

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

1st November 2016 - No. 4 Parent/Carer Partnership

Welcome Back

We hope you have all had an enjoyable half term. This is always a busy time of year and there are lots of exciting things for the children to look forward to including Decorations Day, the Year 3/4 Christmas performance and the annual pantomime trip to the Gordon Craig, as well as all the fantastic learning ahead (of course)!

Supporting your child at home

The more the children practise some of the 'basic' skills of learning, the better they will become. If you could regularly practise their times tables and spellings with them, this will have a really positive effect on their memory. These can easily be done on the go! As you are climbing the stairs, encourage your child to chant their times tables or as you drive or walk to school, ask them to spell one of their words in their log book. Getting children to read street signs and traffic information boards also encourages children to see the importance of reading in their everyday lives.

Bonfire Night – stay safe and have fun ☺

"Remember, remember the 5th of November..." Bonfire Night is this Saturday and we are sure many of you are going to enjoy seeing some fireworks. Please remind your children of important safety tips:

1. Stay far back from any bonfire and firework,
2. Do not touch any firework
3. Only handle sparklers when wearing gloves.



Please also be aware of materials or clothing which are more flammable. Most importantly have fun and enjoyable the wonderful sights!

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 Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November. A letter has been sent out today for you to select your chosen date and appointment time.

Individual Photos

DSP photographers will be visiting us this Friday (4th November) to take individual photos. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform.



Picture Day!

Flu Vaccinations – Year 3

For those of you who have signed up for the Year 3 flu vaccinations, they will be held on Monday 14th November during the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas Cake Club

Letters have gone out today asking children to sign up for the Christmas Cake decorating club. Places are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, so please send your slips back as soon as possible. Don't forget to say whether you will be decorating a sponge cake or a fruit cake. Please also check the "best before" date to make sure your cake will last until Christmas!



Pantomime Trip

This year we will be taking all of the children to see the pantomime, Peter Pan, at the Gordon Craig Theatre on Tuesday 20th 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 **THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID BY NOW.** The Theatre need us to confirm numbers, so if you haven't paid yet, please do so as soon as possible. If your child is not attending, please let the office know as soon as possible.



Decorations Day

On Friday 2nd December, we will have our annual craft day to decorate the school for Christmas. If you would like to help out for part or all of the day, please let the school office know!

New Menu

Our new menu has now started, and can be viewed via our website.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please log on to www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals to apply. If you are found to be eligible, then meals will be funded from the date you apply. This will **not** be backdated to the beginning of term so it is worth applying early. This will also entitle you to get free snack tokens and milk (please ask at the Office for further details of these schemes).

If you need access to a computer to help you apply, the Office staff will be pleased to help you (you will need your National Insurance Number to do this).

Snack Tokens

This academic year, we will only be able to issue snack tokens when a school order form (available at Reception) has been completed. Snack tokens will then be sent out on a Tuesday and Friday alongside class letters. A new order form with the tokens. We are unable to give children snack tokens on a daily basis. You can buy as many tokens as you like at one time, and use them whenever you wish.

Free School Milk and Snack Tokens

If you are entitled to free meals, then you will also be entitled to free school milk and free school snack tokens. If you would like your child to have milk and/or a piece of fruit at breaktime, then please speak to the office staff.

Class assemblies

11 th Nov	Emerald (Y4)
18 th Nov	Diamond (Y5)
25 th Nov	Sapphire (Y3)
9 th Dec	Quartz (Y6)



All class assemblies start at 9am. All parents/carers are welcome to stay for a tea/coffee after the assembly and a chat with the class teacher.

Important dates for the Autumn Term

9 th Nov	Parent Consultations 3.45 to 6.15pm
10 th Nov	Parent Consultations 6.00 to 8.30pm
14 th Nov	Y3 Flu injections
2 nd Dec	Decorations Day
14 th Dec	Christmas lunch
20 th Dec	Panto



TERM DATES

The HCC terms dates for the next three years can be viewed

at

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schliffe/termdates/>. In order to help you

plan holidays, we have defined our INSET and Occasional Days for the next year as follows:-

2016/17

Inset Days

Thursday 5th January 2017

Friday 6th January 2017

Tuesday 18th April 2017.

Occasional Day

Monday 24th July 2017