



April 2018 Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Easter break with your family and friends and that you are ready and recharged for the Summer term ahead; I know I am and I am thoroughly enjoying the lighter evenings and improving weather!

As you know, Miss Francis (who is our Early Years Leader and class teacher in Swifts Class) has now gone on maternity leave and we are waiting in anticipation for news. I have the privilege of teaching Swifts for the next three weeks and I will then pass over to Miss Sabey who we are delighted to welcome to Worpleston. During the next three weeks, senior leaders have been given additional non-contact time to support Mrs Bassett-Cross (deputy head teacher) to ensure the day to day running of the school is not affected. Whilst I will not be able to be on the school gate during this time, I will continue to be available via email (head@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk) or through the school office.

Thank you to all those parents who took time out of their busy day to complete our parent questionnaire. We have collated the data and in summary:

- ✓ 96.2% agree or strongly agree that 'my child is happy at school'.
- ✓ 96.2% agree or strongly agree that 'my child feels safe at school'.
- ✓ 92% agree or strongly agree that 'my child makes good progress at school'.
- ✓ 92.5% agree or strongly agree that 'my child is well looked after at school'.
- ✓ 89% agree or strongly agree that 'my child is taught well at school'.
- ✓ 82% agree or strongly agree that 'my child receives appropriate homework for their age'.
- ✓ 88% agree or strongly agree that 'the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved'.
- ✓ 63.5% agree or strongly agree that 'the school deals effectively with bullying' (with 29% unsure).
- ✓ 100% agree or strongly agree that 'the school is well led and managed'.
- ✓ 90% agree or strongly agree that 'the school responds well to any concerns'.
- ✓ 71% agree or strongly agree that 'I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress'.

In addition to the raw data, there were many comments which were extremely informative and we have created an action plan so that we can use your feedback to make further improvements to Worpleston Primary School. Our action plan will be available on the school website by the end of the week for your information.

Finally, for our assemblies in March and April, we have been focusing on the value of 'Tolerance'. We have learnt 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@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk) so I can give them a 'special head teacher note of thanks'.

Thank you for your continued support.
Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
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Value of the month – Tolerance



Updates & Dates



ANTI-BULLYING

We take bullying very seriously at Worpleston. I hope you find the attached leaflet informative.

G-LIVE

On Wednesday 21st March 45 singers and members of the school orchestra and recorder group went to G-live to perform with children from all over Guildford to an audience of eight hundred. The orchestra played the Hallelujah chorus from Handel's messiah, Rock around the Clock and Star Wars. They were amazing and we were so proud of all the work that they had put in to learn their parts.



The recorders performed pieces by Gershwin and Bonsor's Beguine. The music was very difficult but it was wonderful to hear the children mastering it and playing so beautifully.

Finally, the massed orchestra of 300 children performed "Go Lightning Viking's" which told the story of inequality between girls and boys in the opportunities available to them in Viking times. When we were learning the music it led to a discussion about how some girls in the world still don't get access to education so the children decided they would like to raise money for the Malala fund. The children managed to raise £800! An amazing achievement.

Thank you to all the parents who helped support the children in learning their music and getting them to rehearsals.



THE WORPLESDON GAZETTE

The Easter issue of 'The Worpleston Gazette' is now available to view online. This is the School Newspaper written by children, designed for children. Please encourage your child to have a look at the newspaper ... <https://worplestonjays2.wixsite.com/theworpledongazette>

TEACHING OF READING

As a result of feedback from parents, we thought it would be useful to clarify our approach to the teaching of reading. We hope you find the attached letter useful.

DROP OFF & PICK-UP

For the safety of all children and adults on the school site, please could we remind you that all children (including younger siblings) should dismount their scooters when entering the school site.

Furthermore, we are getting an increasing number of younger siblings playing on the infant playground or scooting along the paths whilst waiting for pick up. Unfortunately this can be very distracting for the children still in class. We would appreciate your support in keeping younger siblings off the equipment during this time. Thanking you in anticipation.





Updates & Dates



IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Content
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
6.6.18	Year 1 trip to The Outlook Discovery Centre
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