



# April 2020 Newsletter

*Helping your child develop a love for life and learning*

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe it ... we are at the end of our second week since Worpleston temporarily closed to most families. Whilst I think we are all beginning to settle into our new routines and finding the little positives to keep us going, I for one, am very much looking forward to being back to our normal routine.

In the meantime, I would like to give you an update on how we continue to develop our distant learning through our Google Classroom. We have increased (and will continue to do so) the number of videos from the staff that model an activity and share expectations which have been well received by both children and parents. Currently, our technical team are working with the google product 'meet' which will enable the children to book into a live session with their teacher to receive additional support if they are not understanding a concept or just to get some face to face feedback on their work. More information will follow after the Easter break.

It is important with our children spending more time online that we continue to keep them safe. Mrs Bassett-Cross sent out her Safeguarding Newsletter earlier today which is a great reminder of the downfalls of certain apps. Furthermore, it is important that the children understand that their online activity continues to be monitored by the school (and their parents). There have been a few incidents whereby a small group of children have: used inappropriate language; excluded a child from a particular on-line social group; and searched for material that is not age appropriate. It would be great if you could remind the children that you and the school will continue to monitor their online behaviour and we will call parents if we see anything that is not in-line with our school rules. Thank you for your continued support.

At the end of last week, I challenged the children to be the reason someone smiles; I am hoping that they surprised you. I thoroughly enjoyed receiving emails from children and parents telling me about what they had been doing, such as: making funny faces, baking cakes for the neighbours, creating video clips, writing notes and helping with chores! In my little video clip today (which I have uploaded onto Google Classroom), I have introduced the children to the value of the month ... courage. I celebrated how brave they have been and asked them to maintain this over the Easter break. I have challenged them to be resilient even when it gets tough. Please let me know how they get on. I also announced the golden leaves for this week and have uploaded the children's certificates.

Finally, I continue to be available for any questions, comments or feedback. Please use my email address [head@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk) and I will get into contact with you. I miss our chats on the gate!

Wishing you a wonderful Easter.

Take care & best wishes,

*Kareen O'Brien*

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Head Teacher

Value of the month – Courage



# Updates & Dates

## HANDING IN WORK

The use of google classroom has been a really successful tool in supporting all children's learning at home. To make best use of this we ask that all pupils click to say when work has been handed in and to upload work or photos of work for as many tasks as possible. This enables all staff to share the great work you have been doing at home and give positive and constructive feedback to pupils to support their next steps. Please remember to check comments for work that has been handed in.

In addition to this, in some cases, Teaching Assistants and Teachers may contact you by phone or email to give additional feedback and check how children are doing in this strange situation.

## THANK YOU

We have received a number of emails from parents and their children thanking the staff here at Worplesdon for their continued hard work and support during these tricky times. These are so gratefully received and melt our hearts when we read them, thank you 😊,

## USEFUL CONTACTS FOR SUPPORT

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/community-support>

## Support for the vulnerable

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable>

## Contact offering befriending service, calls to mobile Monday to Friday 12-2pm

Community Angels Guildford Borough Wide  
Tel: 07825 799309

Maddie Moate's YouTube channel and she does live science, nature videos. Last week it was Garden Week and she posted videos on numerous things you can do in your garden such as, bird watching, daffodil dissection and minibeast photography.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/maddiemoate>

## From Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking:

\*\*\*NHS STAFF SUPPORT\*\*\*

We appreciate all the hardwork and efforts by our NHS staff. If you are working for the NHS and need your shopping done or any other help please contact us on [office@shahjahanmosque.org.uk](mailto:office@shahjahanmosque.org.uk) or on 07928539061. Our team will happily carry out your shopping and drop it to your door. If you need hot food delivered to hospitals please also get in touch.

## From Positano

If you are worried about yourself or your child who is unable to have breakfast, lunch or dinner, feel free to contact us without fear, guilt or shame. We will do whatever we can to help you... maybe with a cooked meal, a box of cereals, milk, bread, sugar, cheese or jam. Whatever it may be, we will do our best to help you.

You can contact us privately.

Don't feel embarrassed, you won't be judged ... sooner or later we all need help in this life.

Those who are luckier must help those who are less fortunate.

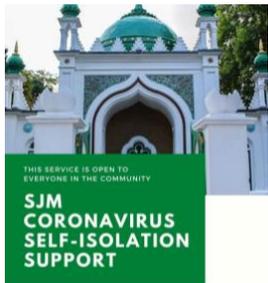
Rather than foment revolutions or looting, rather than sharing or putting like on videos of people who threaten to attack food supermarket, let's help each other, we focus all on altruism.

Let's make sure that these are not just words.

Let's stick together, each one in his own private, the seed of solidarity.

♥ We are all in the same situation.

We have to help each other ♥"





## Helping people stay connected

To help our customers stay connected during these challenging times, we're providing internet ready tablets to those most in need.

These will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to our customers identified as:

- "Extremely Vulnerable", who live alone and have received a notification from the NHS (Public Health England) advising them to not go out
- Families who don't have the equipment their children need to do their schoolwork from home

To make an enquiry call:

**023 9206 3327**