

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th November 2017 – No. 5 Parent/Carer Partnership

Autumn term two is well under way and the children have many things to look forward to. Year 3 and 4 have selected their Christmas Play performance – lines are being learnt, songs are being sung and dances are being rehearsed! Year 6 received another visit from our Athlete mentor, Paralympian Tim Pendergast who is focussing on developing a growth mindset. The children have been working hard on their kindness challenges each week focusing on a random act of kindness. So far we have celebrated 'passing on a smile' and 'showing good manners'.

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parents' Evenings; it was lovely to see so many of you. Parents were overwhelmingly positive about the new set up and their experience. We will be keeping this format for future Parents' Evenings.

Meet The New Head meetings

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the 'Meet the New Headteacher' talks. The feedback that has been provided about what is working well in the school, alongside the areas for improvement are currently being scrutinised. Once ideas have been prioritised and action plans created we will inform parents.

Are you missing a gem?

On the Thursday evening a small precious stone was handed in. It looks like it may have come from a special ring or necklace, which holds sentimental value. If you are the owner of the gem please speak to a member of the school Office where we look forward to handing it back to the rightful owner.

Funky Hair Day

We will be holding a "Funky Hair" Day on Friday 17th November in aid of Children in Need. Please see the flier for more details.

HOUSE RESULTS

4th place – Cheetahs, 228
3rd place – Lions, 295
2nd place – Tigers, 394
1st place – Panthers, 399

GOLD BOOK WINNERS

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

Kindness -

Patrick and Rosie (3M), Eddie and Oliver (3O), Symone and Bailey (4O), Harrison and Denton (4S), Harrison and Bethany (5E), William and Hazel (5P), Lennon and Lois (6A), Holly and Ellis (6D)

Presentation –

Oakley and Charlotte(3M), Libby and Abbie (3O), Serena and Dominick (4O), Evie and Sophia (4S), Osarugwe and Shammah (5E), Renee and Leyton (5P), Sam and Maddie (6A), Harley and Davie (6D)

Growth Mindset –

Tommy and Evie L (3M), Imi and Amogh (3O), Keeley and Marni-Lei (4O), Jack (4S), Tyler and Keisha (5E), Callum and Daisy (5P), Florence and Ruby (6A), Brooke and Poppy (6D).

The winning house for attendance were the Panthers with 98.5%.

ONYX CLASS NEWS (written by the children):

We have been reading traditional stories in English. In some of the stories the characters have changed and the bad characters are now good. We have enjoyed writing description using adjectives and adverbs to create settings. In maths, we have been learning about the maths powers 'Conjecture and Convince'. We have been finding out about the rules for multiples. We have also been learning about the muscles in the human body and finding out what they do.

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

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 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.

Christmas Dinner

We will be having our Christmas Dinner on Thursday 7th December. There will be the usual choice of sliced turkey breast with all the trimmings or seasonal vegetarian feast. On that day there will be no packed lunch option. All children are welcome to have a dinner on that day at a cost of £2.40 (if you are eligible for free school meals then there will be no charge).

Woolenwick Juxtaposed Juniors (WJJ)

The next meeting of our fundraising committee will be held on Friday 17th November at 9.00am. If you are interested in joining us, please come along on Friday or speak to Diane in the Office for more information. We look forward to seeing you.

KEY AUTUMN DATES

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

Wednesday 1 st November	Tim Pendergast, athlete mentor, Parent Workshop
Friday 3 rd November	Individual photos
Tuesday 7 th November	Parent Consultations (1545 – 1815)
Thursday 9 th November	Parent Consultations (1800 – 2000)
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>