WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11th October 2016 – No. 3 Parent/Carer Partnership

Library

This year, Cheryl Geary and Carole Crabtree kindly volunteered to help get our library up and running. They have worked really hard re-organising and sorting it so the children can find books easily. It is looking fantastic and we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to them. Cheryl Geary is then going to manage class library times and will support the children in choosing their library books. All children should now have a library book from school.

Reading Record Books

All children should also now be reading their reading record book regularly at home. We ask that children read at least three times a week and have their reading record book signed by parents/carers. Each class has a reading celebration display and this forms part of this celebration. Please note that we do not expect the children to read whole books each time – it is important they read a small amount and are able to talk about it to develop their understanding.

Football results

This year we have both a girls and boys football team. Both have already started playing competitive games.

Recent results for the boys' team are:

Woolenwick Juniors 3, Camps Hill 2

The Leys 1, Woolenwick Juniors 5

Recent results for the girls' team are:

Giles 4, Woolenwick Juniors 2.

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 will be sent out after half term for you to select your chosen date and appointment time.

Year 6 moving on – deadline 31/10/16

Year 6 parents/carers will be aware that the process of selecting secondary schools has begun. The best way to apply for your child's place is on line, at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions. Applications on paper must be sent directly to the Admissions and Transport Team (we cannot accept them here).

CHRISTMAS TIME - 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 WILL NEED TO BE PAID BY OCTOBER HALF TERM**. 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.

Individual Photos

DSP photographers will be visiting us on Friday 4th November to take individual photos.

New Menu
Our new menu, which will come into effect after October half term, is being sent out on Friday.
We will continue to offer a fourth option each Friday as follows (because they are the most popular!):-
Week 1 – Sausages
Week 2 – Sausages
Week 3 – Sausages

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

14th Oct	Pearl (Y4)
21st Oct	Opal (Y3)
11th Nov	Emerald (Y4)
18th Nov	Diamond (Y5)
25th Nov	Sapphire (Y3)
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

17-21Oct	Y6 to PGL
9th Nov	Parent Consultations 3.45 to 6.15pm
10th Nov	Parent Consultations 6.00 to 8.30pm
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/schlife/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