



September 2018 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and 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 and I hope to catch up with you all over the coming weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to give a special welcome to the families and staff who are joining us this year; I hope you will feel as happy as I did in my first year at Worpleston.

The year has started positively with children (and staff) settling in well over the last few days. 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 really important 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 two INSET days at the start of this week which were jam packed! Our first INSET day focused on curriculum design with the aim of designing a curriculum for our children which promotes a love for learning whilst ensuring they master age related expectations. We hope that your children will be keen to tell you all about their learning over the course of the term. Please look out for our new Curriculum Overviews on our website by the end of next week.

Our second INSET day focused on First Aid and Safeguarding and over the course of the term we will continue to share ways you can support your children to stay safe. With this in mind, please remember to join us for our **Online Safety** talk on **Thursday 27th September 5.30 – 7pm**. We have organised for a film and popcorn night for the children so we are hoping childcare will not be a barrier to parents attending this extremely important talk about "How to keep your children and yourself safe when online".

Directly linked to our focus on safety, please can I remind you how seriously we take the safety around the school gate. With my long standing goal of 'improving parking around our school site', please remember **not** to park on the zig zag lines. 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. 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 have been reviewing and updating our School Development Plan which continues to focus on securing outstanding outcomes for our children by:

- Developing outstanding leadership, leading to outstanding progress within each year group and across the curriculum.
- Enabling outstanding teaching, learning and assessment, leading to outstanding progress within each year group and across the curriculum.
- Facilitating outstanding personal development, behaviour and welfare, leading to outstanding progress within each year group and across the curriculum.

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 will be published on the website and 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. In the meantime, you will see important dates for your diaries that we have already set at the bottom of this newsletter.

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

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Head Teacher

Value of the month – Responsibility



Updates & Dates

LIVING BY OUR SCHOOL VALUES

This month, in our assemblies and Learning for Life lessons, we will be focusing on the value 'responsibility'. We have already been focusing on our shared responsibility to follow our school rules:

- Talk and act positively
- Embrace and follow instructions
- Act kindly, keeping hands and feet to themselves
- Make themselves be the best they can be

Next week we will be exploring each rule in turn so that we are all clear about the actions we need to take to follow these rules, the rewards for following these rules and the consequences in place if they are not followed. As always, it is greatly appreciated when parents take time at home to discuss these rules with their children. If you have any examples of your child(ren) demonstrating the school rule / values at home, Mrs O'Brien would love to hear about it (via her email: head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk) so she can give your child a 'special head teacher note of thanks'.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT – SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Please see the attached flyer – Stoughton 'at the end of the Great War'.

YOUR PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) – WHAT IS IT?

- If you are registered with the Fairlands Medical Centre and attend the Fairlands Surgery, or the one at Glaziers Lane in Normandy, then you are eligible to join the Fairlands Practice Patient Participation Group.
- The Group exists to support the practice, to publicise services, to feed back any patients' concerns and to improve efficiency and delivery. Meetings are held every six weeks and last about 90 minutes.
- Every practice has a PPG and their local Clinical Commissioning Group works with them to foster good relationships and keep them informed of developments in the NHS.
- At Fairlands, they have held events to increase awareness about diabetes, dementia and coping with minor illnesses. Many of you will have attended these sessions. They were particularly pleased that so many appreciated the information gained at the "Living well with Dementia" day. Healthwatch Surrey made a film of the event which is used to educate providers.
- They were also involved in conducting a survey about the practice which you may have completed online - or you may have been accosted by one of their group when you visited the practice for your flu jab last autumn! The information has been analysed and fed back to the practice and improvements are being made where needed. Your views and your perspective are greatly valued.
- Their next big event is a Cancer Awareness event on Friday 21st September at the Community Centre. Please put the date in your diary. Do go along and find out how to deal with cancer as a patient, family member or carer.
- If you are interested in joining their Patient Participation Group, please contact Sarah at sarah.boltwood@nhs.net.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	
Tuesday 18 th September 6.00pm onwards	Start of Year Meetings
Wednesday 19 th September 7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 27 th September 5.30pm – 7.00pm	E-safety Workshop
Thursday 4 th October & Friday 5 th October	Reception – Year 5 Nasal Flu (School Nursing Team)
Wednesday 17 th October 3.00pm to 6.00pm	Parents Consultations (details to follow)
Thursday 18 th October 5.00pm – 7.30pm	Parents Consultations (details to follow)
Friday 19 th October	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY

