



# July 2020 Newsletter

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

Value of the month – Confidence

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible to think that we have been in lockdown for an incredible 103 days today! I hope you do not mind me saying but I think you and your children are doing amazingly well, coping with such challenging times. Like you, on Wednesday evening, I received the news that the government has informed schools that all children should be back in school for September. Whilst I am relieved at this decision, I now need to work with governors and staff to ensure that we are able to achieve this vision safely. I will be writing to you next week to inform you of our risk assessment and what it means for your children after the Summer holidays.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to share further details about the children's farewell opportunity to their current class and teaching team, as well as the transition arrangements in place for your children ahead of September.

### Farewell Arrangements

In consultation with the Local Authority and in keeping with our current risk assessment, we have created a plan to enable each class to meet on the field for a short goodbye, lasting 40 minutes. We will be inviting each class on a specific day at a specific time to come into school. The children coming from home will be kept in bubbles of no more than 15. Those children already in school will come onto the field within their current bubbles, socially distancing from the other bubble. The teaching team will have set up a variety of socially distanced activities that will enable the children to have some fun with their classmates and provide them with the opportunity to finish their year as a class team. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow parents to stay for this session and ask that you drop off and return 40 minutes later, hopefully taking the opportunity for go for a walk in the sun ☺. Whilst this is not the farewell that we had hoped for, we hope that children and staff will enjoy their time together.

### Transition Arrangements

The teaching team have organised the following arrangements to support your children's transition into their new class:

- A Google Meet will be organised the week beginning 6th July and teachers will communicate this through the Google Classroom and weekly email (see below for further detail)
- An interview with your new teacher will be available on the Google Classroom by 10th July
- A story session with your new teacher will be available on the Google Classroom week beginning 13th July

### Google Meet for Children

This is an opportunity for your child to meet their class teacher and some of the children within their new class. It will last approximately 15 minutes. As an ice breaker, please could your child have something special to share and the teaching team share their own favourite item. Teachers will then move into an information gathering session with plenty of opportunity to answer questions.

Finally, with our building works near to completion, we have an opportunity to add the 'wow' factor to our playgrounds. I am delighted to inform you that we have organised for playground markings (which were chosen by School Council in consultation with their classes) to be painted onto both the infant and junior playgrounds over the summer holidays. We have also secured an area next to the field that would be a great spot for a new trim-trail. I think it would be a wonderfully positive way to reward the children for showing such resilience, courage and strength during lockdown, as well as reflecting how the Worpleston community have come together during such challenging times. On Monday, I will be sending an email with a picture of our *dream trim-trail* and a link to our Just Giving fundraising page. I am hoping that you can share the details with friends, families and businesses with the hope that we may be lucky enough to get this installed before the children come back in September. ***My fingers are crossed!***

Thank you for your continued support; the team at Worpleston are very grateful.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien  
Head Teacher



# Updates & Dates

## Parent Feedback

Thank you to those parents who gave their feedback in a recent questionnaire. We had an amazing 310 responses which is fantastic. The data is now being analysed and next week Mrs O'Brien will share a summary with our next steps attached.

## GOODBYE & WELCOME

As the end of the academic year is fast approaching, we wanted to share with you Mrs Lowes' decision to leave Worpleston Primary. Mrs Lowes has been a valued and popular member of staff, who joined us 6 years ago back in 2014. Her decision to leave was a difficult one but the time has come that she feels she needs to be nearer to home, to be able to spend more time with her family. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her well for the future.

We would also like to welcome some new members of staff to the Worpleston team...

Mrs Nightingale	Teacher	Year 2	Doves
Miss Nutbeen	Teacher	Year 2	Larks
Mrs Jordan	Teaching Assistant	Year 3	Sparrows
Mrs Wood	Teaching Assistant	Year 3	Starlings
Mrs Herzig	Teaching Assistant	Year 4	Kingfishers
Mrs Buck	Teaching Assistant	Year 4	Kingfishers
Mrs Reed	Teacher	Year 5	Jackdaws

## SHINING STAR POETRY COMPETITION

### Who can take part?

Reception to Year 6

### What do I have to do?

Create a piece of poetry, this can be inspired by what you are learning about currently or on a topic of your choice.

### Who do I give it to?

If you are at home, you can upload your poem onto the Google Classroom. At school, you can hand it in to your class teacher who can deliver it to Green Bubble for the judges.

### Who are the judges?

Amelia, Neve, Maisie and Juliet (Year 3 - Green Bubble)

### Deadline

Friday 10th July, there will be a certificate for the Winner and Runner-up in each year group.

## 2020-2021

End of Summer term:

Lilac and Lavender Bubble

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Rest of the school

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (1.45pm)**

## INSET DAYS

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020</b>	<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
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Start of Autumn Term:

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

## SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please can we remind you that when dropping off and picking up your children from school, you exit the school grounds as quickly as possible. Please also make sure you use Steve, our Crossing Patrol, when crossing the road. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation 😊.

