



NEWS FLASH

Friday 9th November 2018

VACANCY – PARENT GOVERNOR



The Board of Governors plays an integral part in the development of Worpleston's strategic mission, vision and plan, and makes a significant contribution to the school's future success. Working with Mrs O'Brien, members of the Board of Governors act as ambassadors for Worpleston, using their skills, expertise and experience to enable Worpleston to reach its full potential.

We are looking to recruit a passionate, ambitious, energetic and appropriately experienced individuals to join our Board of Governors. We are particularly interested in candidates with **accountancy or financial expertise**. Candidates should also exhibit high levels of personal and professional credibility, a demonstrable commitment to engagement with the local community and the drive and enthusiasm to facilitate the school's journey to further success.

If you are interested in this exciting role, please read the role description attached to the newsletter and inform Mrs O'Brien of your interest by Friday 16th November.

STUDYBUGS – REPORT ABSENCE SECURELY AND HELP IMPROVE CHILDREN'S HEALTH

We are pleased to announce that Worpleston Primary is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. Instead of calling the school, you can simply send us a message via the free Studybugs app, or via the Studybugs website to inform us whenever your child is going to be absent, reporting the reason for the absence at the same time.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Why use Studybugs

- ✓ **Helps safeguard your child** by automating schools' processing of sick reports, so if any children are unaccounted for, we'll know right away. Also verifies that reports of your child's absence have really come from you.
- ✓ **Shows you what illnesses are going around** in your area (via the Studybugs website), so you can get advance warning and clues as to what your child's illness is.
- ✓ **Saves you time** — it takes seconds to give the school all we need, and know we've got the message even if you're reporting at 6am or 11pm the night before.
- ✓ **Contributes to public health** by collecting anonymised data on illnesses going around — to help schools, parents and public health organisations take preventative action as early as possible.
- ✓ **Guides you with official guidance** from Public Health England on the need to stay off school, based on the symptoms or illnesses you enter.
- ✓ **Confidential and secure.** Your personal data is kept strictly confidential between you and the school. We never share your personal data with third parties. We cannot see your location. All shared illness data is first anonymised so your personal data is always kept confidential. You can also opt out of having your anonymised data shared. Studybugs is hosted from purpose-built secure facilities and all communications with their apps and website are encrypted.

Please note that you can continue to call the school office if you would prefer. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We would like to inform you that individual/sibling school photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 20th November**.

CHELSEA FC, SCHOOL FOOTBALL & RUGBY CLUBS

If your child attends Chelsea Football, a school football or rugby club, please could we ask that you arrive a few minutes early to pick-up in order to go into the classroom and pick up your child's belongings before collecting them from the field. This will alleviate the problem of muddy football boots being worn in school, after the cleaning staff have cleaned. Thank you for your co-operation 😊.



WOW YEAR-ROUND WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

From next week, we are re-introducing our WOW walk to school challenge. Each Tuesday and Thursday, we would like children to travel to school in a healthy and environmentally friendly way. Rather than travel by car, we would like children to either walk, cycle, scoot, or park near the shops and walk to school from there. Car sharing would also be a good way to achieve this. Pupils will record how they get to school on each of those days on the interactive WOW Travel Tracker and those who walk (skate, scoot, cycle, car share or Park & Stride!) at least once per week for a month are rewarded with a themed badge. It's that easy! We would be really grateful for your support with this.

EARLY ARRIVALS

We are getting an increasing number of children arriving early to school, please do **NOT** drop your child(ren) off before **8.40am**, as there are no members of staff to supervise the children. If this causes a problem for you, please contact the School Office to see if there is availability in the Breakfast Club, the cost of this is £4.00 per child, per day.

CHOCOLATE & NUTS



Please can we remind you that we are a **NUT FREE** school, this includes any kind of chocolate spread that may be in a packed lunch sandwich or biscuit. Also, chocolate covered biscuits are allowed but **NO** chocolate bars, thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Content
Monday 12 th November	Order by 12/11/18 children's Christmas cards and gifts
Wednesday 14 th 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
Tuesday 20th November	School Photographs
Friday 23 rd November	PTA Mufti Day (Bottle donations)
Friday 23 rd November (2.45pm)	Robins Class Assembly
Friday 30th November	PTA – Mufti Day (Cake donations)
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

Kareen O'Brien

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