



February 2019 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Freedom

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to say that the term has started well. It has been wonderful to see the children immersing themselves in their new topics from Around the World to Extreme Weather to Danger Zones. We hope that our topic grids on our website and our weekly emails from class teachers provide you with the right amount of detail to keep you informed. Staff are carefully designing a broad and balanced curriculum, which is underpinned by our thoughtfully selected drivers: building resilience; inspiring curiosity; promoting independence and teamwork; and instilling empathy. A recent visit from an external educational consultant celebrated the engagement of children in our new curriculum and the strong progress they are making across the school.

With progress in mind, teachers are looking forward to meeting with you at our Parent Consultations this term.

Reception to year 5 consultations are on:

- Wednesday 6th March – 3.30pm-6.30pm
- Thursday 7th March – 5.00pm-7.30pm

For all year groups (except year 6), parents will receive an interim report before Parent Consultations which will be the basis for your meetings. 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.

Year 6 Parents Consultations are on:

- Monday 25th February – 1.30pm-5.00pm
- Tuesday 26th February – 4.00pm-7.00pm

For those children in Year 6, parents will be given their child's attainment and progress against End of Key Stage Standards, at your meeting with staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that every day lost to education can have a serious impact on children's attainment and overall progress in school. Thank you to those families who strive for their children to achieve good attendance and avoid term time holidays. Currently our whole school attendance is 95.6%.

Thank you to those families who took the opportunity to complete our Parent Questionnaire; we received an impressive 204 responses, which was wonderful to see. For full results, please click on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-QLNFD7G8/>

The questionnaire showed that 99% of parents would recommend Worplesdon Primary School with:

- 90% agreeing or strongly agreeing that their child enjoys school
- 94% agreeing or strongly agreeing that their child feels safe
- 84% agreeing or strongly agreeing that their child is making good progress (with 12% undecided)
- 96% agreeing or strongly agreeing that their child is well looked after
- 95% agreeing or strongly agreeing that their child is taught well
- 77% agreeing or strongly agreeing that their child receives the appropriate amount of homework
- 91% agreeing or strongly agreeing that the school makes sure the children are well behaved
- 69% agreeing or strongly agreeing that the school deals effectively with bullying (with 27% undecided)
- 96% agreeing or strongly agreeing that the school is well led and managed
- 92% agreeing or strongly agreeing that the school responds well to concerns
- 75% agreeing or strongly agreeing that they receive valuable information about their child's progress (with 18% undecided)

Whilst we were delighted with this feedback, we continue to strive for 100% positive feedback. With this in mind, we will be taking the following next steps:

1. Review our homework policy
2. Find additional strategies for providing parents with valuable information about their child's progress.
3. Continue to implement the school's Anti-Bullying policy

Finally, in assemblies we have been thinking about our dreams and goals with a focus on resilience. We have discussed the importance of breaking goals down into manageable pieces and the importance of not giving up when we find something difficult. 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'. As we move into February we will be focusing on the value 'freedom'. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Head Teacher



Updates & Dates

PARENTS CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Parents Consultation appointments for Reception parents will also be available to book on Monday 4th February 2019, at 9.00am. Please log onto your ParentMail account to book a convenient time. Please see below for dates and times. Thank you 😊.

SPORTING NEWS

Year 5 & 6 Netball vs Send

Year 5 and 6 hosted a friendly against Send School last week. A huge congratulations to Year 5 who won their first game 3-0, well done girls! Year 6 lost 3-1 however the children were fantastic hosts and I was extremely proud to be told by a Send parent how welcoming and helpful our girls had been when they arrived. Thank you girls!

Year 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics

Two teams of Year 3 and 4 children took part in an indoor athletics competition last Thursday. They competed in a variety of track races and field events including running, jumping and throwing activities. Every child took part with such enthusiasm and a brilliant morning was had by all. Only the top 3 teams out of 12 were announced. If we find out where we were placed, we will let you know!

Year 5&6 Sports Hall Athletics

A team of 18 boys and girls took part in track and field events at the Spectrum on Friday. They did us proud by taking on each event with confidence and showed great team work in the way they supported each other. Overall they finished 8th out of 12 teams and the morning ended on a high with the boys relay team winning their race. Well done to all those who attended.

LIVE AT THE ARNAUD – GUILDFORD FRINGE THEATRE COMPANY (SUN 31 MAR AT 7:30PM)

With a spectacular Sunday evening of comedy, music, magic, cabaret and musical theatre, Guildford Fringe presents *Live at the Arnaud* for The Mayor of Guildford's chosen charitable causes.

Hosted by Guildford Fringe Theatre Company's Nick Wyschna, enjoy performances from a plethora of local and national acts, including Guildford-based singer-songwriter Emma Stevens; comedy from regular headliners Raymond and Mr Timpkins; award-winning clowning from Kiki Lovechild; show-stopping wizardry from Griffin & Jones; stand-up and musical comedy from troubadour Jon Long; and some of your favourite musical theatre hits from Nick Wyschna.

This professional variety night is in aid of the Mayor of Guildford's charitable causes: the Guildford Young Carers Fund, Headway Surrey and The Mayor of Guildford's Local Distress Fund. All profits will go directly to these wonderful causes. (*Guildford Fringe reserve the right to alter the line-up without notice).

PRICES:

- ALL TICKETS £22.00
- CONCESSIONS £20.00
- Ticket prices include £1 Restoration Levy and £1 Booking Fee





Updates & Dates



IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Content
Friday 08.02.19 (2.45pm)	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-5.00pm)	Year 6 Parents Consultations
Tuesday 26.02.19 (4.00pm-7.00pm)	Year 6 Parents Consultations
Thursday 28.02.19	Anti-bullying Assemblies & Workshops
Monday 04.03.19	Interim Reports to Parents
<i>Wednesday 06.03.19 (3.30pm-6.30pm)</i>	<i>Year Rec-5 Parents Consultations</i>
Thursday 07.03.19	World Book Day
<i>Thursday 07.03.19 (5.00pm-7.30pm)</i>	<i>Year Rec-5 Parents Consultations</i>
Friday 08.03.19 (2.45pm)	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
<i>Friday 29.03.19</i>	<i>PTA Mothers Day Sale</i>
Friday 05.04.19	PTA Easter Egg Competition & Assembly
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 (2.45pm)	Swallows 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 (Sep 19)
Friday 14.06.19	PTA Fathers Day Sale
Friday 14.06.19 (2.45pm)	Year 4 Marchants Hill Assembly
Monday 17.06.19 – Friday 21.06.19	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential Trip
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
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) Sep 19
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