



February 2020 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Appreciation

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to say that the term has started well. It has been wonderful to see the children immersing themselves in their new topics from Around the World to Amazing Spaces to Danger Zones. We hope that our topic grids on our website and our weekly emails from class teachers provide you with the right amount of detail to keep you informed. In response to parental feedback, we have organised a Curriculum Evening on **Thursday 26th March (7-8pm)** where staff will be providing further detail on the following curriculum areas:

- How we teach maths
- How we teach reading
- How we build resilience and promote positive mental health

It would be great to see these presentations well attended.

After half term, teachers are looking forward to meeting with you at our Parent Consultations to discuss your child's progress. Meetings are taking place on **Wednesday 4th March (3.30pm-6.30pm)** and **Thursday 5th March (5.00pm-8pm)**. For all year groups (except year 6), parents will receive an interim report before Parent Consultations which will be the basis for your meetings. We hope you will find these interim reports a useful tool to find out how well your child is doing against the national expectations set by the Government. For those children in Year 6, parents will be given their child's attainment and progress against End of Key Stage Standards, at their meeting with staff.

With progress in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that every day lost to education can have a serious impact on children's attainment, self-esteem and overall progress in school. Thank you to those families who strive for their children to achieve good attendance and avoid term time holidays. Currently our whole school attendance is 96.9% (which meets our yearly target of 96.9%). Please keep up the good work!

Thank you to those families who took the opportunity to complete Parent View on OFSTED's website; we have received 83 responses so far. Please note that you are able to use Parent View at any point to show your feedback by simply clicking on the following link: www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

The questionnaire currently shows that **100% of parents would recommend Worplesdon Primary School** with:

- 100% agreeing or strongly agreeing that their child enjoys school
- 100% agreeing or strongly agreeing that their child feels safe
- 99% agreeing or strongly agreeing that the school makes sure the children are well behaved
- 99% agreeing or strongly agreeing that the school makes parents aware of what their child will learn through the year
- 95% agreeing or strongly agreeing that the school has high expectations for their child
- 100% agreeing or strongly agreeing that their child does well at Worplesdon
- 94% agreeing or strongly agreeing that the school lets them know how their child is doing.
- 99% agreeing or strongly agreeing that there is a good range of subjects available to their child
- 98% agreeing or strongly agreeing that their child can take part in clubs and activities
- 96% agreeing or strongly agreeing that the school supports their child's wider personal development (with 2% reporting they didn't know)

When asked if the school deals properly when a concern is raised, 23% of parents stated they have not raised concerns with a further 76% agreeing or strongly agreeing that when a concern was raised, they have been dealt with properly.

When responding to the following statement 'my child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively' – 65% of parents stated their child had not been bullied, 20% agreed or strongly agreed that it was dealt with effectively, 13% didn't know and 2% disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement.

There were 13 parents who responded to the following statement 'my child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed' - 85% agreed or strongly agreed.

Whilst we were delighted with this feedback, we continue to strive for 100% positive feedback. With this in mind, we will further develop our support for SEND children and our communication with their parents; continue to communicate our high expectations for all children; and further explore ways of informing parents about their child's progress

Finally, as you will see from the dates at the end of this newsletter, we have a wide variety of PTA events for us all to enjoy this term. These events are key fundraising events to support our school budget. I am aware that we all have different interests, amount of time to give, financial situations and skills. With that in mind, we have created **a one page infographic** (attached to this email) that we hope will show you the various ways you can support our school budget with the hope that every family can find a way to help the school.

Thank you for your continued support.
Best wishes,


Karen O'Brien
Head Teacher



Updates & Dates

PARENTS CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Parents Consultation appointments for all parents/carers will be available to book via Parentmail from **7pm this Friday 7th February**. Please log onto your ParentMail account to book a convenient time. Please see the below "Important Dates" table for the dates and times that will be available.

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

The Department of Education has sent through some public health advice in view of the current Coronavirus situation. To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days, follow the specific advice for returning travellers. This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.



PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Following a disappointing visit by the PCSO and traffic warden, we would like to remind **all** parents to:

- Park considerately (driving further away from the school entrance if necessary)
- Never park or drop off on or opposite the zig zag lines at the front of the school
- Never park across residents' driveways
- Never park on grass verges
- Turn left when coming out of the school driveway to follow the unofficial one way system around the estate.

BOOK WEEK

Book Week this year takes place between Monday 2nd March and Friday 6th March. There will be two dressing up days that week; the Thursday children can wear their pyjamas to school and on the Friday they can dress up as a book character. They will also be taking part in a workshop and enjoying an author visit during the week, plus there will be an opportunity for children to buy books after school on the Friday. Full details to come next week so please look out for the letter.



TIME KEEPING

The school day starts at **8:40am** and registration takes place between 8:40 and 8:50am. We would be grateful if parents and carers could kindly ensure that children are not dropped at school before this time and especially that they are not left unsupervised on school grounds. Staff are not on duty until 8:40am. We would equally remind you that children should be here by 8:50am at the latest. It is so important for children to be in the classroom on time at the beginning of the day.

WORLD THINKING DAY

On Monday 24th February, children who attend Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts are invited to wear their uniform in to school instead of their normal school uniform in honour of World Thinking Day. World Thinking Day is when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts everywhere remember each other and reaffirm their commitment to international friendship and understanding.

WORPLESDON WEAR YELLOW DAY

Just a reminder that on Thursday 13th February, we will be having a fundraising mufti day in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. One of our pupils in Reception has an older brother who used to attend Worpleston and who has Cystic Fibrosis. Macie has therefore planned our "Wear Yellow Day" to help raise money for this great charity. Please send your child to school on Thursday 13th dressed in something yellow with a donation towards the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Thank you.

INSET DAYS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

As some of you will be making plans for the summer holidays, we thought it would be useful to let you know that children will be returning to school for the new term on **Thursday 3rd September**. Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September will be staff training days. Inset days for the rest of the 2020/2021 have not yet been decided but will be released as soon as possible.

HOUSE MUFTI

The winners of the half termly House competition will be announced on Monday and children in the winning house will be invited to wear mufti to school on Wednesday 12th February.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM:

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 12 th February	Yr 5 visit to see production at Christs College
Thursday 13 th February	Worplesdon "Wear Yellow" Charity Day
Thursday 13 th February	PTA Valentine's Cake Sale
Thursday 13 th February	Finish for the half term break at 3:15pm
Friday 14 th February	INSET day
Friday 28 th February	PTA Mother's Day Sale Mufti Day
Friday 28 th February	Junior Disco's
Monday 2 nd March – Friday 6 th March	Book Week (Details to follow next week)
Tuesday 3 rd March	Starlings Parent Consultation Meetings 5-8pm
Wednesday 4 th March	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 5 th March	Parent Consultation Meetings 5-8pm
Friday 6 th March	Infant Entertainment – Jelly Kelly
Thursday 19 th March	Year 3 and 4 Production
Friday 20 th March	Mother's Day Sale
Monday 23 rd March – Friday 27 th March	Yr 6 Mock SATS
Wednesday 25 th March	Music Festival at G Live
Thursday 26 th March`	Curriculum Evening 7-8pm
Wednesday 1 st April	Yr 4 PGL Parents Meetings 2.45 & 6pm
Friday 3 rd April	Finish for Easter holidays at 1.45pm