



November 2018 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

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 Children in Need (on 14th November), the Christmas Fair, Christmas Carol Services, Christmas plays and nativities.

Since my last newsletter, I am delighted to inform you that our School Development Plan has been ratified by Governors and will be available on Monday 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:

- Developing their new curriculum with an exciting thematic approach, which is under-pinned by the basic skills. In fact our external consultant commented this week on how engaged the children were in their learning and how much progress she could see in books.
- Grasping a strong understanding our new assessment system, which is a manageable package whereby teachers record their ongoing assessments electronically and are able to track children's depth of learning with ease, thus informing their planning for the following week. Again, our recent visit from an external consultant congratulated staff on their well-pitched lessons, meeting the needs of the children so well.
- Continuing to develop playtime and lunchtimes with a variety of equipment to enjoy.
- Implementing a new spelling programme.
- Incorporating ideas from the new Heartsmart Campaign into our Learning for Life lessons with a focus on children's emotional well-being.

We hope that your children are enjoying their learning so far this term and that you were able to see the outcomes of their learning so far at our recent parent consultations. Please remember our Open Door policy; you do not need to wait for our next parent consultations to see the children's learning, you are welcome to pop in after school to see their books at any time.

I hope that when looking at your children's books that you can see that every day at school counts. With this in mind, please can I remind you of our Attendance Policy which clearly states that holidays should be taken within the thirteen weeks given. Disappointingly, our whole school attendance is currently at 95.9% (against a target of 96.1%); please can I ask the whole school community to work together to help us to improve on this. Thank you.

Finally, last month, in our assemblies and Learning for Life lessons, we focused on the value of 'respect' - respect for others, our community and ourselves. With this in mind, we discussed the importance of our school uniform, which we should wear with pride. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those families supporting their children to wear their uniform with pride; it makes a huge difference. This month, we are focusing on the value of 'unity'. 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) so I can give them a 'special head teacher note of thanks'

Wishing you a wonderful weekend; let's hope the sun keeps shining!

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien

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Head Teacher

Value of the month – Unity



Updates & Dates

HARVEST COLLECTION

Please see below the thank you message we received from North Guildford Food Bank...

"Thank you so much for organising the Harvest collection at your school. Please pass on our thanks to all children, parents and staff involved.

This year has proved our busiest yet as families and others have struggled to make ends meet. So far, we have provided food and household products for approximately 600 adults and 570 children. The number of vouchers we have received is 22% up on this time last year.

Fortunately, we are able to help many over a difficult period, helped immensely by the donations we receive at Harvest, and we are very grateful for your support."

Kind Regards,

*Rosie and Heather
Joint Coordinators
North Guildford Food Bank*

SPORTS NEWS

PE Kit

With the weather turning colder, it is essential that children have the correct PE kit in school. It is a significant barrier to learning if they do not. Winter kit must include a warm tracksuit top and trousers. Children can also wear a base layer under their t-shirt or trousers and spare socks are a good idea.

No jewellery should be worn during PE lessons. Children must be able to take their earrings out quickly and independently or not wear them to school on PE/swimming days.

Indoor Athletics - reminder!

Indoor Athletics club runs on a Thursday after school for children in year 5 and 6. It is a good opportunity for children to maintain their athletic skills over the winter months and we also compete in an indoor competition against Guildford schools in January. If your child is interested in attending the club, please complete the registration online. Thank you.

Netball

The Year 5 & 6 Netball teams enjoyed their first fixtures of the year against St Thomas'. As new teams they played extremely well and showed real progress in just one game with year 5 coming back to score a goal in the second half. Well done girls, keep up the hard work!

Football

The Year 5 & 6 football teams have also been back in action against Boxgrove. The Year 6 team were originally winning 2 – 0, then due to a slight lapse in concentration drew 2 – 2 😊. The Year 5 team unfortunately lost 2 – 1 but played really well.





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CHILDREN IN NEED – PYJAMA DAY

The School Council have consulted with the children and have decided for this year's **Spotacular Children in Need** fundraiser, we will all be 'Ready for Bed!' On Wednesday 14th November the children are invited to come into school wearing appropriate pyjamas and onesies in exchange for a cash donation towards a wonderful cause.

IMPORTANT DATES

| Date | Content |
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| Friday 9 th November | PTA Mufti Day (Chocolate donations) |
| Friday 9 th November (2.45pm) | Larks Class Assembly |
| Monday 12 th November | Deadline for children's Christmas cards/gifts |
| Wednesday 14th November | Children in Need (Pyjama Day) |
| Friday 16 th November | PTA Mufti Day (Jolly Jar donations) |
| Friday 16 th November (2.45pm) | Jays Class Assembly |
| Friday 23 rd November | PTA Mufti Day (Bottle donations) |
| Friday 23 rd November (2.45pm) | Robins Class Assembly |
| Friday 30 th November (2.45pm) | Woodpeckers Class Assembly |
| Sunday 2 nd December (11.30am – 2.00pm) | PTA Christmas Fair |
| Thursday 6 th December (7.30pm) | PTA Social – Wreath making and mulled wine |
| Monday 10 th December (2.00pm) | Reception Nativity |
| Tuesday 11 th December (9.15am) | Reception Nativity |
| Thursday 13 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 14 th December (9.15am & 2.00pm) | Year 1 Christmas Production |
| Monday 17 th December (2.00pm & 6.00pm) | Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Service |
| Tuesday 18 th December (9.15am & 2.00pm) | Year 2 Christmas Production |
| Wednesday 19 th December (9.30am & 11.15am) | Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Carol Service |
| Wednesday 19 th December (pm) | Christmas Class Parties |
| Wednesday 19 th December (1.45pm) | Finish for Christmas Break |