

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24th January 2017 – No. 9 Parent/Carer Partnership

It has already been a busy few weeks to start the new year off at the Junior School. We are all fully immersed in our learning and all additional learning sessions (spelling groups, Big Maths groups, etc.) are up and running. The children are working incredibly hard and are showing progress in the learning of new skills and building on existing ones. The whole school is focusing on History for their topic this term and Mrs Jones, our History co-ordinator, has plans for having a whole school celebration around this. More details to be shared later in the term.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Just to give you advance notice, this term we will be holding parent/carers consultations on two evenings:-

Tue 14th March 5.00 – 8.00pm

Wed 15th March 3.30 – 6.30pm.

A letter will be sent out nearer the time for you to book a convenient appointment time. If you need to discuss anything with your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to contact them to arrange an appointment.

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

GOLD BOOK WINNERS

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

Year 3 – Evie, Harrison, Kieran, Brooke, Lilly, Tyler, Amelie B, Mia, Daniel, Charlie, Bailey and Serena

Year 4 – Harley, Riannon, Renee, Casper, Jade, Henry, Harrison, Kelsey, Enna, Alex and Tye.

Year 5 – Eliahja, Tom, Davie, Madison, Milli, Brooke, Mackenzie M, Lucas, Rebecca, Owen, Ruby and Alfie T

Year 6 – Laura, Ben, Libby, Charlie, Ellie, Arthur, Mason, David, Daisy, Keeley, Macy and Violet

HOUSE RESULTS

4th place – Cheetahs, 1224

3rd place – Panthers, 1322

2nd place – Lions, 1382

1st place – Tigers, 1485

CLASS NEWS

In this section, each class in school will share a short paragraph to let you know something which has been happening in their classroom. This will be written by the children themselves and the topic will be chosen by them. We hope this keeps you up to date with what is happening in each classroom and gives you a little insight into what life in their classroom is like.

Home Learning

As we are at the start of the new year, just a friendly reminder of the home learning we expect children to be carrying out when away from school.

Reading – children are asked to read at home at least three times a week. This could be out loud to somebody else or can be in their head. It is important, even if they are a free reader for a conversation to be had around the book. Questions can be found inside their blue reading record book.

Spelling – children should be coming home with a Spelling log book. This will contain specific words related to a rule they are learning in their spelling group. It is important they practise these words as they are usually the ones they are stuck on.

Times tables – all children are working towards winning the times tables champ award for their class. Regular practise and chanting of times tables at home will allow them to learn and quickly recall key facts.

Learning Log – all children should bring home their pink Learning Log book on a Friday with two learning activities set. Each activity should take around twenty-thirty minutes. These need to be handed in the following Wednesday.

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.

Fruit Corner Yogurt Pots

Please could you send in any clean fruit-corner yogurt pots to be used as book stands for the library (but not if you are a "tippist" as the pot will not lay flat!) Thanks.

Friends of Woolenwick Junior School Coffee Morning

We are trying to get together a small committee of parents/carers and school staff who would be willing to plan, organise and hold a number of activities over the year both to raise much-needed funds for the school and to provide fun and enjoyable social occasions for children and parents/carers alike. You are therefore invited to come to our Friends of Woolenwick Junior School Coffee Morning on Tuesday 7th February at 9.00am.

The committee can only be as strong as its members, so please come to support us and make our events a success (you may bring your pre-school children with you if necessary).

KEY SPRING DATES

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

Tuesday 31 st January	Stevenage Sporting Futures on Tour
Thursday 2 nd February	
Tuesday 7 th February	Friends of Woolenwick Coffee Morning – 9.00am
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 14 th March	Parent Consultations 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday 15 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 16 th March	Y3 Trip to British Museum - £9.50
Monday 27 th -31 st March	Book Fair in school
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Eggstravaganza

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 at 1.30pm

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 24th, Tuesday 25th and Friday 26th July

All Hertfordshire term dates are posted on the web at

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schlfe/termdates>