



# November 2017 Newsletter

*Helping your child develop a love for life and learning*

Value of the month - Understanding

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful half term break and you are ready for the lead up to Christmas! There are many wonderful events planned for both the children and yourselves, including the Christmas Fair, Christmas Carol Services, Christmas plays and nativities. More details about these events are provided later in this newsletter.

Since my last newsletter, I am delighted to inform you that our School Development Plan has been ratified by Governors and is now available on our website. As you know, the focus of our plan is to secure outstanding outcomes for our children and I thought it would be a good opportunity to provide you with an update on our progress so far this term. Over the last two months, staff have been busy:

- Improving playtime and lunchtimes so that the children have more space to play, more staff to support with play and more resources.
- Reviewing and improving our Behaviour Policy with an experienced consultant.
- Developing planning for the teaching of a mastery curriculum.
- Learning new methods of teaching in mathematics (during our INSET day).
- Ordering new resources to support our developing curriculum.

We hope that your children are enjoying their learning so far this term and are able to share some of the different teaching methods and resources they are experiencing when talking about their days at school.

You will be aware that our attendance for the month of September was **94.8%** which unfortunately fell short of our school target for the academic year of 96%. I am delighted to inform you that our attendance for October is **96.7%** which is a great improvement. Thank you to all those families adhering to our attendance policy; it is much appreciated.

Last month, in our assemblies and Learning for Life lessons, we focused on the value of 'friendship' and we explored how to be a good friend, how to make new friends and how to challenge unkind behaviour. This month, we are focusing on the value of 'understanding'. We will be discussing how we can show understanding to others, how we can be tolerant and how to forgive. In school, we are positively recognising children for living by other school values. If you have any examples of your child(ren) demonstrating the school values at home, I would love to hear about it (via my email: [head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk)) so I can give them a 'special head teacher note of thanks'. I haven't had any yet and I know how amazing your children are so please get emailing ☺.

Finally, it is really important that we continue to work in partnership so if you or your child(ren) have any questions or concerns as the term proceeds, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Many thanks & best wishes,

  
Kareen O'Brien



# Updates & Dates

## Fire Drill & Lock Down

Fire Drill: Yesterday, we carried out an unplanned fire drill where children and staff were unaware that the bell was going to ring. I am delighted to say that all children left the school building calmly when they heard the continuous bell and followed the procedures that they had been taught.

Lock Down: We have carried out a planned lock down where children and staff knew that three short bells were going to be heard which meant that they were to remain within the school building. Again, the children were extremely sensible and were able to follow that staff instructions calmly. We plan to carry out another unplanned lock down later this term.



## Promoting Healthy Eating

We would like to remind you that if your child has a packed lunch, that this should also be healthy and well balanced. It should not include: sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks. **However, please note that chocolate covered biscuits are allowed.** Finally, we are a nut free school due to the serious allergies we have within the school community. We thank you for your support.

## PTA

### **Christmas Fair (Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 11.30am – 2.00pm)**

Please see the attached flyers: Countdown to Christmas; Christmas; Christmas raffle.

## Sport

Well done to the year 5 and 6 Football teams that played away at Send CoE school on Tuesday. The year 5 team played brilliantly to win 5-1. The year 6 team played very well as a team and should be proud of their efforts despite slipping to a 3-1 loss.



## Important Dates

Date	Content
6.11.17	Year 5 (Robins) to RGS
7.11.17	Reception curriculum evening at 7.00pm
10.11.17	Larks class assembly at 2.45pm
10.11.17	PTA speed quiz at 7.30pm
13.11.17	Year 5 (Owls) to RGS
17.11.17	Reception 'Welly Waddle' for Children in Need
17.11.17	Woodpeckers class assembly at 2.45pm
24.11.17	Magpies class assembly at 2.45pm
1.12.17	Robins class assembly at 2.45pm
3.12.17	PTA Christmas fair
8.12.17	Kingfishers class assembly at 2.45pm
11.12.17	Reception nativity at 10.00am
11.12.17	Year 2 Christmas show at 2.00pm
12.12.17	Reception nativity at 10.00am
12.12.17	Year 1 Christmas show at 2.00pm
13.12.17	Year 1 Christmas show at 9.15am
14.12.17 (am)	Year 3 Carol service (St Mary's Church)
14.12.17 (pm)	Year 4 Carol service (St Mary's Church)
14.12.17	Year 2 Christmas show at 2.00pm
19.12.17 (10am)	Year 5 & 6 Carols to local residents and grandparents
19.12.17 (6pm)	Year 5 & 6 Carols to parents
22.12.17 – 3.1.18	Christmas holidays

