



# October 2019 Newsletter

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

Value of the month – Friendship

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure watching the children settle back in to school life so well with our youngest children in Reception coping well with long and busy days. Please look out for the 'first day at school' photograph of our Reception children in the Surrey Advertiser week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

The teaching staff are looking forward to meeting with you at our Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October to share the children's learning since the start of term. Teachers will meet you for your appointment in classrooms and the children's books will be available for you to look at before and after your appointment. Please make sure you have made your appointment via our ParentMail booking system. If you have any concerns with our online booking system, please contact our Office team who will be happy to help.

As you know, the value for the month of September was belonging and our discussions have included the importance of respect, thoughtfulness and inclusion to embed a sense of belonging amongst the whole school community. We have also discussed the importance of our school uniform, which helps all children to feel they belong to the Worpleston community. With our school uniform in mind, please may I ask you to help your children be wonderful ambassadors of Worpleston Primary School by wearing their uniform smartly and by wearing the appropriate uniform. Please be reminded that:

- Sensible black shoes must be worn (not trainers)
- Make up, nail varnish and temporary tattoos may not be worn;
- Jewellery must not be worn (except a watch and plain stud earrings that the children must be able to remove for P.E.);
- Girls should wear plain hair / alic bands and clips, not over-sized hair bands, bows or 'jojo' bows

Furthermore, with the weather changing, please can I take this opportunity to ask for your support in providing your children with warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves. We believe that playtimes are a vital opportunity for the children to benefit from physical activity that the children thoroughly enjoy as long as they are appropriately dressed.

I am extremely grateful to the community for continuing to help make the area surrounding our site safe for all the children. The community has clearly pulled together to:

- ✓ Make a promise to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride at least once a week;
- ✓ Park considerably often driving further away from the school entrance;
- ✓ Never parking or dropping off on the zig zag lines at the front of the school;
- ✓ Never parking across residents' driveways.

*However*, there continue to be a small number of parents who ignore the Highway Code and I would remind parents that we continue to be part of the Park Smart campaign. If you have concerns please refer to the following link <https://www.drivesmartsurrey.org.uk/media-and-publicity-campaigns/park-smart/>.

Finally, since our INSET day at the start of term, we have been busy finalising our School Development Plan and I am delighted to inform that the Governing Body have now approved this document which will be available for you to read on our website from Monday. Please visit: [www.worpleston.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.worpleston.surrey.sch.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

*Kareen O'Brien*

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Head Teacher



# Updates & Dates

## GRANDPARENTS DAY – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. As you know, we are running two sessions (12.30-1.30 and 2-3pm) and we would like to share the details of our afternoon.

- We ask that grandparents arrive and wait at the main entrance gates which will be opened at 12.30pm for session 1 and 2pm for session 2.
- Grandparents will be directed to their grandchild's classroom however it would be very helpful for grandparents to know which classroom they are heading to.
- As the grandparents enter their grandchild's classroom, they will be asked to sign in and will then go straight to the table where their grandchild will be sitting.
- Grandparents and grandchildren will enjoy working together to create their own Harvest creatures, as well as other fun activities.
- Most grandparents who have more than one grandchild at Worpleston have signed up for two separate sessions and there will be refreshments provided in the PAC between 1.30-2pm whilst children and staff are preparing for the second session.
- For those grandparents unable to stay for both sessions, arrangements have been made for the siblings to be together in one of their classrooms. Those children and parents will be informed of the classroom they will be in ahead of Friday.
- For those children who do not have a grandparent or other family member/friend attending, the teachers will ensure that these children are working with one of their friends and their grandparents.
- As each session nears the end, children will be performing a harvest song or poem for grandparents to enjoy before leaving.

As always, we are focusing on instilling a love for reading throughout the school. Through contributions already made by supporting the PTA, we have already refurbished our library and subscribed to Bug Club. We are now focusing on improving our guided reading materials.

There will be an opportunity for grandparents to sponsor a guided reading book whilst they are in the class. We are able to accept cash or cheque on the day and we will ask grandparents to sign and leave a message in the book they have sponsored.

For those grandparents who are unable to make the afternoon but would still like to sponsor a book, please share the following link to our fundraising page:

<https://wonderful.org/fundraiser/grandparentsdaysponsorabook-91c7ac06>

Grandparents can donate money online and leave a message that we will transcribe into a book selected by their grandchild.

## ATTENDANCE

This week our attendance has slipped down to 97.1%. 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.

## CHARITY FUNDRAISER

The School Council have selected Disability Challengers as their charity fundraiser for this autumn term. Donations help Challengers to plan and provide more opportunities for disabled children and young people to play.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, the children of Worpleston Primary School will be wearing ORANGE MUFTI clothes in return for a donation towards our chosen charity. We will also be running a cake sale on this day – further details to follow.



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

**Challengers** ★



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## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW PARENT GOVERNOR**

### **Nominations by Thursday 17th October 2019**

We currently have vacancies for parent governors on the Governing Board, which are open to all parents and guardians of children in this school. Being a governor will afford you the opportunity to help shape and guide the progress of Worplesdon Primary School.

Parent governors play an important role as members of the Board, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. The term of office for parent governors, as determined by the governing body, is 4 years. The school and Governing Board have high expectations of the time and commitment required from its governors in order to effectively fulfil their roles and positively influence the life chances of all young people at our school.

For more information about the parent governor role here at Worplesdon Primary School please feel free to contact two current parent governors on the emails below. Mrs White and Mr Pitman have many years' experience in governance and would be really happy to answer your questions:

Jane White [jwhite@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jwhite@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk)

Stephen Pitman [spitman@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:spitman@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk)

## **TEAM WORPLESDON 10K – 1 WEEK TO GO!**

Thank you so much to everyone who has sponsored Team Worplesdon 10K so far...your incredible support is very much appreciated. There is still time left to sponsor us if you haven't already....just not much time left for training...eek!!

We are very grateful to The Cricketers on the Green in Pirbright, their wonderful Yurt Café have added to our total and Wild About Coffee on Whitmoor Common, who supply amazing off-grid barista coffee from a Defender Land Rover. Both are highly recommended if you are out and about, they would also welcome your support.

If you are part of a local business and would like to sponsor Team Worplesdon 10K, in return, we will share your details on our PTA social media and will also send out a ParentMail to the whole school community, thanking all who have contributed to buying guided reading for our children. Great local advertising for you!

<https://www.wonderful.org/fundraiser/theschoolrunguildford10k-80ec7787>

Thanks everyone!

## **WORPLESDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Worplesdon Parish Council is currently consulting residents about its services. If possible, please take part in our survey by following the link below. The survey measures your satisfaction with the facilities and services that Worplesdon Parish Council provides. There is a chance for one lucky resident to win our Prize Draw: a massage or reflexology treatment at [Walking on Air](#) in Broad Street. The questionnaire will be available for 4 weeks from 13 September 2019 to 11 October 2019

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=AmAnOKVcs02iem3WNvSjOt9fxpvDS9hDqYvhVhInMjRUREY0QkxQNTlaQzZkxQ08wV1BLR0FPSTRZSS4u>

Paper copies of the survey are available at various locations throughout the parish including:

The pubs, village halls, Drs' Surgery in Fairlands, JW and Fairlands Post Offices if people would prefer not to complete the survey online.

