



# May 2019 Newsletter

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

Value of the month – Co-operation

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break with your family and friends, enjoying the glorious weather; let's hope that is not our Summer over! The Summer term has started positively with congratulations to Mrs Flashman who had a beautiful baby girl (Hayden) on 10th April. Both Mum and baby are doing well. In classrooms, the children have been busy learning about their new topics, finding out about up, and coming school trips. Please remember that you can find out more about your child's curriculum on our website, which we keep updated.

Whilst I am sure it has been challenging to get back in to the school routine, I would like to thank you for ensuring the children have arrived promptly with almost all children having 100% attendance for the Summer term so far. Currently our attendance is 95.8%, which is a slight increase from last term, however this continues to require significant improvement (against our target of 96.1%). Please help your child to get as close to 100% attendance for this final term.

Furthermore, it is great to see the children wearing their uniform with pride this term. It did come to my attention at the end of last term that some of our school rules regarding school uniform were slipping so I thought it would be helpful to remind parents and children of a number of school uniform expectations ...

- Hairbands should be **plain in style** without, for example, bows, flowers or animal ears.
- Make up, nail varnish and tattoos must not be worn in school.
- Boys hairstyles should **not** include tram lines or shaved patterns of any form.
- Shoulder length hair should be **tied back** at all times (boys & girls).
- **Black shoes** (not trainers) to be worn in school.
- Boys should wear grey trousers (long or short), light blue shirt/polo shirt, scarlet v-neck sweater or sweatshirt, **plain grey or black socks**.
- Girls should wear medium or mid grey pinafore dress or skirt. Mid grey shorts or trousers of approved design. Light blue blouse or polo shirt, scarlet v-neck sweater, cardigan or sweatshirt. Pale blue gingham dress in the summer. **Plain grey, black or white socks/tights**.

You will have seen from my recent communication that Worpleston Primary School has been selected by the Local Authority and Freemantles to house and jointly run a new style specialist centre which will cater for 21 children with communication and interaction needs. Worpleston is already a school, which has expanded and in September 2019 we will have reached our maximum number of children (540). The 21 centre children will be included within this number. We believe that this is a wonderful opportunity for our community but I am also very aware of the importance of carefully planning the building works to minimise the disruption to our children. If you would like to find out more then please come along to the meeting on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm in the school hall.

Finally, many of you will know that our Breakfast and After School Clubs are extremely popular with many families on our waiting list. I am delighted to inform you that to meet our demand we will be relocating the clubs to the school hall from September 2019. We have already spoken to the current club providers who use our school hall and they will be using the PAC or playground (as appropriate) instead. If you know you require spaces at the club from September, I urge you to book soon to meet the deadline of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. We will confirm place by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

I wish you all a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien  
Head Teacher



# Updates & Dates



## CYCLING SAFETY

It has come to light that there are a number of children who ride their bikes to school without a safety helmet on. Please can you ensure that your children wear their helmet at all times. Thank you 😊.



## GOOD LUCK

“Good luck” to all our Junior children who are representing the school tomorrow in the Guildford Primary Schools Swimming Gala at Guildford Spectrum. They have been training hard with Mrs Tapley and we hope they have a great time.



## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Please can we remind you that all extra curricular clubs started this week. We have had a *significant* number of children signed up for clubs who did not attend. As these clubs are really popular and have waiting lists, we would be grateful if you could remind them to go. If children do not attend for two consecutive weeks, they will be removed from the club and their place will be given to the next person on the waiting list.

Unfortunately, if your child has not been signed up for a club they are interested in, they **can not** just turn up due to adult to child ratio's. They will need to be put on the waiting list.



## CYP HAVEN

**‘A Safe Place to get support when I am feeling distressed and worried about how I am feeling’**

The local CYP Haven are offering a variety of useful workshops over the next few months, that may be useful to our Year 5 and 6 families. Please look on the link below for details.

<https://www.cyphaven.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/CYP-Havens-Workshops-Programme-April-June-2019-600x412.jpg>

## STATIONERY SETS

Stationery sets for classes are now available from the school office. Each set is £2.50 consisting of 1 x pencil, 1 x handwriting pen, 1 x glue stick and 1 x white board pen.

These items can also be purchased separately as follows:

- 50p handwriting pen
- £1.00 white board pen
- £1.50 Pritt stick
- 20p pencil





# Updates & Dates



Date	Content
Saturday 04.05.19	Year 4-6 Swimming Gala
Tuesday 07.05.19	Year 1 trip to Dapdune Wharf
Tuesday 07.05.19 (2.45pm & 6.00pm)	Year 4 PGL Parents Information Afternoon/Evening
Friday 10.05.19 (2.45pm)	Swifts Class Assembly
Monday 13.05.19 – Thursday 16.05.19	Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 15.05.19	Reception trip to Bocketts Farm
Wednesday 15.05.19 (8.50am)	Prayer Group Meeting
Friday 17.05.19 (2.45pm)	Magpies Class Assembly
Friday 17.05.19 (7.30pm)	PTA May Social (The Cricketers, Aldershot Road)
Wednesday 22.05.19	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
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
Tuesday 11.06.19 (7.00pm)	New Reception Parents Evening (Sep 19)
Thursday 13.06.19 (pm)	Junior Sports Day
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
Wednesday 19.06.19 (8.50am)	Prayer Group Meeting
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
<b>Friday 28.06.19</b>	<b>Year 5 trip to Newlands Corner</b>
Friday 28.06.19 (2.45pm)	Finches Class Assembly
<b>Tuesday 02.07.19</b>	<b>New Class Letters Home</b>
Tuesday 02.07.19 (7.00pm)	New Year 3 Parents Evening (non Worplesdon) Sep 19
<b>Wednesday 03.07.19</b>	<b>Whole School Transition Day</b>
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
Wednesday 17.07.19 (8.50am)	Prayer Group Meeting
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

# St Mark's May Fair

**Bank Holiday Monday 6th May**  
**2.00pm – 4.30pm**  
**Manor Fruit Farm**  
**Glaziers Lane - Normandy**



**Charity dog show**

**Jaguar/Land Rover  
experience raffle**

**Outstanding raffle prizes**

- Pot of luck
- Ice cream
- Pre-loved toys/clothes
- Wine and beer tent
- Face painting
- Coconut shy
- Hunts Hill Farm BBQ
- Teas and refreshments
- Plant sale

**Punch and Judy show**

- Games
- Tombolas
- Home-made cakes
- China smashing!
- Kiddies' corner
- Craft stall
- Lollipop tree



**...and much more!**  
**Fun for all!**

**Book Sale**

open on - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
 at break (Junior Playground)

runners of the stall  
 Evie  
 Summer

Magic

A book costs 50p  
 so does a bag!

Everything you can imagine in a book!