



October 2020 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Unity

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that we have been back for a month. The children have been amazing; a real credit to you all. They have settled in beautifully, seemingly relishing the reconnection with friends and staff, and enjoying their new learning.

The teaching team are keen to meet with you for your **Autumn term Parent Consultations**. This year we will be holding these virtually using Google Meet on Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October. **You will be able to book your appointment via your ParentMail account from 5.00pm on Tuesday 6th October**, the link for your meeting will be sent to you nearer the time. This online system will be set up for 10 minute appointments, so it is important that the time is used effectively. Within the meeting, your child's class teacher will share how your child has settled, sharing information on their social and emotional development. They will share with you their assessments of your child's strengths and next steps in reading, writing and maths. Please can you email your child's class teacher beforehand if there is anything that you wish to discuss to ensure that this is addressed in the meeting; we do not want you to leave feeling frustrated with unanswered queries. It is important to note that under the current COVID-19 restrictions, it is challenging for staff and parents not to have the normal face to face communication however, we hope you find the parents evening a positive experience.

With current restrictions in mind, we are working hard with our PTA to find new ways of raising money to support the school's plan. Hopefully you have already heard that each class is running a marathon (between them) totalling an amazing 18 marathons with staff running the 19th and Matt Woodruff (Chair of Governors) running the 20th. If you are able to **sponsor a child, teacher, TA or governor** then please follow the link... <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/PTAmarathon>. Any donation is much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome some new members of staff to our team ...

Mrs V Clark	Freemantles Assistant Head for the Community
Miss J Major	Centre Lead/Teacher – The Haven
Miss M Hewer	Centre Teacher – The Haven
Mrs M Webb	Lead Assistant – The Haven
Mrs A Deegan	Teaching Assistant – The Haven
Mrs M Garland	Teaching Assistant – The Haven
Ms M Jones	Teaching Assistant – The Haven
Miss L Davies	Teaching Assistant – The Haven
Mrs S Bell	Teaching Assistant – Year 6
Miss T Mason	Teaching Assistant – Year 4
Mrs T Brock	Teaching Assistant – Year 5
Miss C Roche	HLTA – Year 6
Miss R Henson	SCITT Trainee Teacher – Year 4
Mrs H Cumper	Cleaning Team

Finally, we have decided to create a **'Bridge Plan'** for this year instead of our normal 3 to 5 year School Development Plan. Please find a copy on our website <https://www.worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk/devplan>.

Continue to keep safe.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Head Teacher



Updates & Dates

WORPLESDON PTA NEEDS YOU



The PTA are also still seeking a new PTA Chair. Contact worplestonprimarypta@gmail.com for more info or to volunteer!

A Happy School Bags clothing collection will take place on Monday 5th October at DROP OFF! Please do help support the school as well as the environment by recycling unwanted clothes!

A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS ... "FREE MY MEAL" INITIATIVE



Are you able to cook a free meal for somebody that might be in need currently?



If so, would you consider joining 'Free My Meal'? It connects 'COOKS' with 'RECIPIENTS'.



Similarly, if you are struggling yourself to feed you and/or your family, please get in touch.



A private group; every effort has been (and will continue to be made) to respect members' privacy.



Hayley, the founder says "As a former single mum, I've struggled to feed my own child, I know *exactly* what it's like".



There is absolutely no judgement in the group, nor room for discrimination of any kind.

#freemymeal or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/freemymeal)

*** PLEASE CAN WE REMIND YOU TO USE OUR ONE-WAY SYSTEM AS DETAILED BELOW***

THANK YOU

