



March 2018 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst the weather conditions have been challenging for us all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole community for their support during this tricky time. On Thursday, it was wonderful to see the staff pull together and parents offer a variety of help – it really has been appreciated. Most importantly, I have been extremely proud of the children; they have been so sensible whilst thoroughly enjoying the snow (including building snowmen and having snowball fights with the staff). As you know, I had to make the difficult decision of closing the school today and I am sorry for any inconvenience caused. Let's hope better weather is on its way!

Due to the school being closed today, parents (with children in reception up to year 5) will receive their child's interim report on Monday. We hope you will find these interim reports a useful tool to find out how well your child is doing against the national expectations set by the Government and understand your child's next steps. Our Parent Consultations (on 7th and 8th March) are an opportunity to discuss the content of these reports. Furthermore, I am thrilled to inform you that during Parent Consultations, **we are running a short presentation (of approximately 20 minutes) for parents on the impact of social media on children.** I am delighted that Joy Wright, a specialist mental health youth worker and parent, will be leading these presentations. Joy comes with a wealth of experience that I am sure all parents will benefit from. To enable all parents to attend the presentation, Joy has kindly agreed to run the same presentation four times as detailed below. It would be great to see as many parents attend as possible.

- Wednesday 7th March at 3.45pm and 5pm (in school hall)
- Thursday 8th March at 5.30pm and 6.30pm (in school hall)

During our assemblies in February, we have been focusing on the value of 'Appreciation'. We have focused on recognising and enjoying the special qualities of someone and something, including how we can show our appreciation. I am hoping that my assembly on 'random acts of kindness' may have been reflected at home!

With appreciation in mind, I am extremely grateful to the community for continuing to help make the area surrounding our site safe for all the children. The community has clearly pulled together to:

- ✓ Make a promise to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride at least once a week;
- ✓ Park considerately often driving further away from the school entrance;
- ✓ Never parking or dropping off on the zig zag lines at the front of the school;
- ✓ Never parking across residents' driveways.
- ✓ Use the unofficial one way system (driving past with the school on your left and following Envis Way until it joins Brocks Drive to exit Fairlands Estate)

The value of March is 'tolerance'. We will be learning that being tolerant, or behaving with tolerance, means to accept other people's differences; showing respect for other people's race, religion, age, gender and opinions. ! 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'.

Finally, I would like to remind you that your feedback is essential so that we can continue to develop and improve. With this in mind, please can remind you of our parent questionnaire. It would be great if you could spare 5 minutes to complete our questionnaire. Please click on the link to access: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WPSparentquestionnaire> . I have told the children that a house point will be given for each questionnaire completed ☺. Once I have collated the results, I will of course share this with the whole school community including our agreed action points.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and hoping for warmer weather!

Best wishes,

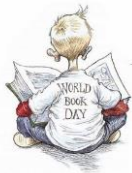
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Value of the month – Tolerance



Updates & Dates



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day will now be on Thursday 8th March. Children are invited to come into school dressed up as their favourite book character. If your child(ren) do not wish to take part, please can you make sure they come to school in their normal school uniform, as this is **NOT A MUFTI DAY**.

DOVES CLASS ASSEMBLY

Due to the school being closed today, Doves class assembly has been rescheduled for Friday 9th March at 2.45pm in the school hall.

UNIFORM – COLD WEATHER CLOTHES

During this cold snap, we will be insisting that every child wears a coat when outside at playtime/lunchtime and hope that you can support us by ensuring your child has a coat in school every day. It is also great when the children bring in their hats, scarves and gloves too! Furthermore, for PE lessons the children require their tracksuit; we will ask the children to wear the spare kit provided if they do not have their tracksuit in school. Also, if your child(ren) wear boots to walk into school, please can you ensure that they have the correct school shoes to change in to.



IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Content
7.3.18 (3.30pm-6.00pm)	Rec, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 parents consultations
8.3.18 (5.00pm-7.30pm)	Rec, Year 1,2, 3, 4 & 5 parents consultations
8.3.18	Year 5 trip to Milestones Museum
9.3.18	PTA Mothers day sale / 2.45pm Doves class assembly
14.3.18	NSPCC assembly to children (see attached letter)
14.3.18	Class photographs
16.3.18 (2.45pm)	Larks class assembly
19.3.18-22.3.18	Year 6 Mock SATS
21.3.18 (8.45am)	Prayer group in PAC
23.3.18	Sports relief / 2.45pm Starlings class assembly
23.3.18	Year 5 & 6 NSPCC workshops (see attached letter)
27.3.18	Year 3 & 4 Spring sing
29.3.18	Easter egg assembly & competition/PTA Smartie tubes
29.3.18 (1.45pm)	Finish for Easter break
16.4.18 (8.50am)	Return to school
20.4.18	Winning class Smartie party
27.4.18 (2.45pm)	Magpies class assembly
4.5.18 (2.45pm)	Woodpeckers class assembly
7.5.18	Bank holiday
9.5.18-11.5.18	Year 4 residential to PGL
11.5.18 (2.45pm)	Swifts class assembly
14.5.18-17.5.18	Year 6 SATS
18.5.18 (2.45pm)	Marchants Hill assembly
25.5.18 (2.45pm)	Finches class assembly
25.5.18 (3.15pm)	Finish for half term break
4.6.18 (8.50am)	Return to school
12.6.18 (pm)	Junior sports afternoon
13.6.18 (pm)	Infant sports afternoon
14.6.18 (7.00pm)	New Rec parents evening
15.6.18	PTA Fathers day sale / 2.45pm Swallows class assembly
16.6.18	PTA Summer ball
22.6.18 (2.45pm)	Kingfishers class assembly
18.6.18-22.6.18	Year 6 residential to Isle of Wight
29.6.18 (2.45pm)	Owls class assembly
10.7.18	District sports
11.7.18	Potted sports day
16.7.18 (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Year 5 & 6 production
19.7.18 (1.45pm)	Finish for Summer break

