

# WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – No. 12 Parent/Carer Partnership

It's been an exciting few weeks since the last newsletter. Year 4 enjoyed a trip to the Roman Baths and Watermill. Additional to this, year 6 were very fortunate to go and meet David Walliams and hear him talk about life as an author. We have also welcomed back Mrs Brotherton who is currently working with us two days a week. Mrs Brotherton is working around the school and will have the opportunity to meet and learn with all children.

## World Book Day

We had a great time last week celebrating World Book Day. The outfits worn by the children on World Book Day were very creative. Well done to everyone who dressed up.

## Dinner Money – Increase in price

Herts Catering are putting up the price of school dinners by 5p after Easter. The price will therefore increase to £2.40 per day/£12 per week.

## BLAST club

Blast Club will be open during the Easter holidays for the first week only (Monday 3rd-Friday 7th April). Booking forms are available from the school office and need to be returned by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Bookings received after the due date cannot be guaranteed.

## Baby news

We are pleased and excited to announce that Miss Emma Lamacraft (Amethyst class TA and MSA) is expecting a baby in September! Congratulations – we can't wait to meet him/her.

## 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. Netballers, we must say, what a turnaround – your hard work is paying off!

### Netball:

Woolenwick 1 – Lodge Farm 1  
Woolenwick 1 – The Leys 10

### Boys' Football:

Woolenwick 8 – Walkern - 3

## GOLD BOOK WINNERS

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

**Year 3** – Sophia, Benjamin H, Harrison, Ben G, Jack G, Ellis, Nicole, Riana, Lily, Holly S, Heidi, Oliver, Marni-Lei, Bobby and Amelie B.

**Year 4** – Leyton, Hazel, Jade, Henry, Leighton, Shammah, Thomas, Hannah and Jemma.

**Year 5** – Scarlett, Alex, Betsy, Faith, Emily, Davie, Alfie N, George, Lois, Declan, Ruby, Shirell and Rebecca,

**Year 6** – Ellicya, Isabel, Charlie S, Gracie, Oliver, Daisy, Arthur, Danny, Ellie and Jamie.

## HOUSE RESULTS

4<sup>th</sup> place – Cheetahs, 1844

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Lions, 1876

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Panthers, 1895

1<sup>st</sup> place – Tigers, 2051

House attendance award – the houses who won the attendance award for the last two weeks are Tigers with 99% and Panthers with 98%. Both fantastic!

## CLASS NEWS (written by the children):

Have you ever wondered what Diamond class do in the week?

First, in PE we have been learning how to play netball, cricket and dodgeball. In English we have been writing our own Viking Legends. A legend always has a quest that a hero resolves. During maths we have been learning how to calculate perimeter and we have been measuring and drawing angles. We have also been working on our reasoning skills in Maths. We have been studying the Vikings in Topic which links to our English unit. We are making moving toys in D and T, we had to make our own cam mechanisms. In computing we have been recording the weather, to become meteorologists and entering our data into an excel spreadsheet. We have been looking at forces and friction in Science. In PSHE we have been talking about our rights and responsibilities.

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

## Easter Eggstravaganza

We will be holding our annual Easter Eggstravaganza in school after lunch on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. This is an event just for the children in school. Each class will have a stall and there will be other stalls run by staff for the children to enjoy and win Easter eggs and other Easter-related prizes! There will also be an Easter raffle.

In exchange for an Easter Egg or Easter sweets (which will be used as prizes on the day), we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please ask your child to hand in their donations to their class teacher. All eggs will be used as prizes and will also make up the very popular, Tombola Stall!

Children may bring up to £5 on the day to spend at the Eggstravaganza (small change would help us enormously).

## Unwanted board games

Thank you so much to those who have donated board games. We are very keen to start a board games library – further information will be provided once we are in position to get it up and running. To be able to make this a huge success, we need as many board games as possible. If you have any unwanted board games, please donate them to school via the school office.

## 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.

## KEY SPRING DATES

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

Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Stevenage Sporting Futures on Tour
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Trip to British Museum - £9.50
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for an Easter Egg
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> March	Book Fair in school
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Eggstravaganza

**TERM DATES**  
**Academic Year 2016/2017**

**Spring Term 2017**

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

**Summer Term 2017**

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

**Academic Year 2017/2018**

**Autumn Term 2017**

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

**Spring Term 2018**

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

**Summer Term 2018**

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

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