



June 2019 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Empathy

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful half term break and you are ready for the last seven weeks of term, which promise to be busy but enormous fun!

Over the next few weeks, we have our infant and junior sports days. We start with junior sports day on Thursday 13th June (1-3pm) then infant sports day on Wednesday 26th June (1.30-3pm). On both days, the school gates will open 30 minutes ahead of our start time and we will aim to start and finish on time. For me, an important part of school life is teaching children the value of physical exercise and our Sports Days are one way that we do this. We want our children to enjoy the social and physical aspects of Sports Days, as well as encouraging the competitive element, which comes with these events. Similar to last year, our Sports Days will include a combination of team and individual events. Over the course of the afternoons, the children will have many opportunities to win house points for events, as well as opportunities in the main track events to win medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Similar to District Sports (and the Olympics ☺), there will be various events running simultaneously so that children remain as active as possible over the course of the afternoon. A programme will be provided on the day so that you can see where various field events are taking place and the running order of the track events. We hope you enjoy these afternoons as much as the children and staff will.

Our Sports Days are another opportunity for our children to show that they live by our school values and our value for June (empathy) is extremely relevant. Additional rewards will be given during Sports Day for children demonstrating our school values.

With values in mind, thank you so much for supporting our drive to improve the safety of the surrounding area for our children by not parking or dropping off on the zig zag lines outside of the school gates. Unfortunately, there continues to be a small group of parents who continue to block driveways and park on the grass verges. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you to be respectful of our neighbours ensuring that you park considerately on Fairlands Estate.

Furthermore, it is great to see families embracing our WOW initiative by trying to adopt a more environmentally friendly and healthier way of travelling to school such as walking, riding, scootering, car sharing and park & stride (from the local shops); the children are enjoying collecting their badges as a reward. To ensure the children keep themselves safe whilst enjoying green travel, I have spoken with them in assemblies about the following safety rules and I hope you can support me by reiterating these messages at home:

- ✓ Always wear a helmet when scootering/cycling
- ✓ When using the paths, never walk, run, scooter or cycle ahead of parents as you never know which drive a car may be coming out from

As we move towards the end of term, we start to prepare for the next academic year! I am delighted to say that we have a full compliment of staff for 2019-2020 and we are currently finalising where teachers and teaching assistants will be placed. On Tuesday 2nd July, parents will receive a letter sharing their child's new class teacher ahead of the children's transition day on Wednesday 3rd July. Transition day is always an exciting time, where children and staff have an opportunity to get to know each other before the summer break.

Finally, on 17th June, our year 6 children will be on their five day residential trip to the Isle of Wight. I am lucky enough to be attending this trip therefore Mrs Bassett-Cross (deputy head teacher) will be acting as head teacher in my absence.

Thank you for your continued support.
Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien



Updates & Dates



GUILDFORD IN BLOOM COMPETITION

As a school we have entered the Best School garden category in the Guildford in Bloom competition. Our Gardening Club have been working hard to plant out the flower beds on the raised playground. In assembly all children have been invited to bring in a planter from home to compliment and enhance our planting and to transform the raised playground. The theme of the competition is 'The Colour of Summer'. We have talked about how we could incorporate this into a plant pot. Ideas may include using a colourful pot or plants, reusing an item that makes you think of summer (for example a sand castle bucket) or something else. The judges look favourably on recycling and using plants that encourage bees and insects. If your child would like to bring in a planter, please name it and bring it to the raised playground on Tuesday 11th June. The Guildford in Bloom judges are coming to judge on Wednesday 13th June, when planters can then be taken home. We will also be running our own competition in school, judged by the Gardening Club.



PTA – FATHERS DAY SALE

The PTA Fathers Day sale will be held on Friday 14th June. Please can you provide your child with a £1 donation to receive a lovely gift for Dad. All proceeds will go to the library refurbishment. Thanks for your support.

KIDS WEEK IS BACK!

For the whole of August, a child aged 16 or under can go to any participating show for free where tickets are available as long as they're accompanied by a full paying adult. Adults can also buy up to two extra children's tickets at half price and there are no booking fees.



Kids Weeks includes a wide variety of London musicals, plays, operas, comedies and dance productions. Throughout August some participating shows will also be holding special activities, including Q&As, dance workshops and behind the scenes tours.

<https://officiallondontheatre.com/kids-week/>

EARRINGS – PE

We have recently been asked about our school policy regarding earrings and PE. We follow Surrey County Council's guidelines that earrings should be removed for PE and **must not be covered by tape**. Unfortunately, we are unable to remove earrings for your child but a member of the office team would be happy to support your child when they are taking them out, if needed (please provide a small pot for them to put them in). We ask that if your child is not able to take them out that they come to school on the days they have PE with their earrings already removed. Thank you for your support.



ATTENDANCE

This week our attendance has stayed the same, at 95.9%, which is still below our target of 96.1%. Please support us by adhering to our attendance policy. Remember, there is significant research to prove that every day lost in education has a negative impact on children's achievements. At Worpleston, we ensure that children are learning right up to the end of term.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY – LUNCH TIMES

Due to Junior Sports Day starting at 1.00pm next Thursday, we have decided that the Junior children will have an early lunch so that their food can go down before the activities. This will mean that infants will have their lunch slightly later (approximately 15 minutes later than usual).



Updates & Dates



Date	Content
Tuesday 11.06.19 (7.00pm)	New Reception Parents Evening (Sep 19)
Thursday 13.06.19 (pm)	Junior Sports Day
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
Monday 17.06.2019	Reception Heights & Weights (younger children)
Wednesday 19.06.19 (8.50am)	Prayer Group Meeting
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	Year 5 trip to Newlands Corner
Friday 28.06.19 (2.45pm)	Finches Class Assembly
Tuesday 02.07.19	New Class Letters Home
Tuesday 02.07.19 (7.00pm)	New Year 3 Parents Evening (non Worpleston) Sep 19
Wednesday 03.07.19	Whole School Transition Day
Friday 05.07.19 (2.45pm)	Starlings Class Assembly
Friday 05.07.2019	PTA Mufti Day
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
Wednesday 17.07.19 (8.50am)	Prayer Group Meeting
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

The Parish of Worplesdon

**St Alban's Church, Wood Street Village
GU3 3EP**

Friday 21st June at 5pm



Our own Mike Briggs will be joined by colleagues from
the **BBC CONCERT ORCHESTRA**
to present

MUSIC FOR STRING QUARTET

Juan Gonzalez - 1st violin

Cormac Browne - 2nd violin

Mike Briggs - Viola

Benedict Rogerson - Cello



The programme includes music by
Beethoven, Schubert and Webern

The recital will last between 45-50 minutes

Everybody welcome

Refreshments available

Retiring collection