



Current House Point Totals:

Cheetahs

901

Lions

734

Panthers

877

Tigers

922

1st

*****CHRISTMAS SPECIAL*****

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year, as last, all children will be running Christmas games in their classrooms. The Class Teachers are in the process of organising children into groups so that they can run stalls. There will be a rota for each class, so that all children will have an opportunity to go around the fair. Please go to your child's class door to enter the Fair, before moving onto other areas of the school.

The fair will start at 3.15pm and finish promptly at 5.00pm. You are welcome to join us then or collect your child from the Infant School first. Year 3 and Year 4 children must be accompanied at the fair by parent/carer. BLAST club is not open on Christmas Fair evening. If your child has permission to walk home it is their responsibility to tell their Class Teacher when they leave for the day. If you have any questions about this, please speak to their Class Teacher on the day.

There will be stalls and games in the Hall and Dining Room, as well as the Classrooms. In addition, we are expecting several external stallholders. Once you have been around the fair you are welcome to take your child, although it would be fantastic if you are able to stay until 5pm, as there will be so many activities to take part in.

Father Christmas will once again be in his grotto. Tickets will be available on the day priced at £2.00.

Thank you so much for all your continued support, particularly at this very busy time of year. We are hoping to raise as much money as possible at the fair for the purchase of PE Equipment: mats, benches etc.

RAFFLE PRIZES

We are collecting donations towards the Christmas Raffle, and have had several generous donations already. However, if you are in a position to donate a prize (new or unused gifts) or a voucher for this event, or know someone that is, we would be very grateful.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school on admin@woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk or the Friends of Woolenwick Junior School on fowjs@woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk

RAFFLE TICKETS

We are holding a competition to see who can sell the most raffle tickets for our Grand Prize Christmas Draw. The child who sells the most tickets will be awarded £25 Amazon voucher. Proceeds raised from ticket sales will go towards play equipment for the school.

Each child should have brought home 4 books of 5 tickets which we would like you/your child to sell to your friends and family. Each ticket costs £1 (£5 per book). Please make sure that when you return the ticket stubs they clearly show name and telephone number of the person that you sold them to!

To ensure we know how many tickets you have sold please put your child name/class on the back of the stub. **Completed stubs, money and unsold books need to be returned to the School Office no later than Tuesday 17th December.** The draw will be held on Thursday 19th December.

If you would like more books of raffle tickets, please ask at the School Office.

If you are not in a position to sell all books of raffle tickets, please return unsold ones to the school office

LUCKY JARS

You will have seen a flyer come home about 'Lucky Jars'. The children love filling and decorating these, and they are hugely popular at the Christmas Fair.

Please can you encourage your child to decorate clean jars, with a festive theme, and fill them with wrapped sweets and small toys for our jar tombola at the Christmas Fair. **The jars need to be brought into school from Monday 2nd December to Thursday 5th December** and handed to your child's Class Teacher, where they will be judged in a competition to see who has come up with the best designs. Your child can enter as many times as they like (the more jars the better) and judging will take place on Thursday 5th December.

Prizes will be given for the best decorated jar in each year group.

MONEY TREE ENVELOPES

Yesterday, your son/daughter should have returned home with a small coloured envelope. These envelopes will be used on our 'Lucky Envelope Tree' at the Christmas Fair. Please place a coin in the envelope (10p, 20p, 50p, £1 or £2) and **return it to school by Thursday 5th December.**

SOFT TOY DONATIONS

We would love your children to bring in any soft toy donations for our teddy bear tombola that will be held at the Christmas Fair. Nearly new, as well as, well-loved donations are fine, please just make sure they are not too used! Your son(s)/daughter(s) should bring these into their Class Teacher **no later than Thursday 5th December**

WOOLENWICK JUNIORS CALENDAR

This year at the Christmas Fair all parents/carers will have the opportunity to buy the school calendar. Each month displays pictures that the children have drawn of themselves and the staff! The cost of the calendar will be £2.50.

FRIENDS OF WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Huge thank you to all the 'Friends' who are extremely busy working away behind the scenes to help us make our Christmas Fair a huge success. If you are able to offer the 'Friends' a helping hand by way of running a stall or clearing up when the fair ends, please email fowjs@woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk.

Many thanks also to Mrs Sullivan, mother of Toby in Year 3, who kindly decorated our school front door!

YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS PLAY - 'I'M GONNA SHINE'

Rehearsals for the play are well underway and the children are all doing brilliantly. There are lots of songs to learn, so no doubt at least some of you have heard snippets of these at home already!

Costumes – these need to be in school by Monday 2nd December. If there are any problems or you are struggling to locate items, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher, sooner rather than later.

Performances - All year 3 and 4 children will be required to attend every performance of the play and will need to arrive back at school for 5.00pm ready for the evening performance on Wednesday and 5.30pm on Thursday.

Tickets are selling fast for all performances! If you still need to purchase tickets please send the green reply slip and money in an envelope, we will then send the tickets home with your son/daughter.

CAROL SINGING WITH LONSDALE SCHOOL CHOIR

As part of a music partnership with Lonsdale School headed by Mrs Kuffour, children from our school choir visited Lonsdale school on Wednesday 20th November to perform Christmas carols together. The joint choir performance was filmed and was shown at Lonsdale School's Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November and it will also be shown at our Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December. We had lots of fun singing in harmony and creating a wonderful sound. We look forward to planning other great events together in the coming year as we continue to develop strong links through music.



THANKS TO PARENTS/CARERS

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended the Learning Experiences this month. We had a huge turn-out of families, which is fantastic for the children and staff who put so much time into preparing for these. Look out for new dates for the next Learning Experiences in the New Year.

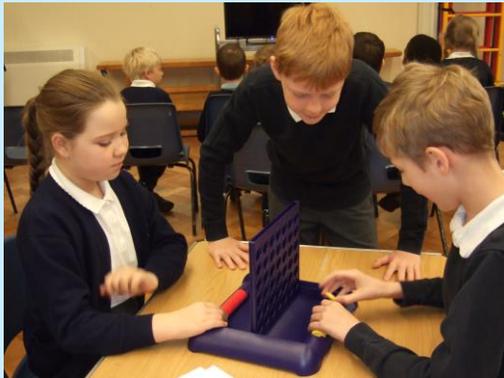
PARENTS' CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Many thanks to all parents/carers who joined us on one of our parents' evenings earlier this month. We only had a handful of parents who were unable to attend, and, we will be arranging additional appointments for them. The next Parents' Consultation Evenings will be in March 2020.

BLAST CLUB – CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The children have been busy with arts and crafts for the Autumn term. They are thoroughly enjoying the range of board games that we have to offer. Once a week each child is given the opportunity to learn a new skill by sewing a woodland creature which Lisa has set up and gives assistance if needed.

The children in Blast are looking forward to the Christmas activities which will start on Monday.



SCHOOL AND BRITISH VALUES

The value for the month of **December** will be **'thoughtfulness'**.

We will update you with each newsletter of the values for the month ahead. In the meantime, if you would like to share how your son/daughter has displayed these values at home or in their community please let us know by email: admin@woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk.

FINAL MESSAGE

Thank you for your unwavering support, particularly at this time of year when there is so much going on in the way of Christmas, both at school and at home.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming Christmas Fair and Year 3/4 Christmas Play performances.

With very best wishes,

G Hawkins

Mr G Hawkins
Headteacher

KEY DATES

Wednesday 4th December 2019	Pantomime 'Beauty and The Beast' (Gordon Craig Theatre) <i>Late lunch on return. Will be Thursday menu (email to follow)</i>
Thursday 5th December 2019	Christmas Disco Y3+Y4 - 3.45-5.00pm - children bring clothes to change into Y5+Y6 - 5.15-6.30pm - all children must be collected from hall
Friday 6th December 2019	Christmas Fair 3.15pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 11th December 2019	Christmas Dinner Day <i>Dress to impress! Wear your best party clothes or your Christmas jumpers. No need to bring money just plenty of sparkle!</i>
Wednesday 11th December 2019	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Play (5.30pm)
Thursday 12th December 2019	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Play (matinee 1.30pm) Year 3 and 4 Christmas Play (6.00pm)
Thursday 12th December 2019	General Election – school to be used as a polling station This will be held in Platinum or Coral Class. Coral Class children will need to line up as normal and enter via the Year 6 door with their teacher and will be using an alternative classroom that day
Friday 20th December 2019	Last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm



Back to school on Monday 6th January 2020



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