

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th May 2017 – No. 15 Parent/Carer Partnership

It has been a lovely few weeks at Woolenwick Juniors! We were incredibly proud of all the entries to the recent Stevenage cycle competition. A huge congratulations to Milli in year 5, Diamond class who won the best jersey design. Her jersey will be made for the winning female cyclists and Milli will be featured in the media! Additional to this, Charlie L, in year 6 Quartz class, and Liara, in year 6 Amber, won the flag design competition.

Summer Fete

This year the Junior School Summer Fete will be held on Friday 16th June at 3.30pm. Please keep this date free in your diary. We will shortly be sending out further information letting you know how you can help to make this a successful event.

Donations: We are now starting to collect donations, and would be grateful for any of the following items:-

- Clean, unwanted soft toys for children to “adopt”.
- Bottles, toiletries, gifts etc. that would be suitable to go on our tombola as a prize.
- Raffle prizes

Please leave the items in the marked box located outside the office.

BLAST club

We are sad to say that Naomi Taylor will be leaving the Breakfast and After School Clubs on Friday 12th May, although she will still work with BLAST during the holidays. We would like to wish her good luck in her new job.

Drinks

As we enter the summer months, it is important that the children have enough water to drink during the school day. Please make sure that your child has a named bottle with a sports cap in school at all times.

Sporting achievements

Boys' football:

Woolenwick 4 - Codicote 0

Woolenwick 8,- Fairlands 0

Girls' football:

Woolenwick 0 – Trotts Hill 5

HOUSE RESULTS

4th place – Cheetahs, 1989

3rd place – Lions, 2039

2nd place – Panthers, 2097

1st place – Tigers, 2209

GOLD BOOK WINNERS

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

Year 3 – Madeira, Grace, Serena, Bailey, Joe, Keeley, Emily, Jacob, Kia, Seb, Ethan, Mollie, Tyler, Charlie, Holly G and Ellis.

Year 4 – Sam, Juanita, Harley, Lyla, Renee, Ronnie, Leyton, Hazel, Jemma, Jorja, Shammah, Taylen and Josh.

Year 5 – Adeed, Ruby, Milli, Madison, Davie, Eliahjah, Maddie, Elysia, Shirell, Owen, Sienna, Daija, Toby, Ruby, Flo and Presley.

Year 6 – Max, Libby, Jasmine, Kai M, Ellie, Kyle, Charlie O'R, Charlie S, Deyton, Callum, Violet, David, Jonathan and Isabel.

The attendance award for the last two weeks is awarded to Panthers with 99.2% and Lions with 96.5%.

AMBER CLASS NEWS (written by the children):

Our focus has mainly been on trying to achieve our personal best in SAT's. Therefore we have been trying to become familiar with the format of the papers by practising a lot. We have all been working so hard to learn as many of the KS2 spelling words as we can. Most of us have actually enjoyed the challenge of pushing ourselves academically. Thankfully, for light relief, we have been able to enjoy other activities such as rounders, bench ball and practicing for sports day. We have been encouraging each other to show sporting behaviour, by nominating our classmates for special recognition. In D.T. we have enjoyed building fairground rides which actually move—we have followed the process through from design to building, to evaluating.

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:

Monday 8th May	Emerald	Monday 15th May	Sapphire
Monday 22nd May	Amethyst	Monday 5th June	Opal
Monday 12th June	Diamond	Monday 19th June	Amber
Monday 26th June	Pearl	Monday 3rd July	Quartz

Sports Day – 23/05/17 (am)

Sports Day will be held on Tuesday 23rd May starting around 9.30am and will last approximately two hours. Please come and support your child, their friends and also their house group! The reserve date is Thursday 25th May so keep this date spare (if you can).

For the occasion, it is important your child is wearing the correct colour t-shirt (no vest tops please) to represent their house. The colours are Panthers (blue), Lions (red), Tigers (green) and Cheetahs (yellow).

Sainsburys Active Kids 2017

Sainsbury's are no longer giving out the vouchers but please hand in any you have laying around. These are extremely valuable in helping the school to purchase new sports equipment to be used in PE lessons and lunchtime activities.

Board Games

We are still keen to start a board games library service after the half term but we have very limited board games to do this with. If you have any you no longer use/want, or know someone who is having a clear out, please could you donate them to the school. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

KEY SPRING DATES

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

Thursday 4 th May	Mindfulness Workshop – see below
Friday 5 th May	Class photos – see below
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th May	SATs week – see below
Thursday 18 th May	Tiger house treat (year 3/4)
Monday 22 nd May	Tiger house treat (year 5/6)
Tuesday 23 rd May	Sports Day – see below
Thursday 25 th May	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Tuesday 13 th June	Year 6 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle
Friday 16 th June	Summer Fete – see below
Thursday 13 th July	Moving Up Day and Open Evening

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

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 25th, Tuesday 26th and Friday 27th July

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