



December 2018 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Gratitude

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you agree that the Christmas Fair was a great way to kick start our lead up to Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting this event and an even bigger thank you to the Christmas Fair Committee for organising such a wonderful day for us all to enjoy whilst raising much needed funds for the school. I am delighted to confirm that we raised an impressive **£6,300**. This money will be funding our playground renovation and junior athletics equipment.

The next few weeks our Christmas festivities continue with the infant Christmas plays and the junior carol services. Many families have responded to our new booking system via ParentMail; if you haven't already booked your seats, please contact the school office as soon as possible. You will be receiving your tickets via your child's school bag. It is really important that you bring your tickets to the performance so that we can ensure we do not exceed number of people we are allowed in our school hall. Please be aware that we have not issued tickets for the Carol Services at the church; seating is limited so we are advising parents to arrive early and to respect our request of one family member per child.

During this exciting time, it is important that we continue to maintain the children's exemplary behaviour so that they continue to make the most of every day. We support your children's behaviour by following the school's Behaviour Policy and continuing to teach the children our school values in assemblies and through our Learning for Life lessons. Last month we focused on the value of 'unity', exploring how to work together and this month we are focusing on 'gratitude'. 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@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk) so I can give them a 'special head teacher note of thanks'. I had two emails last month which was great but I know there are more amazing examples out there so please get emailing ☺.

Whilst it is important that we make the most of every day at school, we also need the children to have excellent attendance. I am delighted to inform you that attendance is currently 96.1% with our Reception children having the best attendance rate at an impressive 98.5% and across the school, boys are doing slightly better with 96.4% compared to girls at 96.3%. Thank you to those families supporting us by adhering to our Attendance Policy.

Finally, as you know, your opinion is very important to us and with this in mind, we would **greatly appreciate** it if you could spend five minutes to complete our short survey. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XV7HMZT>

Wishing you a wonderful few weeks as we build up to Christmas.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien

Kareen O'Brien
Head Teacher



Updates & Dates



GOODBYES

At the end of the term we will sadly be saying “thank you, goodbye and good luck” to 4 members of staff, Mrs Kearl, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Starling & Mrs Smithyes.

Mrs Kearl is one of our Year 5 teachers who has been with us since September 2012. Mrs Kearl has decided to dedicate more time to her family and husband’s business. We wish her well.

Mrs Walsh, our Reading Recovery Teacher and Mrs Starling, one of our Year 4 Teaching Assistants have both been here at Worplesdon since September 2001, but after 17 years they have decided it is time for a change. We send them both our very best wishes for the future.

Finally, Mrs Smithyes, who has been one of our Lunchtime Supervisors since 2011 has decided to move on to pastures new and we wish her all the best.

REMINDER – DEADLINE FOR RECEPTION/JUNIOR APPLICATIONS

We would like to remind you that the closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2018 entry is **15 January 2019**. Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.



ONE-WAY ROUTE

Please could we ask that when dropping off or picking up your children, whenever possible you follow the (unofficial) one-way route when leaving Fairlands. We are still getting a number of drivers who still turn right away from the school, down Brooke Forest which causes problems for the oncoming traffic. We really appreciate your co-operation - thank you ☺.

WOW, WOW, WOW.....

Thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA Christmas fair this year, we are delighted to announce that the grand total raised is (drum roll.....) **£6,300**. This is an outstanding amount and it couldn't have been done without you all getting behind the event and supporting it so generously.

The money will be spent on expanding the infant playground and on junior athletics equipment.

There are too many names to mention, but a special thanks to Santa No. 1 for stepping in, all your generous donations, local business sponsors, the amazing candy floss twirlers, all the staff at the entrance, the fabulous (and patient) team in the office, all the volunteers (122 of you!), on-line donations via BT Donate, Year 6 helpers, the fantastic choir..... and of course everyone who turned up on the day and took part.

PTA funds really make a significant difference to the children and the school, so a great big heartfelt thank you for making it all worthwhile.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

PTA Christmas Fair Team





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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If your child would like a Christmas lunch and you have not yet ordered one, the absolute latest you can order one by is the morning of Monday 10th December. Please contact Mrs Sawkins in the School Office (asawkins@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk). Your child will **NOT** be able to order one on the day, thank you.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On the last day of term, the children and staff will be enjoying their Christmas Parties. We are delighted that our kitchen team will be creating festive lunchboxes with a burger in a bun, chips, a cookie and juice cartoon for the children to enjoy. Children who would prefer to bring their own lunch box are welcome to do so and will still eat with their classmates in their party.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Content
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	Christmas Jumper Day
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 (9.45am & 11.00am)	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