



NEWS FLASH

Friday 10th October 2019

GRANDPARENTS DAY – SPONSOR A BOOK

We have had a wonderful afternoon with grandparents and extended family members. For those grandparents who were unable to make this 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.



HARVEST

Thank you to all our families who donated items earlier this week for the North Guildford Food Bank, they were extremely grateful for our generous donations.

It was lovely to see so many grandparents, family members and friends in school this afternoon taking part in our Harvest Day, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves and had fun!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & EXTERNAL FIXTURES

At Worplesdon, we are committed to providing ample opportunity for the children to participate in extra-curricular sporting events and competitions to extend their commitment to activity outside of curriculum hours. In arranging such events, great care is taken to ensure that the experience and abilities of the players are fairly matched across the schools so that children can be appropriately challenged and come away from the events feeling uplifted and enthusiastic. As part of the Active Surrey network of schools, competitive fixtures are arranged to cater to all levels: Inspire (aimed at increasing participation), Aspire (aimed at the semi-sporty actively participating children that attend clubs) and Higher (aimed at higher ability children who engage in clubs in and outside of school which suit competition at the highest level). The club attendees are the ideal candidates for the majority of these fixtures however, on occasion and in extenuating circumstances (such as availability) we may need to select children from outside of the club participants.

We have tried to ensure that all of the levels mentioned above are catered for in the sporting calendar. We are also constantly adding to the fixtures list by arranging friendlies with local schools to supplement the events competitions and leagues organized through Active Surrey. We will do our utmost to ensure that those that attend clubs have an opportunity to participate in external events, should they wish to. Finally, in response to feedback, we will be communicating fixture dates via our newsflashes / letters so that children and parents can spectate and give their support to the teams selected.



NEW JUNIOR ART CLUB

Starting on Thursdays after half term!

Due to popular demand Ruth is starting an extra Art Club for all of those who love art and craft, Year 3 and above welcome. Please email ruthwheeler.sculptit@gmail.com.

REQUEST FOR HELP FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Infographics

If you are an expert in infographics and you would be happy to help Mrs O'Brien create a short document, please let her know by catching her on the gate or emailing her at head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk.

Budding Journalist

If you would be happy to liaise with Mrs O'Brien and write short articles for the local newspapers promoting the school, she would love to hear from you 😊.

PARENTS CONSULTATION MEETINGS – 16TH & 17TH OCTOBER 2019

Below is a table showing which class you should wait in, when you arrive for your child's Parents Consultation Meeting, the children's books will be laid out in there for you to look at until their class teacher calls you in for your appointment.

Year Group	Waiting Area	Appointments
Reception	Swallows	Swifts
Year 1	Finches	Blackbirds
Year 2	Larks	Doves
Year 3	Magpies	Sparrows
Year 4	Kingfishers	Nightingales
Year 5	Jackdaws	Owls
Year 6	Wrens	Jays



If you have not yet booked your appointment, there are still a few slots available. Please see either your child's class teacher or a member of the School Office team, thank you.



Also, the Travelling Books Book Fair will be available for you to purchase any books and stationery next week in the library. The books will be available to view and buy before and after school. The school will receive commission on all items sold 😊.

YEAR 6 – SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Surrey County Council have asked us to remind all our Year 6 Parents and Carers, that if they have not yet submitted their secondary school application form this must be done **31st October 2019 at the latest**. Having checked our system we can see, we still have a very large number of applications outstanding. You can apply either online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or on paper by telephoning 0300 200 1004 (Monday-Friday, 9.00am-5.00pm).



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual and sibling photographs will be taken after half term. We would like to assure you that these will be taken, processed and returned in time for Christmas, should you wish to give them as gifts.

The dates for photographs are as follows:

Monday 11th November - Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & siblings

Tuesday 12th November - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

ATTENDANCE

This week our attendance has slipped again, down 0.2% on last week to 96.9%. 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.

STUDYBUGS

We would love for all parents and carers to be registered. If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.



[Get the app or register now](https://studybugs.com/about/parents) (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations [improve children's health](https://studybugs.com/about/schools). (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Nominations by Thursday 17th October 2019

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor 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

Stephen Pitman spitman@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk

THANKYOU

To all that came along and supported our BBC Children in need rambles on Saturday 5th October. We hope you enjoyed the Pudsey Bear Trail and the refreshments afterwards. It was an absolute joy to see you all. Pudsey has now gone to visit other children. He loved meeting you all and sends his love.



We raised:

£1,925.71

FLG Community Association