



# April 2019 Newsletter

*Helping your child develop a love for life and learning*

Value of the month – Honesty

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy but wonderful term!

I hope you enjoyed your recent Parent Consultations and that you were able to celebrate the progress your children have made over the last two terms. The children at Worplesdon are a joy to work with. However, it has become increasingly evident at Worplesdon that children's attendance and their progress are interlinked, thus supporting the findings from the Department for Education who carried out research and provided a report entitled 'The link between absence and attainment at KS2'. The report simply concluded: overall absence has a statistically significant negative link to attainment – i.e. every extra day missed was associated with a lower attainment outcome. Currently our attendance is 95.6% which requires significant improvement (against our target of 96.1%). With this in mind, we will be continuing to work with our Education Welfare Officer on identifying strategies to improve our attendance. Please support your child to fulfil their potential by ensuring they attend as many days as possible in the school year.

This term, the children have been enjoying a wide variety of new thematic topics, school trips and extra-curricular activities. With school clubs in mind, it is wonderful to see staff offering to run a wide variety of clubs alongside our outside providers. I understand from the feedback that I have received that the clubs have filled up quickly leaving some children feeling disappointed which is not our intention. We have listened to your suggestions and have decided that when we email our clubs for the Autumn term, we will:

1. Send the club timetable one week in advance of signing up, giving you time to discuss the clubs on offer with your children
2. Inform you one week in advance, the day and time that the sign up sheets will be available for access, so that parents can be prepared to get online as soon as possible to avoid disappointment
3. Set up on line waiting lists

In the meantime, I would urge parents to check with their children that they will be attending the clubs they have signed up for. If children have changed their minds, please let the school office know so that we can offer the space to a child on the waiting list. Furthermore, if a child misses two sessions, they will be removed from the club list and their place re-allocated. I hope that both our short and long term solution will help to resolve this situation.

As we move in to the Easter holidays, we say farewell and thank you to two wonderful teaching assistants:

- Mrs Neela, who has provided care and support to various children over the last eighteen months, has decided to continue her love for lifelong learning and is going to be studying a Masters;
- Mrs Woods, who has worked at Worplesdon for an impressive nineteen years and has provided specialist support for many children, has decided to spend more time with her family

We wish Mrs Neela and Mrs Woods all the best and hope they will be back to visit at some point soon.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an amazing Easter break with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

Best wishes,

Karen O'Brien  
Head Teacher



# Updates & Dates

## PTA NEWS

The PTA May Social will be held on Friday 17th May, 7.30pm-1.00am. Tickets are £10.00 and will include a drink on arrival, speed quiz, auction and disco. More details to follow after the Easter break!



You may also want to add to your calendar the 'PTA My Grown-Up & Me' event on Thursday 2nd May. More details to follow soon.



## EASTER EGG COMPETITION

"Well done" to all of the children who got creative with their eggs today; it was great to see such a magnificent display ☺. The School Council judged the winners who received a certificate and chocolate treat. Congratulations to our winners.

## HOUSE POINTS

Air were the winning house this half term, collecting the most house points for good work and behaviour. The children in Air enjoyed coming into school today in mufti clothes. Come on Water, Earth & Fire ... who will be the winners next half term?



## STUDYBUGS – REPORT ABSENCE SECURELY AND HELP IMPROVE CHILDREN'S HEALTH

We still have a large number of families who do not use Studybugs. Studybugs is an efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness. Instead of calling the school, you can simply send us a message via the free Studybugs app, or via the Studybugs website to inform us whenever your child is going to be absent, reporting the reason for the absence at the same time.

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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)
Tuesday 04.06.19 (6.30pm – 7.30pm)	Isle of Wight Parents Information Evening
Friday 07.06.19 (2.45pm)	Jackdaws Class Assembly
Thursday 13.06.19 (pm)	Junior Sports Day
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