



March 2019 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Honesty

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure like me you have enjoyed the recent wonderful weather and are enjoying the lighter mornings. The staff have been working hard to make sure the second half of the Spring term continues to be packed full of fun with school trips to support our new exciting curriculum, performances at G-Live and a variety of class assemblies.

With every day jam packed with fun and learning, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that every day lost to education can have a serious impact on children's attainment and emotional well being. Currently I am increasingly worried about our whole school attendance which is 95.5% against our target of 96.1%. It is clear from my weekly analysis that there are particular families who are not supporting our Attendance Policy, taking holidays in term time (from one year to the next) which leads to children missing learning time, missing social time with friends and brings significant pressure on teaching staff to find ways for children to catch up on missed lessons. I cannot stress enough the strong link between attendance and children's academic achievement. Please help us to deliver the best possible education for your children by ensuring that they have good attendance.

Teachers (in Reception to Year 5) are looking forward to meeting with you at our Parent Consultations next week on Wednesday 6th March and Thursday 7th March to discuss your children's progress this year and their next steps. As in the Autumn term, teachers will meet with parents in the classrooms for that year group as shown in the table below:

Year group	Classroom to enjoy children's work and wait for appointment	Classroom to meet with class teacher
Reception	Swallows	Swifts
One	Finches	Blackbirds
Two	Doves	Larks
Three	Magpies	Sparrows
Four	Kingfishers	Nightingales
Five	Owls	Jackdaws

Finally, this term we have been making great progress against our School Development priorities, which include a major overhaul of our library, a significant investment in our IT infrastructure and equipment and improvement of our playground spaces. It is important to note that if it were not for the active PTA and your support for their fundraising events, these projects would not be able to happen. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for their tireless work and your continued support; your children will be benefiting from these improvements by the Summer term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Karen O'Brien
Head Teacher



Updates & Dates



THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN: HEROES WANTED It's time to clean up the village

- Saturday 2nd March, 10.00am – 12.00 noon
- Meet at the Community Centre, Fairlands
- Refreshments afterwards
- Gloves and equipment provided

WORKING PARTY - SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 9.30AM

Q. Can you spare a couple of hours to help tidy up around our school?

- We are planning a working party of staff and parents to get our school grounds tidy and ready for the summer term. We would like to clear up leaves, tidy borders and maintain our outdoor areas. There are some specific jobs we would like help with and lots of general tidying, sorting out and clearing up.

Q. Are you a tree surgeon?

- We need help to prune our willow arch and shrubs in the environmental area.

Q. Do you have a pressure washer?

- The parasols on the raised playground need cleaning, as do the picnic benches.

Q. Are you a builder/bricklayer?

- There are bricks that need relaying in some of our raised borders



If you can help, please can you let Mrs Sherlock know by email rsherlock@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk

Thank you ☺.

TEACHING AND CELEBRATING OF VALUES

In assemblies we have been thinking about 'freedom', focusing on having the **right** to act, speak, or think (with respect). If you have any examples of your child(ren) demonstrating the school value of 'freedom' at home, Mrs O'Brien would love to hear about it (via my email: head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk) so she can give them a 'special head teacher note of thanks'.

PARENTMAIL

We have had a number of parents saying that they can not request performance tickets, as when they try to submit the form, it will not let them. What you need to do is... in the boxes where you have to enter a number, please type the word. For example instead of 0, type None. We hope this works/helps! ☺

LOST PROPERTY BOXES

We now have two extra lost property boxes located in The Aviary, one is situated on the ground floor and one on the first floor. If your child's classroom is in this building and they have lost a piece of uniform please check these boxes. If no luck, please feel free to check the basket at the end of the Year 3 corridor.

COMIC RELIEF – 15TH MARCH 2019

Comic Relief is a charity we always support. This year the school council have decided to ask for contributions (minimum donation £1) in exchange for children wearing mufti clothes on Friday 15th March. There is also an opportunity for children to take part in a 'design a nose competition'. Pupils will need to pay 50p per entry and bring in their design (picture, painting, collage or model) for the Friday morning. There will be prizes for winning noses – have fun!

YEAR 5 & 6 DISCO REMINDER – 15th March 2019 6.30pm – 8.00pm

If you are able to help at the above event, please contact the PTA on worplesdonprimarypta@gmail.com, thank you ☺.





Updates & Dates



Wednesday 06.03.19 (3.30pm-6.30pm)	Year Rec-5 Parents Consultations
Thursday 07.03.19	World Book Day
Thursday 07.03.19 (5.00pm-7.30pm)	Year Rec-5 Parents Consultations
Friday 08.03.19 (2.45pm)	Sparrows Class Assembly
Thursday 14.03.19	Year 3 & 4 Production
Friday 15.03.19	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Friday 15.03.19 (2.45pm)	Jays Class Assembly
Friday 15.03.2019	Year 5 & 6 Disco
Monday 18.03.19 – Thursday 21.03.19	Year 6 Mock SATS
Wednesday 20.03.18	Year 3 Trip to Wisley
Friday 22.03.19 (2.45pm)	Blackbirds Class Assembly
Tuesday 26.03.19 (6.30pm-7.30pm)	Year 6 Parents SATS Information Evening
Wednesday 27.03.19	G Live Concert
Friday 29.03.19	PTA Mothers Day Sale
Friday 05.04.19	PTA Easter Egg PTA Smartie Tube Competition
Friday 05.04.19 (1.45pm)	Finish for Easter Break
Tuesday 23.04.19 (8.50am)	Return to School
Friday 03.05.19 (2.45pm)	Robins Class Assembly
Friday 10.05.19 (2.45pm)	Swifts Class Assembly
Monday 13.05.19 – Thursday 16.05.19	Year 6 SATS
Friday 17.05.19 (2.45pm)	Magpies Class Assembly
Friday 24.05.19 (2.45pm)	Swallows Class Assembly
Friday 24.05.19 (3.15pm)	Finish for Half Term
Monday 03.06.19 (8.50am)	Return to School
Monday 03.06.19 – Wednesday 05.06.19	Year 4 PGL Residential Trip (Marchants Hill)
Tuesday 04.06.19 (6.30pm – 7.30pm)	Isle of Wight Parents Information Evening
Friday 07.06.19 (2.45pm)	Jackdaws Class Assembly
Thursday 13.06.19 (pm)	Junior Sports Day
Thursday 13.06.19 (7.00pm)	New Reception Parents Evening (Sep 19)
Friday 14.06.19	PTA Fathers Day Sale
Friday 14.06.19 (2.45pm)	Year 4 Marchants Hill Assembly
Monday 17.06.19 – Friday 21.06.19	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Trip
Friday 21.06.19 (2.45pm)	Larks Class Assembly
Monday 24.06.19	Class Photographs
Tuesday 25.06.19 (pm)	District Sports
Wednesday 26.06.19 (pm)	Infant Sports Day
Thursday 27.06.19 (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Summer Soiree
Friday 28.06.19 (2.45pm)	Finches Class Assembly
Monday 01.07.19	New Class Letters Home
Tuesday 02.07.19	Whole School Transition Day
Tuesday 02.07.19 (7.00pm)	New Year 3 Parents Evening (non Worplesdon) Sep 19
Wednesday 03.07.19	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 05.07.19 (2.45pm)	Starlings Class Assembly
Friday 05.07.19	PTA Summer Circus & BBQ
Friday 12.07.19 (2.45pm)	Blackbirds Class Assembly
Monday 15.07.19	Reports Home
Wednesday 17.07.19 (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Year 6 Production
Friday 19.07.19 (2.45pm)	Doves Class Assembly
Tuesday 23.07.19 (2.45pm)	Year 6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Wednesday 24.07.19 (1.45pm)	Finish for Summer Break