



January 2019 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Perseverance

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your family and your children are feeling refreshed, ready for the term ahead.

Whilst I am sure it has been challenging to get back in to the school routine, I would like to thank you for ensuring the children have arrived promptly and looking so smart in their school uniform. It did come to my attention at the end of last term that some of our school rules regarding school uniform were slipping so I thought it would be helpful to remind parents and children of a number of school uniform expectations ...

- Hairbands should be **plain** in style without, for example, bows, flowers or animal ears.
- Make up, nail varnish and tattoos must not be worn in school.
- Boys hairstyles should not include tram lines or shaved patterns of any form.
- Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times (boys & girls).
- Black shoes (**not trainers**) to be worn in school.
- Boys should wear grey trousers (long or short), light blue shirt/polo shirt, scarlet v-neck sweater or sweatshirt.
- Girls should wear medium or mid grey pinafore dress or skirt. Mid grey shorts or trousers of approved design. Light blue blouse or polo shirt, scarlet v-neck sweater, cardigan or sweatshirt. Pale blue gingham dress in the summer.

With this recent cold weather, please can I stress the importance that children bring in warm coats, hats and gloves. I have spoken to all children in assembly today to explain that they **must** bring and wear their coats in this cold weather. Furthermore, children may wish to wear boots or alternative shoes for their journey to and from school, but should bring in their usual school shoes to change into once in the classroom. Children are welcome to change into these warmer alternatives for playtimes. I hope this clarification is useful; please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss our uniform policy further.

The Christmas holidays finished earlier for the staff who were in school for training days last week. The training included: the teaching of maths mastery; interventions for children not grasping key concepts in maths and literacy; and designing exciting thematic plans for the term ahead (which can be found on the website to keep you informed of your child's learning this term). Look out for parent workshops later this term on our curriculum and how you can support at home.

This term we have much to look forward to, including a variety of exciting school trips, workshops and Comic Relief. In response to parental feedback, we have created 'term fee letters' for each year group which detail the additional activities planned for your children this term and the associated costs. Please look out for this information and follow the link to our online payment system (SCOPay). You will notice on the term fee letter that there is an opportunity to support other families going through financial hardship – this has been in response to parents who have approached me about wanting to support others.

Thinking of others has been a focus in our assemblies this academic year, considering the impact of our actions on others. This month we are focusing on our dreams / goals and the importance of identifying the manageable steps towards the dream and persevering along the way. If you have any examples of your child(ren) demonstrating perseverance or any other 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'.

Finally, thank you to those parents who have provided feedback via our online questionnaire. Your opinion is very important to us so if you have not yet completed this short survey, please click on the link below .

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

Please be reassured that it will not take longer than 5 minutes. The survey will be closed Sunday with the results and our actions ready to be shared next Friday.

I look forward to catching up with families over the next few weeks and I hope 2019 brings you all much happiness.

Happy new year & best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Head Teacher



Updates & Dates

IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

We are delighted to inform you that the installation of a pedestrian refuge on the A323 Aldershot Road has been granted. Not only will the refuge provide a safer crossing point for families wishing to walk to school, it will also provide a safer crossing point for residents wishing to use Broad Street Common for recreational purposes.

The hope is that the refuge will be in place by the end of the Easter holidays.

With safety in mind, please remember our school aims:

- ✓ Promise to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride at least once a week.
- ✓ Drive further away from the school entrance and ensure we are all parking considerately.
- ✓ Resist the temptation of parking on the zig zag lines at the front of the school and grass verges.

Please keep trying to make a little change to help us make a big difference!

ATTENDANCE ... EVERY DAY COUNTS

The Education Welfare Officer continues to visit half termly to monitor Mrs O'Brien's decisions on authorising absences and to focus on those children whose attendance is less than 95%. I am delighted to inform you that whole school attendance continues to be 96% and our hope is that we will continue to work together to improve this further so that we meet our end of year target of 96.1%. Our Reception children continue to have the best attendance rate at an impressive 98.5% and across the school, boys continue to do slightly better with 96.3% compared to girls at 96.1%. Thank you to those families supporting us by adhering to our Attendance Policy.

GOVERNORS

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new governors...

Sheila Willis – Community Governor and

Katie Chance – Parent Governor

KITCHEN UPDATE

Unfortunately, the ongoing problems we have been experiencing with the kitchen are taking longer to resolve than we originally anticipated. We will continue to communicate the following day's menu choices via ParentMail. We hope to resume to our normal menu next Thursday. Thank you for your understanding, we will keep you updated ☺.

PTA

The PTA are still in need of Class Reps for the following classes... Woodpeckers, Owls and Jackdaws. If you are interested please contact the PTA worplestonprimarypta@gmail.com.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT – LADIES FREE PAMPER EVENING

A night off for women to come & enjoy a relaxing pamper session.

Date: Friday 25th January 2019 – 7.00pm-9.30pm

Location: Bellfields Youth and Community Centre, 48 Hazel Ave, Guildford, GU1 1NS

UNIFORM SHOP

We are pleased to inform you that Worpleston school uniform is now available to buy from Stevensons

Address: 208-210 London Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 7JS

Email: guildfordbranch@stevensons.co.uk

Phone: 01483 577835

Opening Hours: Monday - Saturday: 9.00am - 5.30pm (Sunday: CLOSED)

SPORTS NEWS/DATES

Monday 14 th January	Year 5 & 6 Netball match vs Send HOME
Thursday 17 th January 9.45am	Year 3 & 4 Indoor Athletics SPECTRUM
Thursday 31 st January 8.45am	Year 6 Indoor Athletics SPECTRUM
Monday 4 th February	Year 5 Netball match vs QE HOME (Year 6 to support and officiate)
Thursday 7 th February 1pm-3pm	Year 2 Multi Sports SPECTRUM
Thursday 7 th February	Year 6 Netball match vs QE AWAY





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IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Content
Friday 18.01.19 (2.45pm)	Starlings Class Assembly
Friday 25.01.19 (2.45pm)	Finches Class Assembly
Tuesday 29.01.19	Jelly Kelly Entertainer (Infants)
Friday 01.02.19 (2.45pm)	Jackdaws Class Assembly
Friday 01.02.19	Junior Discos
Friday 08.02.19	Doves Class Assembly
Friday 15.02.19	Cosy Cake Sale
Friday 15.02.19 (2.45pm)	Kingfishers Class Assembly
Friday 15.02.19 (3.15pm)	Finish for Half Term
Monday 25.02.19 (8.50am)	Return to School
Monday 25.02.19 (1.30pm-7.00pm)	Year 6 Parents Consultations
Tuesday 26.02.19 (3.30pm-7.00pm)	Year 6 Parents Consultations
Thursday 28.02.19	Anti-bullying Assemblies & Workshops
Monday 04.03.19	Interim Reports to Parents
Wednesday 06.03.19 (3.30pm-6.30pm)	Year 1-5 Parents Consultations
Thursday 07.03.19	World Book Day
Thursday 07.03.19 (5.00pm-7.30pm)	Year 1-5 Parents Consultations
Friday 08.03.19	PTA Mothers Day Sale
Friday 08.03.19	Sparrows Class Assembly
Monday 11.03.19 – Thursday 14.03.19	Year 6 Mock SATS
Thursday 14.03.19	Year 3 & 4 Production
Friday 15.03.19	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Friday 15.03.19 (2.45pm)	Jays Class Assembly
Wednesday 20.03.18	Year 3 Trip to Wisley
Friday 22.03.19 (2.45pm)	Blackbirds Class Assembly
Wednesday 27.03.19	G Live Concert
Friday 29.03.19	Owls Class Assembly
Friday 05.04.19	PTA Easter Egg Competition
Friday 05.04.19	PTA Smartie Tube Competition
Friday 05.04.19 (1.45pm)	Finish for Easter Break
Tuesday 23.04.19 (8.50am)	Return to School
Friday 03.05.19 (2.45pm)	Robins Class Assembly
Friday 10.05.19 (2.45pm)	Swifts Class Assembly
Monday 13.05.19 – Thursday 16.05.19	Year 6 SATS
Friday 17.05.19 (2.45pm)	Magpies Class Assembly
Friday 24.05.19 (3.15pm)	Finish for Half Term
Monday 03.06.19 (8.50am)	Return to School
Monday 03.06.19 – Wednesday 05.06.19	Year 4 PGL Residential Trip (Marchants Hill)
Friday 07.06.19 (2.45pm)	Jackdaws Class Assembly
Thursday 13.06.19 (7.00pm)	New Reception Parents Evening
Friday 14.06.19	PTA Fathers Day Sale
Monday 17.06.19 – Friday 21.06.19	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Trip
Tuesday 18.06.19 (pm)	Junior Sports Day
Friday 21.06.19 (2.45pm)	Larks Class Assembly
Monday 24.06.19	Class Photographs
Tuesday 25.06.19 (pm)	District Sports
Wednesday 26.06.19 (pm)	Infant Sports Day
Thursday 27.06.19 (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Summer Soiree



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Friday 28.06.19 (2.45pm)	Finches Class Assembly
Monday 01.07.19	New Class Letters Home
Tuesday 02.07.19	Whole School Transition Day
Tuesday 02.07.19 (7.00pm)	New Year 3 Parents Evening (non Worplesdon)
Wednesday 03.07.19	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 05.07.19 (2.45pm)	Starlings Class Assembly
Friday 05.07.19	PTA Summer Circus & BBQ
Friday 12.07.19 (2.45pm)	Blackbirds Class Assembly
Monday 15.07.19	Reports Home
Wednesday 17.07.19 (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Year 6 Production
Friday 19.07.19 (2.45pm)	Doves Class Assembly
Tuesday 23.07.19 (2.45pm)	Year 6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Wednesday 24.07.19 (1.45pm)	Finish for Summer Break