



Woolmore Primary School

NEWSLETTER

December 2016

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we have almost completed our first term of this year. It's been a term with lots of exciting learning and all our children making good progress. Well done everyone!

As the school grows it is a pleasure to welcome new families to Woolmore. We are delighted that Woolmore parents support our school and want to work in partnership. You will see examples of this throughout this newsletter.

May I wish all our families and friends Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2017.

With kind regards

Ms Argent



Have a great holiday everyone!

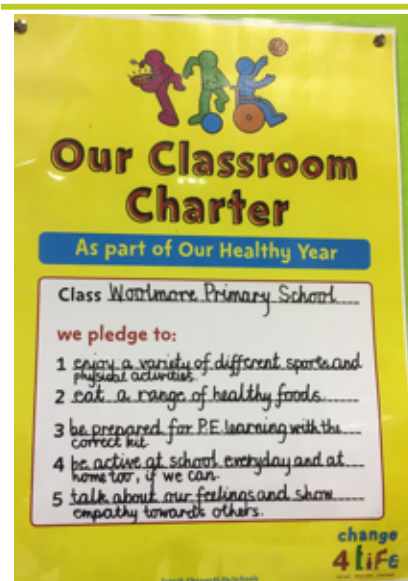
Here is an idea for something to watch on TV – by one of our favourite poets: Michael Rosen. →



Channel 4
Sat 24 Dec, 7.30pm
We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Remind me

HEALTHY LIVING PARTNERSHIP



We recently held a very interesting meeting with parents to discuss healthy living. We talked about the importance of:

- A healthy diet and avoiding obesity
- Keeping active
- Emotional health
- Keeping safe including such basics as children wearing seatbelts and remembering their glasses!

We are currently producing a booklet with ideas for our joint healthy living plan and we will share this in the new year.

In the picture above you can see the class charters we have across the school. Your child will explain more.

CHARITY AT WOOLMORE

Last week a magnificent group of parents cooked some delicious food for staff and parents. This was in aid of the dreadful drought in Somaliland. The combination of mouth-watering food and the generosity of staff and parents means we were able to raise £900 in one day to help the humanitarian crisis in Somaliland.

Thank you everyone.



Healthy Living Partnership: Meet our Parent Ambassadors

Thank you to our two new parent ambassadors for healthy living: Rabia Khatun (mother of Janna and Sulaiman) and Nasir Uddin (father of Yusuf and Anisah). Our Ambassadors will work with us through the year on aspects of healthy living. Please approach them if you would like ideas or would like to help.

● DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 16 December: last day of term; school ends at 1.30 – thank you for collecting your children on time

Please note that the nursery will finish on Thursday 15th Dec at the usual time

● **Tuesday 3 January 2017**
Everyone returns for the start of the spring term.

Mon 13 Feb - Fri 17 Feb
Half term holiday 1 week

Friday 31 March
Break up for Easter holidays – 2 weeks

LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS

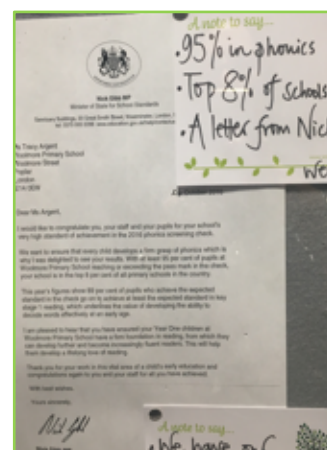
Thank you to all the parents who came to our learning review meetings – that was almost all of you! Your feedback tells us that you are pleased with the progress your children are making and appreciate the ideas to help them at home. Next term we have our Open Evening.

4 IDEAS FOR THE HOLIDAY

1. Read lots of books
2. Get active: walking...swimming...
3. Enjoy good conversations with friends and family
4. Be happy and show appreciation to others

FANTASTIC PHONICS!

This term we received a letter from Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Standards, congratulating us on our high standards in phonics. Last year 95% of our Y1 pupils (now in Y2) achieved the expected standard. This puts Woolmore in the top 8% of all schools in the country. We are very proud.



How many new words can you learn over Christmas?

Don't forget to look at our website and twitter for information and lots of photos of things that have been happening at Woolmore.

www.woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Do you keep a diary or a journal? Research shows that this can really help with learning. Why not try?



Early years Nativity



KS2 Time Travelling through Christmas

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Thank you to the many parents who attended our Christmas concerts this week and for your positive comments and support. I know so many of you felt proud of the children whether they were singing, playing a part in the nativity, being a narrator, playing an instrument or helping out behind the scenes.

As well as creating a shared performance about Christmas the children have developed their confidence and performance skills and have shown what hard work and team work can produce. Well done Woolmore pupils and staff for our great productions! Take a look at more pictures on Twitter.