



November 2020 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Respect

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed some precious time with your family and friends. The children have come back re-charged and ready for the rest of the term, relishing the time together; I continue to be extremely proud of the way they handle these unprecedented times. With this in mind, we thought it would be a nice idea to recognise all those children who have had birthdays during this period and have had to accept that their celebrations would be altered. We have planned to have a **'party day'** on Friday 13th November where each class bubble will have their own party. The children have already been invited to come to school in their mufti clothes and will have an afternoon of party games, food and fun. If you have any banners or balloons that you would be happy to donate, please inform your child's class teacher who will be happy to quarantine them ahead of the event.

Equally, we are determined to make sure that we prepare for a **magical December**. So far, we have arranged:

- a drama workshop (delivered virtually) for each class bubble to enjoy in the hall entitled 'A Christmas Carol'
- for reception to record their nativity for parents and grandparents
- for year 1 & 2 to record their Christmas play for families to enjoy
- for key stage 2 to record a 'Christmas Around the World' service for their families to enjoy
- for Christmas parties to take place within class bubbles (with some COVID restrictions regarding party food)
- for Father Christmas to send a message to the children and to send a little present for the children to find (within their class bubbles) in our Forest area, helped by one of Father Christmas' helpers

Whilst we are going to do our best to make November and December a memorable and positive time for each child, we continue to focus on achieving the targets in our **School's Bridge Plan**:

1. To drive the strategic leadership of the school through this bridge year, empowering all pupils and staff to excel.
2. To enable good and better *teaching, learning and assessment* with a focus on developing a recovery curriculum, leading to good and better progress within each year group and across the curriculum.
3. To plan a new hybrid curriculum and assessment opportunities for children when returning to school to recover their loss of learning.
4. To re-establish exceptional behaviour and attitudes, leading to outstanding progress within each year group and across the curriculum.

We were delighted with a recent visit from an external educational consultant who celebrated the progress that we are already making against our targets (above) and we are looking forward to our external assessment by Dr Neil Hawkes (international Values Based Education consultant) on 19th November. We are going to be assessed on how well we are implementing our **Values Based Education** and what our next steps need to be. We would really appreciate your thoughts and are hopeful that you can find some time to complete the form via your ParentMail account by 9am on Monday 9th November. With values in mind, please continue to inform me if your child(ren) display any of our school values at home; I would love to give them special recognition in either assembly or more quietly with a visit to my office.

Promoting our school in the wider community is more of a challenge this year. As you know, we have uploaded a virtual tour on the school website <https://www.worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk/parenttour>. We would be delighted if you felt able to promote our virtual tour with your friends and family. You could do this by following us on: www.facebook.com/WorplesdonSch and twitter.com/WorplesdonSch.

Finally, please remember that whilst we are not able to catch up face to face as we would normally, do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, senior leader or myself if you have any questions, concerns or general feedback.

Take care & keep safe.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Head Teacher



Updates & Dates

Want to join

OUR

TEAM?

VACANCIES

We currently have the following vacancies here at Worpleston:

- Full time, permanent Learning Support Assistant (KS1) - see below
- Part time (2 days), temporary Learning Support Assistant (KS2)
- School Site Manager - see below

Learning Support Assistant (KS1) <https://www.eteach.com/job/learning-support-assistant-1119512?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>

Worpleston Primary School is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced Learning Support Assistant to provide 1:1 support for a child in our lower school with special educational needs. The role will be full-time, term time only and you will focus on building a secure trusting relationship with the child as a basis for support. We are looking for someone who will work in partnership with other teaching staff to enable the child to successfully engage with learning.

We seek a person who:

- Has skill in observing and responding to the individual's needs
- Has a calm, positive but firm approach
- Has strong and sensitive communication skills
- Is able to follow clear guidance but also to apply initiative
- Has secure behaviour management skills
- Has a clear understanding of confidentiality and of safeguarding
- Has a good sense of humour and is able to engage and to motivate
- Is reflective and flexible
- Is confident in engaging with parents and with outside agencies as required

We can offer:

- A supportive, experienced team who are dedicated to ensuring learning is fun as well as challenging
- A happy, secure school and a welcoming environment
- A caring school ethos

School Site Manager <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-site-manager-1120400?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>

This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced School Site Manager to join Worpleston Primary School. You will be an integral part of our school community with responsibility for all aspects of health and safety, the maintenance of the school and grounds, security of all buildings and management of caretaking/cleaning staff.

If you would like further information on any of the above positions, please contact Jenny Ireland, our School Business Manager jireland@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk.

CHILDREN IN NEED 2020

Next week, we are supporting Children in Need by taking part in three different fundraising activities:

- 'Act your Age' activity
- 'Design a Poster' activity
- Pudsey inspired mufti day (Friday 13th November)

You can donate to our JustGiving page by clicking here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/worplestonprimaryschool?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=worplestonprimaryschool&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=500d9e0731a24f2d84ce0039aff6f7fa





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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We will be celebrating this day on Friday 11th December 2020 to raise awareness and money for Save the Children. We ask that the children come into school wearing a Christmas jumper or one they have decorated. We are suggesting a voluntary donation of £2 which can be paid via your ParentMail account.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Happy Christmas from Worplesdon Primary PTA!

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| Kids Christmas artwork orders deadline | Friday 20 th November |
| Christmas Mufti - £1 donation | Friday 4 th December |
| Last date for raffle ticket returns | Wednesday 9 th December |
| Christmas raffle draw | Friday 11 th December |
| Santa's special helper visit & gift - £2 donation | W/C Mon 14 th December |

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THANK YOU

A massive thank you to Mrs Thorpe who has handmade for no cost some wonderful wellie racks for year 1.

