: Friday 31st March at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2017

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

Academic Year 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

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

Spring Term 2018

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

Summer Term 2018

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

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