

WOOLEN WICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th September 2016 - No. 1 Parent/Carer Partnership

Welcome back

We're really excited to be back at school; it has been great seeing all the children again. We hope you've had a fantastic summer and enjoyed the lovely weather.



As well as welcoming back our Year 4, 5 and 6 children and their families, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children to Year 3 and other new starters.

This year, we have welcomed sixty new Year 3 children as well as a number of new children in other year groups. All of them have settled in very well and are already making the most of their time in the Juniors.

Letters to parents/carers

We send out letters on Tuesdays and Fridays only (unless we have something urgent to communicate). Please look in your child's bag on these days to make sure you have not missed anything. Our fortnightly Newsletter will be sent out on a Tuesday (instead of a Friday).

Inhalers

If your child requires an asthma inhaler, please ensure that they have a named up-to-date inhaler in school. This will be held by the teacher, who will make sure that it is accessible to your child at all times.

Year 6 moving on

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). All applications must be made on or before 31st October 2016.

Emergency contact numbers

It is vital that we are able to contact all parents/carers in case of an emergency. Please let the office know if you have changed your mobile recently. If in doubt please ask us what number we have registered for you.

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 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).



Themed lunch

There will be a special lunch on Thursday 15th September to commemorate the Battle of Britain. The choices are:-

Toad in the Hole	Opt 1
Cheese and Potato Pie	Opt 2
Cheese Roll	Opt 3

Useful websites for Maths

Please find below a list of useful websites to assist your child with their maths learning:-

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=24>
<https://nrich.maths.org>
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/>
<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/index.html>

Class assemblies

23 rd Sept	Amber (Y6)
30 th Sep	Amethyst (Y5)
14 th Oct	Pearl (Y4)
21 st Oct	Opal (Y3)
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.

Grandparents Assembly

This year, we will be holding our Grandparents Assembly in the afternoon rather than the morning – this is in the hope that Grandparents who live further away have more time to get here. Please let Grandparents know there will be an assembly on Friday 7th October. More details will follow shortly.

Important dates for the Autumn Term

15 th Sep	Battle of Britain Lunch
16 th Sep	Violin lessons start
20 th Sep	Y3 parents invited to lunch
22 nd Sep	Y6 to Crucial Crew
7 th Oct	Grandparents Assembly 1.00pm
17-21 Oct	Y5 to PGL
9 th Nov	Parent Consultations 3.45 to 6.15pm
10 th Nov	Parent Consultations 6.00 to 8.30pm
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/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