

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

29th November 2016 - No. 6 Parent/Carer Partnership

Growth Mindset at Woolenwick Juniors

As many of you know, we are proud to be a Growth Mindset school where we actively encourage all our school members (adults and children) to try to have a growth mindset. In a nutshell, this is where you believe "with effort, you can achieve." Children are praised for trying hard, for persevering and even for making mistakes. Mistakes are good; we learn from them.

Supporting your child at home to develop a Growth Mindset

When speaking to parents/carers, we often hear from you that when you ask your child "what did you do at school today" you are often greeted with silence or a "nothing" which we can assure you is not true! To support children thinking a little differently and to get them talking about their day without directly asking about it, try:

How were you brave today?

Did you make a mistake today – what happened?

How were you kind today?

Remembrance Day

We raised £174.08 selling poppies etc. on behalf of the British Legion and would like to thank all those who contributed.



Picking up and dropping off your child

Please do not drop off/or pick up your child from the zig-zag area outside school. Members of the public report that children are being dropped off and running across the road from behind the car without really looking. This could prove fatal, so please use your common sense and find a safe place for your children to get to school. Additional to this, please be respectful of our neighbours and avoid blocking their driveways.

Waterproof coats

Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school as well as a jumper/cardigan and/or fleece.



CHRISTMAS TIME

Which is your favourite Christmas advert? Personally, I'm loving the Sainsbury's one - other supermarkets are available ;-)



Christmas raffle

An additional flyer should have come home to you today outlining the prizes and how to get your hands on some raffle tickets. All monies raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will be used to purchase something for the children which will be discussed and decided through school council.

Christmas calendar

The calendar is in the process of being made and a copy for you to see should be available early next week. Order forms will then be distributed to those who wish to purchase our fantastic calendar.

Non-Uniform day on Friday

The children can wear their own clothes for Decorations Day on Friday. Please encourage your child to wear 'old' clothes as we cannot guarantee that they won't leave covered in glue and glitter!

Decorations Day – 02/12/16

On Friday 2nd December (this Friday), 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!

Christmas cards

The Christmas post box will be open from Monday 5th December. Any cards posted need to have the first and surname of the recipient and their class name written on clearly. In an effort to be eco-friendly, the children and adults are encouraged to send only one Christmas card with all their friends' names written in (or addressed to the whole class), rather than lots of individual cards. Any cards sent in this way will be displayed around the school for the children to view

Christmas Dinner

The school will be having our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 14th 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 £2.35.

Pantomime Trip – 20/12/16

Please let us know if your child is not attending the pantomime.



Parents will need to make an appointment with Miss Kingston or Mr Crabtree to discuss alternative plans.

Y3/4 Christmas Performance – Midwives in Crisis!

The Performance will be on:

Tuesday 13th December evening

Thursday 15th December evening

Friday 16th December afternoon

A letter has already been sent home outlining further details, with a reply slip for pre-ordering your tickets.

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

9th 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

13th/15th/16th Yr 3/4 Christmas Performance

14th Dec Christmas lunch

20th Dec Panto

TERM DATES



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



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