



December 2019 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning



Value of the month – Care & Compassion

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you agree that the Christmas Fair was a great success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting this event and an even bigger thank you to the Christmas Fair Committee for organising such a wonderful day for us all to enjoy whilst raising much needed funds for the school. I am delighted to confirm that we raised an impressive £6,028 which will be funding further reading material for our children to enjoy.

The next few weeks our Christmas festivities continue with the infant Christmas plays and the junior carol services. The children and staff are working hard to learn songs, prepare their instrumental accompaniments and practise their acting. We have not asked you to request seats for the Carol Services at the church; seating is limited so we are advising parents to arrive early and to respect our request of one family member per child. For all events taking place in the school hall, an email was sent via ParentMail on Wednesday confirming your seat allocation. I am delighted to say that all seat requests (up to Wednesday) including additional seats have been granted. For Health & Safety reasons, I kindly ask you not to turn up if you have not booked a seat.

With safeguarding in mind, I would like to remind all parents that it is essential that you have an enhanced DBS to be able to regularly support in school and at weekly swimming sessions. All parent helpers are required to sign in using our electronic system, which will check that an enhanced DBS is in place. Those parents helping with swimming sessions are required to sign in before getting onto the coach. Similarly, the appropriate safeguarding checks have been carried out for contractors working on our special needs centre. We are using our standard school 'colour coding' system: blue lanyards (blue high vis jackets) for those with an enhanced DBS; red lanyards (yellow high vis jackets) for those in school without an enhanced DBS; green lanyards for all school employees. Furthermore, I would like to remind you that we promote a SAFEGUARDING CULTURE which means that I ask for us all to take responsibility to safeguard our children. If any member of our school community is concerned about a child(ren) in our community, I ask that you speak directly to me or any member of my DSL team.

During this exciting time, it is important that we continue to maintain the children's exemplary behaviour so that they continue to make the most of every day. We support your children's behaviour by following the school's Behaviour Policy and continuing to teach the children our school values in assemblies and through our Learning for Life lessons. Last month we focused on the value of 'understanding', exploring how to spot others feelings and this month we are focusing on 'care and compassion'. In school, we are positively recognising children for living by other school values. If you have any examples of your child(ren) demonstrating the school values at home, I would love to hear about it (via my email: head@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk) so I can give them a 'special head teacher note of thanks'.

Whilst exemplary behaviour is extremely important, we also need the children to have excellent attendance. I am delighted to inform you that attendance is currently 97.2% which is a significant improvement from our attendance last year. Thank you for supporting us by adhering to our Attendance Policy.

Finally, as you know, your opinion is very important to us and with this in mind, we would **greatly appreciate** it if you could spend five minutes to complete our short survey. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QS9VJ56>

The information obtained will be analysed and shared with you by the end of January.

Wishing you a wonderful few weeks as we build up to Christmas.

Best wishes,

Karen O'Brien
Head Teacher



Updates & Dates



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Thank you to those of you who have booked your seats for the Christmas Performances.

We will not be providing a creche for any productions that are taking place within the school day and ask that you organise child care for any preschool age children if you are able to. If child care is a problem and you need to bring a younger sibling to a production, we ask that they sit on your lap and if they become unsettled you remove them from the school hall, as this becomes a distraction for the children performing. Any older children coming with you need to have had a seat requested for them within your allocation. Thank you for your co-operation 😊.

There is no charge for tickets, but we would be very grateful for any donations you are able to make on the day of the production you are coming to see, there will be collection buckets in the school hall.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

Five plucky runners from Years 3, 4 and 5 braved the miserable November weather and fading light to take part in a cross country race at Send Primary School. With only a brief warm up and understandable nerves about an unknown course, they set off quickly. Once they got into their stride and settled on a comfortable pace, the runners showed great resilience and determination to run over the variable terrain and sprint to a spirited finish. We should be so proud of the 'Worpleston Runners', who all finished in the top half of all runners and special thanks to the mums who not only provided the necessary transport but also the indispensable vocal support.



Netball

Last Friday 29th November the Year 6s (and a couple of year 5s) took part in a High 5 netball tournament. They started very well winning their first game and drawing the second. The competition was very tough and whilst they didn't win the remaining games they played with lots of spirit and fought hard. The competition started with a random bib draw and as the competition continued the girls rotated positions. They adapted well to different positions, showed great team spirit and we can look forward to future competitions with optimism.



A message from FLGCA

Way Forward Group - Monday 6th January 7.30pm in the Community Centre Hall

Have you a young family or have grandchildren that live near or visit you? You are invited to a get together at the hall on Monday 6th January at 7.30pm. We would love to see you as we need your input and ideas concerning the use of our recreational field to encourage more young families to use the facilities. We are looking forward to listening to you as part of our newly formed group that are looking at the 'Way Forward' of our association.



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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE YEAR 6 ECO-TEAM

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are the Eco-Team and are writing to introduce ourselves. Our team consists of Maya, Juul, Penelope, Ruby, Miley, Isla and Mr Clifton. We are trying to make the school a more eco-friendly place and helping the local community as well. We try to meet every Thursday and when we do, we discuss how we can make the school even better. We are working towards, reducing our impact on the environment, reusing resources where possible and recycling as much of what is left over as possible.

So far this year, we have created an action plan that is going to keep us very busy! We have started by creating little posters to put next to all the classroom light switches to remind people to save energy. Additionally, we have surveyed all the children to find out how they get to school. The children told us that only around 13% regularly walk the whole way to school. We know that pollution is damaging the environment and causing global warming. Therefore, you could help us to have a positive impact on the world by choosing to walk, cycle or scoot to school more regularly.

Additionally, we are looking also looking at how we can help the environment by reducing the amount of packaging we are sending to landfill. In the lunch hall, we are trying to promote recycling and encourage children who bring recyclable packaging, such as yoghurt pots, to take them home in their lunch box so they can be washed and recycled. You can also help us with this by reducing the amount of single use packaging you use in packed lunches and instead using a reusable tupperware container.

Overall, we believe that with all of us working together, we can make positive changes to help the environment. We look forward to sharing some more of our achievements and tips with you in the Spring term!

Kind regards,

The Eco-Team

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICER

Steve will not be on duty the afternoon of Wednesday 18th December, please can we ask that you take extra care when picking your children up from school. Thank you.

REMINDER – CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Friday 13th December – Children (and staff) are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, raising awareness and funds for the charity 'Save the children'. If you feel able to provide a donation of £1 or £2, that would be great.

Please don't feel you need to buy a new jumper. Just wear Christmas colours or grab an old sweater and decorate it with stickers, tinsel, tin foil or whatever sparkly stuff you've got at home.

