

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

31st October 2017 – No. 4 Parent/Carer Partnership

We hope you all had a lovely half term and got to enjoy the nice dry days! We cannot believe we are already into the second half term of this academic year – time just flies! The last few weeks in school were, as always, busy! Year 6 returned from PGL and those that stayed behind came back to reality and they all settled quickly back into their learning. Miss Kingston spent time moving between classes and enjoying the great learning seen in all the classes. She was incredibly impressed by all the hard work, growth mindset attitudes and behaviour for learning! We have many things to look forward to this term as we build up to Christmas and can't wait to share these with you in a variety of ways.

Parents Evening

Just in case you have missed the important date's part on the second page of our newsletter, Parent/Carers Evening is on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November (except for Diamond Class who are having theirs on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November). A letter has been sent out for you to select your chosen date and appointment time.

Individual Photos

The photographers will be visiting us on Friday 3rd November to take individual photos. All children will be having an individual photograph taken, and if they have a sibling in the Juniors they will also have a photograph taken together.

New lunchtime menu

Our new menu has now started, and can be viewed via our website. Don't forget that from Monday to Thursday, there is always the choice of a cheese roll (Option M), and on a Friday we have Option 4, which is sausages.

GOLD BOOK WINNERS

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

Kindness -

Lotti and Neave (3M), Max and Bradley (3O), Amelie F and Joe (4O), Lilly and Harrison (4S), Toby and Annabelle (5E), Frankie and Hazel (5P), Sam (6A), Maddelane (6D)

Presentation –

Oakley and Alex (3M), Olivia and Amreen (3O), Harry R and Tilly (4O), Evie and Lily (4S), Shammah and William (5E), Leah and Lyla (5P), Lucas (6A), Emily (6D)

Growth Mindset –

Shye and Jayden (3M), Honey and Charlotte (3O), Symone and Mia (4O), Tyler and Holly S (4S), Phoenix and Oli M (5E), Callum and Riannon (5P), Alfie N (6A), Madison (6D).

HOUSE RESULTS

4th place – Cheetahs, 191

3rd place – Lions, 231

2nd place – Panthers, 311

1st place – Tigers, 337

We have 6 weeks of attendance to report – the winning houses and their attendance percentage were: Panthers (99.4%), Panthers (99.5%), Tigers (100%), Tigers (97.4%), Tigers (98.3%) and Panthers with (95.9%). Therefore both Panthers and Tigers received an extra 75 house points each.

EMERALD CLASS NEWS (written by the children):

So far in Emerald this year, we have been learning a variety of different subjects. Also, we have taken on harder, but fun challenges. In English we have written an Explorer's Guide to surviving in difficult landscapes. We have been rounding decimal numbers in maths and have had to divide and multiply them by 10, 100 and 1000. Our highlights have been our class assembly and the Italian afternoon we had with Pearl. We are looking forward to the challenges ahead.

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

Flu vaccinations – year 3 and 4

For those of you who have signed up for your child to have their flu vaccinations (year 3 and 4 only), they will be held on Monday 13th November during the afternoon.

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. **The deadline date has passed for payment, so please ensure you pay the school office ASAP if you have not paid yet.** Payment can be made on-line via the school gateway, 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.

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
Wednesday 1 st November	Tim Pendergast, athlete mentor, Parent Workshop
Friday 3 rd November	Individual photos
Tuesday 7 th November	Parent Consultations (1600 – 1830) – ALL EXCEPT DIAMOND
Wednesday 8 th November	Parent Consultations (1600 – 1830) – DIAMOND CLASS
Thursday 9 th November	Parent Consultations (1800 – 2030) – ALL CLASSES
Monday 13 th November	Y3/4 Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 14 th November	Y4 and 6 Stevenage Sporting Future Tours visiting school
Thursday 16 th November	Y6 Height/Weight check
Friday 17 th November	Y3 and 5 Stevenage Sporting Future Tours visiting school
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th November	Year 3-5 assessment week
Wednesday 22 nd November	Year 5 trip to CineWorld (English/PSHE based)
Monday 27 th – Thursday 30 th November	Year 6 assessment week
Friday 1 st December	Decorations Day
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
Monday 18 th December	Always/Leslie Bell assembly
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/termdatesarn/schlfe/termdates>