



September 2019 Newsletter

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Value of the month – Belonging

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer break and that, like me, your batteries are re-charged for the exciting year ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to give a special welcome to the families and staff who are joining us this year and I hope to catch up with you all over the coming weeks.

The year has started positively with children (and staff) settling in well over the last couple of days. It is great to see the children taking such pride in their school uniforms and I look forward to this being maintained throughout the year; pride in their uniform shows pride in their school. I know that staff have worked hard during the end of the Summer term and into this term to ensure transition for every child is successful. It is vital that we continue to work in partnership so if you or your child have any questions or concerns during this transition period, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We made good use of our INSET day on Wednesday when we focused on Safeguarding and School Development Planning. I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the information that we covered during this training day.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding training focused on how we safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in our care. We discussed how to make every effort to provide an environment in which children and adults feel safe, secure, valued and respected, and feel confident to talk if they are worried, believing they will be effectively listened to. If you would like to read more about Safeguarding at Worplesdon and how you can help, please see our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and monthly Safeguarding Newsletters on our website.

With safety in mind, please can I remind you how seriously we take the safety around the school gate. Please remember **not** to park or 'drop off' on the zig zag lines during the times clearly specified. We want to keep this area free of cars so that our children can cross safely. Furthermore, it is helpful if we can follow an unofficial one-way system at the busy times of school drop off and pick up, including parents/carers who have been granted permission to park in the school car park. We ask you to drive past with the school on your left and follow Envis Way until it joins Brocks Drive to exit Fairlands Estate. We have found that this one-way system helps the traffic to flow and eases congestion, making everyone's journey to and from school a better one!

We are extremely fortunate to have Steve Brierley our wonderful Crossing Patrol Officer. His role is to ensure that our families are able to cross Envis Way safely; please make sure you use him and we politely ask that you cross in front of Steve, not behind him.

School Development Planning

On Wednesday, staff and governors reviewed our School Development Plan (2018-2019) and agreed our plan for 2019-2020. We agreed to continue to focus on securing outstanding outcomes for our children and to do this, we will concentrate on:

- Enabling outstanding leadership.
- Delivering an outstanding quality of education
- Ensuring outstanding behaviour and attitudes
- Facilitating outstanding personal development

Once the detailed plan is complete by the end of September, it will be made available for the community to refer to via our website.

Finally, in order to prepare for the year ahead, the annual calendar of events has been published on the website and we have included the dates for the Autumn term within this newsletter. A full list of dates will be emailed next Friday to parents via ParentMail. Alternatively, hard copies will be available from the office. We have tried to include as many dates as possible for the year, however, there will be additional dates as the year progresses and we will inform you of these through our monthly newsletters.

I would like to wish you all a happy and successful year ahead.

Best wishes,

Karen O'Brien
Head Teacher





Updates & Dates

Starting School Sessions

At the start of every academic year, we like to give parents information about the new year group. We hope that you kept the following date which was shared in July: 17th September at 2.30pm. More details to follow.

School Communication

As a school we like to keep you up to date and well informed of what is going on in your child's class and the whole school. Messages to parents/carers are sent in a number of ways such as the weekly email from the year group team, a weekly newflash and a monthly newsletter from Mrs O'Brien. Please look out for these, as these contain lots of important and useful information.

Clubs

Please see the extra-curricular clubs timetable below (which will begin the week beginning 16th September) so that you can share it with your children and decide which activities they would like to participate in. Forms for these clubs will **go live on Tuesday 10th September at 6pm**. As normal, these forms can be accessed via your ParentMail account.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Holly's Dance		Year 3 & 4 Netball Club (Playground) – Mrs O'Brien	
Lunchtime	Junior Choir (PAC) – Ms Baynes	Infant Choir (PAC) – Ms Baynes		Junior Orchestra (PAC) – Ms Baynes	
After School	Year 3 & 4 Football (Field) – Mr Bowers Karate	Year 4 – 6 Advanced Recorder – Ms Baynes Year 5 & 6 Rugby (Field) – Mr Djadali Junior Forest School – Mrs Sherlock Art Cooking	Year 3 Beginners Recorder – Ms Baynes Year 5 & 6 Football (Field) – Mr Bowers Year 5 & 6 Girls Football (Field) – Tracey H Infant Hand Bells (Doves) – Miss Brake 3.15-4.00 Boogie Pumps (Dance) Genie Lab (Science)	Junior Reading & Times Table Club – Mrs Bassett-Cross & Mrs Warner Year 5 & 6 Netball Club (Playground) – Miss Gibbs Chelsea Spanish	Infant Fun Sports (Playground) – Mrs O'Brien Junior Running Club – Mrs Woodruff

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 2019-2020

As you are aware from this term we are able to offer a larger number of places in breakfast and after school club, as we have moved these services into the school hall.

We would like to remind you that all bookings either on a regular basis or ad hoc, must go through Mrs Whitfield, in the School Office. She can be contacted on 01483 232126 or awhitfield@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk.

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for an After School Club Assistant, Monday-Thursday. Details and the application form can be found on eteach. You can also contact our Business Manager, Jenny Ireland on jireland@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk or 01483 232126.



Updates & Dates

COME AND MEET THE REAL PUDSEY BEAR!

We are delighted to be supporting an exciting charity event which the FLGCA are leading to support Children in Need.

Event: Shorter ramble of approximately 1 mile with a children's Pudsey Bear Trail

Date: Saturday 5th October Fairlands Hall

Time: Starts 11am

Additional:

- ✓ Wear your Pudsey Bear Gear and Have Fun
- ✓ The flat route will leave Fairlands through woodland on a circular route. See if you can spot the Pudsey's on your journey! On the way back it will pass through a farmyard where you should be able to see horses' chickens and goats.
- ✓ The route will end at the Fairlands Hall where that welcome cuppa and cake will be available.
- ✓ Donations please for Children in Need at the start of the rambles.
- ✓ For more details Contact Sheila Willis 07460 623860 or sheilawillis38@gmail.com



2019-2020 Dates

Tuesday 17 th September (2.30pm)	Start of Year Meetings
Thursday 19 th September (7.30pm)	PTA AGM and Planning Meeting
Friday 4 th October	PTA Monthly Charity Pub Quiz (The Cricketers)
Friday 11 th October (during the day, times TBC)	Grandparents Day for Harvest
Sunday 13 th October	PTA Team Run Guildford 10k
Wednesday 16 th October (3.00pm – 6.00pm)	Parents Consultation Meetings
Thursday 17 th October (5.00pm – 7.30pm)	Parents Consultation Meetings
Thursday 24 th October (3.15pm)	Finish for Half Term/PTA Happy School Bag Collection
Friday 25 th October	Inset Day
Monday 4 th November (8.50pm)	Return to School
Friday 8 th November	PTA Mufti Day (Chocolate Donations)
Friday 15 th November	PTA Mufti Day (Jolly Jar Donations)
Friday 22 nd November	PTA Mufti Day (Bottle Donations)
Friday 29 th November	PTA Mufti Day (Cake Donations)
Sunday 1 st December	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 2 nd December – Thursday 5 th December	Year 6 Mocks
Monday 9 th December (9.00am)	Reception Nativity
Tuesday 10 th December (9.00am)	Reception Nativity
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 12 th December (2.00pm)	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Friday 13 th December (9.00am)	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Monday 16 th December (9.00am & 2.00pm)	Year 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18 th December (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Year 5 & 6 Carol Service (School)
Thursday 19 th December (during the day, times TBC)	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Carol Service (St Mary's)
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 20 th December (1.45pm)	Finish for Christmas Break
Monday 6 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 7 th January (8.50am)	Return to School

Is your child starting school in September 2020?

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 you will need to apply for a school place between 04 November 2019 and 15 January 2020.

Is your child in year 2?

If your child attends an infant school you will need to apply for a place at a junior school or a primary school with a year 3 intake.

Is your child in year 6?

If your child was born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 you will need to apply for a secondary school place by 31 October 2019.