

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

26th September 2017 – No. 2 Parent/Carer Partnership

I can't believe how quickly the fortnight has passed and it's time for another newsletter. It has been a busy but great couple of weeks with lots of learning happening. I have been dipping in and out of classrooms watching the learning the children are doing and talking to them about it. It is great to see how focussed the children are and how well they articulate what they are doing. Year 6 also went to Crucial Crew recently and had a morning exploring many different skills which will support them throughout their life.

A couple of our expectations this year

Last newsletter we told you how we continuing to focus on presentation and also growth mindset. Additionally to this, we are having a real push on supporting the children on telling the time. Many children struggle to tell the time and although it is taught as a maths unit of work, we feel it is important to constantly talk about time. Therefore throughout the day, we will stop and talk about what time it is, how long until something, what that would be as a digital time, etc. This is something which you could do at home too – the more children practise, even if they think they already can tell the time brilliantly, the better and more fluent they will become at working with time.

We are also keen to keep our children looking smart - this is something we really need your support with. Please make sure your child comes to school in the correct uniform and looks presentable. Secondary schools have high expectations and rules of what children must wear and they make sure they are exactly as their policy states. Therefore it is important we ensure the children are ready for this and for their futures when the children have to dress for work, be it a lawyer in a suit, or a nurse in their uniform.

Meet and Greet with our new Headteacher, Gary Hawkins

You should have received a letter giving details of the meetings with the new Head. Please send the slip back if you would like to come.

GOLD BOOK WINNERS

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

Growth Mindset – Casper (5P), Shammah (5E), Fletcher (3M), Finlay (3O), Davie (6D), Alfie N (6A), Charlie (4O), Lacy (4S), Leyton (5P), Oliver (5E), Zoe (4O), Neave (3M), Tom (6D), Daija (6A), Sophie (3O), Charlie (4S), Teagan (5P), Ronnie (5E), Bobby (4O), Harley (6D), Oakley (3M), Flo (6A) and Seb (4S).

Kindness – Freya (5P), Oli M (5E), Tatti (3M), Roman (3O), Eloise (6D), Lois (6A), Martin (4O), Denton (4S), Henry (5P), Jorja (5E), Emily (4O), Daisy (3M), Ruby (6D), Ruby (6A), Summer (3O), Holly (4S), Harley (5P), Melody (5E), Abbie (3O), Oliver (4O), Emily (6D), Evie (3M), Shirell (6A) and Brooke (4S).

Presentation - Juliet (5P), Mackenzie (5E), Roshini (3M), Holly (3O), Milli (5D), Jamie (4O), Heidi (4S), Freya (5P), Kelsey (5E), Grace (4O), Alex (3M), Maddelane (6D), Finley (6A), Grace (3O), Marissa (4S), Sam (5P), Josh (5E), Nadia (3O), Madeira (4O), Ellis (6D), Fletcher (3M), Corey (6A) and Tyler (4S).

HOUSE RESULTS

Year 3 found out their houses last week so the next newsletter will have the first set of results.

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):

Pearl class have been really busy since we came back!

In Maths we have been looking at place value. We have also been enjoying Poetry in English. In Science we have been doing lots of experiments investigating different materials. Our Topic lessons have been about Europe and we are looking at different countries within Europe. Tag Rugby is our PE topic this term and we are beginning to have small sided matches. In RE we have been looking at artefacts to do with Judaism. Lastly, in PSHE, we made our support network hands and have been looking at Risks – good and bad risks.

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

Grandparents Assembly

Tickets are now available for the Grandparents Assembly. Please fill in the slip attached to the letter which gives details.

Christmas time – PANTO TIME – “Oh no it isn’t!”

This year we will be taking all of the children to see the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, at the Gordon Craig Theatre on Thursday 14th December for the 10am performance. A letter has now been sent out asking for a contribution of £10.50 to be paid to secure a seat for your child. As a school we have been able to obtain a special discount price due to early booking so we must receive all payments **by October half term** to secure this discounted price. Payment can be made on-line via SchoolComms, or sent in to school in a named envelope via the Class Teacher. Spare copies of the letter are available from the office if required. If your child is not attending, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Individual Photos

The photographers will be visiting us on Friday 3rd November to take individual photos.

Parent/Carer Consultation – change of date

Apologies, the date for Parents Evening are Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November. Not the 8th November as previously.

KEY AUTUMN DATES

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

27 th September	Athlete mentor in to see year 6 and host a Parent Workshop
29 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning and tour of the school, 10.30am
6 th October	Grandparents' Assembly (PM)
9 th October	Y6 to PGL
3 rd November	Individual photos
7 th November	Parent Consultations (1545 – 1815)
9 th November	Parent Consultations (1800 – 2000)
13 th November	Y3/4 Flu Vaccinations
12 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (6.00 pm)
13 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (1.00 pm)
14 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Play (5.00pm)
14 th December	Pantomime
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>