



## Woolenwick Junior School / Newsletter: April 2019

### UPDATE

The children settled back into school life really well after their lovely Easter break and are looking forward to a busy term ahead.

### PUNCTUALITY

The school day starts at 8:50am, please make every effort to get your child(ren) to school on time; it sets a good example and starts their morning learning much more effectively.

I have seen a few children arriving up to 10 or 15 minutes late every day, and this has a huge impact on their learning.

If you would like any help in establishing morning routines, as we know it is hard trying to juggle everyday life, please feel free to contact our Family Worker, Jackie Birch, for support. Alternatively, the school operates a breakfast and after school club, called BLAST, that parents are more than welcome to use. Please speak to Suzanne Armstrong, Office Manager or Jacky Bayhnam (BLAST Manager) for more information.

We would also like to politely remind parents that the school day finishes at 3.30pm. There are a few parents who are frequently late collecting their children and, although we understand that you may occasionally get stuck in traffic or an unforeseen event may delay you, we would ask you to be considerate and collect your child/ren promptly. Many staff have clubs or meetings to attend and if children are not collected by 3.45pm the school reserves the right to admit them into the after school club (BLAST) and this will lead to a charge being incurred.

**The vast majority of parents are absolutely brilliant with punctuality and we would like to thank them for setting a good example to others.**

### WELL BEING-KEEPING HEALTHY

It is very important our children are provided with a balanced diet. As a school, we actively encourage children to eat healthily and exercise. We all like a sweet treat, however, we need to ensure there is a balance to our meal times.

According to NHS choices a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta \* Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans \*
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt \* Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

For some 'fresh' ideas on healthy packed lunches, look at the BBC good food website: <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration> it is full of healthy alternative ideas for your child's pack lunches. Another way to encourage healthy eating is by involving your children in the making of alternative snacks like the ones seen in the link above. It will also teach your children some cookery skills and can be a lot of fun for both of you! Home cooking helps to limit any additives or added sugar that can be found in some of the shop bought treats in your child's packed lunch.

## CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS – OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Please continue to email us with details of your child's successes. We love to help them celebrate their outside achievements in the school newsletter and you are welcome to send in a photo of the event. We will endeavour to include this in our next newsletter. Remember - no success is too small!

Email to Miss Armstrong: [admin@woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk)

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Well done to Olivia D, Year 3 Ruby Class, who had 10 inches cut off her hair last month which she donated to the Little Princess Trust. Her hair will be used to make a wig if they are suffering from cancer and their hair starts to fall out. What a selfless thing to do for others. Olivia you're a star!



Congratulations also go to Bobby, Year 5 Quartz Class and Archie H, Year 4 Coral Class who both took part in their rugby clubs' tours. Bobby plays for Hitchin RFC who spent the weekend in Bournemouth and Archie plays for Datchworth RFC.



Well done to Amelie B, Year 5 Jade Class and Grace B, Year 5 Quartz Class who competed in the Irish Dancing UK Open Championships last month. Both were placed and were awarded a trophy, a medal and a certificate – at their first Irish Dancing competition!



# Stevenage Family Trail

Join Buster the Stepasaurus and his friends including Reqs, Hertfordshire's very own Fire Dog at Fairlands Valley Park.

Starting at the Sailing Centre at Fairlands Valley Park, collect your map and clues to take part in the **FREE** Family Trail.

Once you have completed the trail hand in your form to be entered into the **free prize draw**, with prizes which include a micro scooter. Every child taking part will receive their very own Buddie Buggy.



*We will be joined by the following partners:*

- Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Hertfordshire Police
- Herts Boat Rescue Service
- Stevenage Leisure Limited
- Stevenage Football Club Foundation
- Bruce the Bear from Wrights Estate Agents



# Stevenage Walking Festival

**Come and take part  
in the free Family Trail**

**Held at Fairlands Valley Park**

**On the 4<sup>th</sup> May 10 am to 4pm**

**Enjoy a fabulous free prize draw &  
every child gets a beautiful  
furry bug to take home**

**FAIRLANDS  
VALLEY**  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

**WRIGHTS**

**rambblers**  
at the heart of nature

**walking  
for health**

**STEVENAGE  
FOOTBALL CLUB  
FOUNDATION**

**Hertfordshire**

**HERTFORDSHIRE  
CONSTABULARY**



**Stevenage Cycle Club**

**SLL**

**Stevenage  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## FINAL MESSAGE

There are lots of diary dates below. Please note these on your calendars.

Don't forget too that **next Wednesday is Class Photograph day**. We would ask that all children are in full school uniform, including a school jumper/fleece/cardigan. Many thanks.

As we move into the Summer term please can you ensure your child has a water bottle each day as water helps the brain stay healthy and apply sun cream as and when necessary. Here's hoping for a sunny summer term!

Kind Regards,  
*G Hawkins*  
Mr G Hawkins  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – INCLUDING NEW DATES ADDED!

Date/Event	Time/Description
<b>MAY</b>	
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>	<b>Class Photographs</b> <b>All pupils in full school uniform</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	SATs Week (Year 6) Early morning breakfast club will be available from 8:15am this week only. Please see other letter for more details)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Year 6 Enterprise Trip to London (for 10 children) These children will be randomly selected based on progress and entrepreneurial skill.
<b>JUNE</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	Year 6 Start swimming on Monday afternoons
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Sports Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	New Year 3 Parents - Headteacher and SLT 'meet and greet'
<b>JULY</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Year 5/6 Play evening performance (6pm) £2.50 per ticket. Babes in arms free.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Year 5/6 Play matinee (1.30pm) and evening performances (6pm). £2.50 per ticket. Babes in arms free.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Move-Up day / Transition day. Children with their new class teacher. Year 6 children visit their new secondary school.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	4-5pm - Parents opportunity to meet the new class teacher-class presentation and learning expectations. More information to follow.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Year 6 Leavers BBQ (Children Only) (5:30pm – 7pm)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 9.30am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July Last day of term	1.30pm finish.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July INSET DAY	School Closed

\*Woolenwick Junior School – Talent Competition (internal event) – Date to be confirmed