

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th September 2016 - No. 2 Parent/Carer Partnership

Wow where has the month gone?

Here at Woolenwick Juniors, we can't believe how quickly this first month back at school has gone! We are all now fully immersed in our learning and are seeing great results from the children.

Raising presentation

This year, we are working hard to improve the presentation of the learning produced by the children (and also the adults!!). We have introduced new non-negotiables to the children. These are things the teachers know the children are able to do, but, for whatever reason, sometimes do not! We would really appreciate it if you encouraged this higher standard of presentation when the children carry out their home learning so that there is a consistent approach and we can show the children we are working as a team.



Punctuality

It is really important that your child is in school no later than 8.50am each morning (doors open at 8.45am). From 8.45am, the children can come in to school and carry out a small learning activity. This helps settle them and prepare them for a day of learning ahead. Lessons start promptly at 9am.



Parking

Please make sure you park appropriately when dropping off/picking up your child. Yellow zig zag lines and our gates should not be blocked/parked on (for any length of time). Please make sure you are sensitive to the local residents and avoid blocking driveways and garages.



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.

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

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

Gourmet Burger Day

On Thursday 6th October we will be having a gourmet burger day. A flier will be sent out on Friday giving more details. The choices on that day will be:-



Gourmet Beef Burger	Opt 1
Gourmet Vegetarian Burger	Opt 2
Cheese Roll	Opt 3

FREE MEALS/MILK/SNACK TOKENS

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).

Free School Milk

If you are entitled to free meals, then you will also be entitled to free school milk. If you would like your child to have milk at breaktime, then please speak to the office staff.

Free School Snack Tokens

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

E-Safety

Please find attached a copy of Herts for Learning's e-safety newsletter which has been produced for parents.

Class assemblies

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.



Important dates for the Autumn Term

7 th Oct	Grandparents Assembly 1.30pm
17-21 Oct	Y6 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/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