



# NEWS FLASH

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## AN UPDATE FROM MRS. O'BRIEN

A huge thank you to the whole community who continue to pull together in these challenging times. It has been impressive to see how hard everyone is working – children, parents and staff. With such great learning going on, we had to continue with our golden leaves so later today, I will be posting both a short video to announce the golden leaves for each year group and the certificates for those children who have been chosen. I have added the reasons for the golden leaf onto each child's certificate; the children might like to make their own golden leaf to display in their bedrooms. Look out for the video and certificates on your Goggle Classroom 😊.

I have to admit that I am finding it difficult not seeing your children each day however, we all need to be strong. With that in mind, on my video, I am challenging your children to **be the reason someone smiles**; I am hoping they may surprise you!

Please remember, I continue to be available for any questions, comments or feedback. Please use my email address [head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk) and I will get into contact with you.

Take care & best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien

## GOOGLE CLASSROOM

We think most parents are successfully accessing our online learning. Please note that there are different steps to take depending on the device you are using. Please follow the link for an informative help sheet:

<https://www.worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Distance+Learning&pid=87>

With this new way of working, teaching staff continue to review and refine the resources for you and your children to enjoy. Following feedback:

- some year groups have changed the way they are organising the week so that it is less overwhelming
- additional video clips will be used to model specific tasks such as modelled writing or a particular maths strategy

Please keep sending in your feedback; we want this to be the best it can be.



## VALUE OF THE MONTH

The value of the month is positivity. Why not spread positivity by creating a rainbow and displaying it in your window for others to see. Follow the link to find out more: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-51988671>

## OUR VOICE MATTERS SURVEY

The User Voice and Participation team are conducting a county wide survey for children and young people to share their views on the things that matter to them. They want to check in with Surrey children and young people and ask about their community, their health and happiness and give them a forum to have their voices heard. They would like to get as many children and young people as possible to complete these surveys. Any feedback received will go a long way to helping improve the services that Surrey offers. Please click on the following link: [Our Voice Matters survey for Primary](#) and complete by 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

## BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The online vote has finished and we can now announce that our extended club provision has a new name... **Early Birds & Night Owls.**



We will be crediting Extended Day school accounts with payments already received, for the cancelled Breakfast and After School clubs following school closure from Monday 23rd March. We will be issuing invoices when we are back at school and these will allow for payments already made.

## AUTHOR VISIT – *Date is now 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

John Dougherty is the author of the Stinkbomb and Ketchup Face series as well as many other books. In an age where all-things electronic are vying for children's attention, John Dougherty is a wonderful ambassador for reading books. His events are as loud and colourful as his shirts. They're packed with humour and music - he plays a mean guitar - and he clearly illustrates (not with a pen, thank heavens) the joys of reading and writing. He will spend some time with each year group during his visit discussing his methods of writing and sharing some of his stories. He will also answer questions and then, at the end of the day, there will be an opportunity to purchase some of his books should you wish to.

## ENERGY PROVIDERS

Families who are self isolating and are on electric, gas or smart meters, can call the following providers and organise to be sent 2 week credit for their meter.

British Gas - 0333 202 9802  
EDF - 0333 200 5100  
EON - 0345 052 000  
N Power - 0800 073 3000  
Scottish Power - 0800 027 0072  
SSE - 0345 0262 658



## FREE ONLINE RESOURCES



- Audio Books - [a collection of audiobooks for free](#). Books include Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, The Secret Garden, Winnie the Pooh and Timeless Tales of Beatrix Potter.
- If you (or your kids) prefer to read rather than listen... [11 cheap Kindle book hacks](#).

- Online PE lessons for kids every weekday morning with Joe Wicks  
Every weekday at 9.00am, Joe Wicks (aka 'The Body Coach') is live-streaming a [30-minute PE class on his YouTube channel](#) for free.

- Free meditation via the Headspace and Calm apps

Calm is offering 'soothing meditations', a 'calm masterclass', 'calm kids' and mindfulness resources. They're available via its website – [see Calm's free content](#).

Headspace has a collection called [Weathering the Storm](#), which includes meditations, sleep and movement exercises. It's available on the app (for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#)), or you can access some of the content [via the Headspace website](#).

- Free three-month language course for schoolkids from Rosetta Stone

To help kids who are learning from home, educational software company Rosetta Stone is offering schoolchildren [free access to its popular language courses](#) for three months.

- Free home-schooling resources, including Carol Vorderman's maths school

Carol Vorderman has announced that access to her maths school [The Maths Factor](#) will be free while schools are closed. It's aimed at 4 to 11-year-olds and is matched to the national curriculum.

- Surrey County Council – Library...

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/borrow-or-renew/ebooks-eaudiobooks-emagazines>.