



March 2020 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Positivity

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fun filled week we have had! Book week was kick started with an assembly where staff shared their favourite books, the character and story writing competitions were launched and the sponsored read was promoted. Throughout the week, the children have been immersed in to the magical world of books through shared reading sessions, 'bringing stories to life' workshops, bedtime reading sessions (in our pyjamas) and dressing up as their favourite character. We want to maintain the enthusiasm for reading that we have seen this week and we will be introducing a new reward system which you will find in your children's reading records next week.

In light of upcoming changes to the requirements for relationships and sex education (RSE), we are currently reviewing our existing policy. In collaboration with staff, it is clear that our existing policy meets the new requirements however we have taken the opportunity to adapt our delivery giving more opportunities for repetition within our spiral curriculum framework thus enabling our children to gain a growing developmental understanding of the matters, skills and processes in the RSE curriculum. We have worked hard to make sure that our RSE curriculum reflects: our pupils' age and maturity levels, as well as their cultural and religious backgrounds; the values of our school community; every pupil's learning needs; what pupils need to know to be healthy and safe in school, in their personal relationships and in the wider world.

In line with best practice, we would like your feedback on the proposed RSE curriculum, and the wider policy (attached for your reference). In order to receive as much feedback as possible, we have set up a variety of ways that you can be involved during this consultation as shown below:

1. Join myself and some of the teaching team to discuss the policy on Wednesday 6th May at 9-10am or 4.30-5.30pm (a booking form will come out via your parentmail account or contact the school office)
2. Email me directly on head@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk
3. Book an individual appointment with me via the office team

Finally, you will have seen that there have been media reports about Coronavirus in the UK and in Surrey, and many of you will be concerned. I can assure you that we are taking the situation seriously but that we do not need to cause undue alarm. It is important for the children that we remain calm, sensible and work together as a school community to follow the national guidance.

The advice to us from Public Health England and Surrey County Council remains the same and is as follows:-

1. Where a suspected case has been in a childcare or educational setting, **there is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home**
2. Even if there is a confirmed case in your childcare or educational setting, **in most cases, closure of the childcare or education setting will be unnecessary and advice would be provided by Public Health England.**
3. As always, everyone should continue to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene:
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze, then bin the tissue and wash your hands (or use a sanitiser gel).
 - Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Remember, if you have any direct medical concerns, to contact NHS 111. The Department for Education have set up a Coronavirus helpline (0800 046 8687) for queries relating to schools and other educational establishments in England. Lines are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.

Please be assured that when there is a confirmed case, Public Health England (PHE) use the method of contact tracing to prevent the infection spreading further. Please see below to link below to find out more about contact tracing: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/02/13/expert-interview-what-is-contact-tracing/>

For further information, please see www.nhs.uk/coronavirus and 'Guidance to educational settings about COVID-19' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Many thanks for your continued support and active engagement with the school.
Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien

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Head Teacher



Updates & Dates

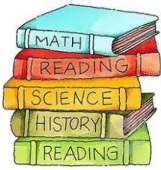


Please sponsor Isla

One of our pupils, Isla in Nightingales Class (Year 4), will be running the Kids Run during Surrey Half Marathon this Sunday and she is raising money for Worpleston Primary School. If you have not yet done so and would like to sponsor her, please visit <https://www.wonderful.org/fundraiser/islarunsforworpleston-459d87db> or children can take in donations to her class teacher, Mr Torjussen.

Parent Consultation Meetings

It has been a pleasure to see parents evening so well attended this week. We hope that you enjoyed looking through your child's books, discussing their progress so far, and hearing about their next steps with the class teacher. Please remember that you are very welcome to pop in any day after school to look at your child's work. If you were unable to attend this week's parents evening, please contact the school office who will be happy to help you arrange a convenient time with your child's class teacher.



Curriculum Evening for Parents on Thursday 26th March (7.00pm – 8.00pm)

The evening will begin with a presentation about the Inner Curriculum and how we are supporting your children's mental well-being. This will be followed by a Math presentation on Progression in Calculations, providing parents with step-by-step information on how we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please book your place via ParentMail or by contacting the school office directly. Thank you.

Special Needs Support Centre

Considering the recent weather conditions, it is impressive that our building works continues to be on track for an early July completion. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their patience during this build. Please continue to give Mrs O'Brien your feedback as the building proceeds so that the site team can make any necessary adjustments.

Breakfast and After School Club

We are seeking to find a suitable name for our extended school day provision. In consultation with children and staff, we have managed to create a shortlist. We would like the school community to vote on their preferred name so please complete the form that will be coming out via ParentMail today.



Year 3 & 4 Production

Year 3 & 4 are busy preparing for their upcoming Treasure Island production on Thursday 19th March; this date was provided in September so we are hopeful that you have protected this date in your diary! **If you would like to request seats to come and watch one of the performances, you will be able to do this from Monday, via your ParentMail account.** Show times are 9.15am, 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

Music News

Winston Churchill

Last Wednesday seven of our finest wind players were invited to a day of music making at Winston Churchill. They played all day with the amazing musicians of the British Army Band and the Winston Churchill musicians. It was an amazing experience with intense sight reading and ensemble skills needed to play pieces like Beethoven 7 and Up-town Funk.

Exams:

Good luck to all the Worpleston children taking their Associated and Trinity Board music exams this term. We have had one result so far and Charlie in Year 6 received a distinction in his cello exam which is a fantastic result so well done to Charlie! Watch this space for other results.

Music Theory:

Jasmine is back from maternity leave and is taking up the reins from Mrs Symington with Theory classes, which are held in Starlings every Tuesday morning at 8.00am. Please contact Jasmine on: jasmine_ducker@yahoo.co.uk. The classes are essential for any one taking practical exams in their instrument.

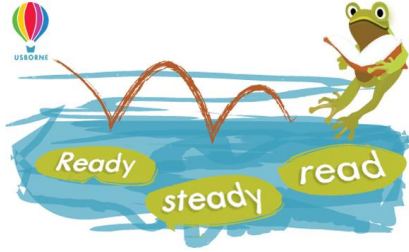
G Live:

Rehearsals have been every Monday and Wednesday for choir (please make sure your child has learnt the words which are on the school website) and every Thursday for Orchestra at 12:30 and 14:45. Our first orchestra rehearsal with all the other schools is on Tuesday at Northmead. Wish us luck!



2019-2020 Dates

Spring 2	Friday 13 th March	Sports Relief
	Friday 13 th March (2.45pm)	Owls Class Assembly
	Thursday 19 th March (9.15am, 2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Year 3 & 4 Production
	Friday 20 th March	PTA Mother's Day Sale
	Monday 23 rd March – Thursday 26 th March	Year 6 Mock SATS
	Wednesday 25 th March	Music Festival at G Live
	Thursday 26 th March (7.00pm – 8.00pm)	Curriculum Evening
	Friday 27 th March (2.45pm)	Blackbirds Class Assembly
	Monday 30 th March	PTA Happy School Bag Clothing Collection
	Wednesday 1 st April (2.45pm & 6.00pm)	Year 4 PGL Parents Meeting
	Thursday 2 nd April (time TBC)	Year 6 SATs Parents Information Meeting
	Friday 3 rd April	Easter Egg Competition/PTA Smartie Tubes/Bunny Trail
	Friday 3 rd April (1.45pm)	Finish for Easter Break
Summer 1	Monday 20 th April (8.50am)	Return to School
	Wednesday 22 nd April	Earth Day Mufti
	Friday 1 st May (2.45pm)	Kingfishers Class Assembly
	Friday 1 st May	PTA Smartie Party
	Tuesday 5 th May – Thursday 7 th May	Year 4 Residential PGL Trip
	Wednesday 6 th May (9-10am or 4.30-5.30pm)	RSE Policy review
	Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
	Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATS
	Friday 15 th May (2.45pm)	Year 4 PGL Assembly
	Friday 15 th May	PTA Speed Quiz & Auction Night
	Thursday 21 st May (6.00pm)	Year 6 PGL Parents Meeting
	Friday 22 nd May (2.45pm)	Jackdaws Class Assembly
	Friday 22 nd May (3.15pm)	Finish for Half Term
Summer 2	Monday 1 st June	Inset Day
	Friday 5 th June (2.45pm)	Robins Class Assembly
	Thursday 11 th June (7.00pm)	New to WPS Reception Parents Evening
	Friday 12 th June (2.45pm)	Swallows Class Assembly
	Wednesday 17 th June (pm)	Infant Sports Day
	Thursday 18 th June (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Summer Soiree
	Friday 19 th June (2.45pm)	Swifts Class Assembly
	Saturday 20 th June – Sunday 21 st June	PTA Father's Day Camp Out/Open Air Cinema
	Monday 22 nd June	Group/Class Photographs
	Wednesday 24 th June (pm)	Junior Sports Day
	Friday 26 th June (2.45pm)	Magpies Class Assembly
	Tuesday 30 th June	Year 1 Wisley Trip
	Tuesday 30 th June	PTA My Grown Up & Me Craft Event
	Tuesday 30 th June (7.00pm)	New to WPS Year 3 Parents Evening
	Wednesday 1 st July	Whole School Transition Day
	Friday 3 rd July	Sponsored Event
	Friday 3 rd July (2.45pm)	Larks Class Assembly
	Wednesday 8 th July (1.30pm)	Year 5 & 6 Production
	Thursday 9 th July (9.15am & 6.00pm)	Year 5 & 6 Production
	Friday 10 th July (2.45pm)	Sparrows Class Assembly
	Monday 13 th July – Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Residential PGL Trip
	Tuesday 14 th July	PTA Happy School Bag Clothing Collection
	Wednesday 15 th July	Reception 2 nd Taster Day
	Friday 17 th July (2.45pm)	Doves Class Assembly
Tuesday 21 st July (2.30pm)	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	
Wednesday 22 nd July (1.45pm)	Finish for Summer Break	



Sponsored Read

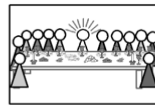
Please don't forget to continue raising sponsorships for the sponsored read taking place this week. In addition to the sponsorship money raised, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. So for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in **FREE** Usborne books! Please send all sponsorship money in by Friday 13th March. Thank you!

"The Telling" is a new fun informal evening designed especially with families and children of all ages in mind.



The Telling

Thursday
9th April
2020
6pm-8pm



St Albans
Church Hall
Wood Street
Village

Come and hear
the story...

For more info call the Church Office on 01483 233091

funFOOD and Fellowship

The Supper takes the form of a "bring and share" meal – you simply bring something with you for the table it can be small or big, savoury, vegetarian, salad or dessert it really doesn't matter, and we all share whatever we've brought!

During the evening we will hear the story of the days before Good Friday to help us understand how they shape our worship today.

But above all it is an opportunity for us to share a meal together and enjoy spending time in each other's company!

What do I need to bring?

See you there!

do you love animals?

RAISING MONEY FOR RSPCA & WWF

COME TO LOTTIE'S ANIMAL FUNDRAISER

Wow!

There will be:

- Animal themed craft
- Animal face painting
- Biscuit decorating
- Refreshments
- Animal trail

Worlesdon Primary School
Sunday 15th March 1:30 - 3:30pm