



# December 2020 Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you to all those families who read my message last week asking for everyone to take action to improve the **traffic issues** around the school. Many children were keen to tell me that they had:

- ✓ parked further from the school gate
- ✓ used more green travel
- ✓ made sure not to park on a corner or yellow lines
- ✓ not blocked residents drives

Disappointingly, there continues to be a small number of families who are *not* adhering to these rules which is dangerous for our children. It has been brought to my attention that some drivers are driving far too fast down Envis Way and surrounding roads. Furthermore, when children are waiting to cross the road, rather than cars slowing to allow those children to cross, some drivers just drive past. Please can I ask that each and every one of us takes responsibility to drive with respect and safety at the forefront of our minds. It would be absolutely devastating if anything were to happen to one of the children in my care due to dangerous driving or parking.

With safety in mind, thank you for supporting the school so well this term in ensuring that our COVID-19 risk assessment is fully implemented and adhered to. With only two weeks until we break up, I think children, staff and parents have done an amazing job in keeping safe and healthy.

As we build up to **Christmas**, I thought it would be helpful to explain how we will be capturing our Christmas celebrations with you this year. As you know, we are unable to perform to you live. In addition, we are not allowed to sing above 60 decibels or use woodwind / brass instruments without social distancing in a well-ventilated room or outside. I think it would be fair to say that these restrictions have been a challenge for the staff however, I am absolutely thrilled to say that the teaching team are determined to send you a bit of magic. By the last day of term, each class will upload a short Christmas message onto the Google Classroom for you to enjoy. The children will also enjoy class Christmas parties, a (socially distanced) visit from one of Father Christmas' helpers in our Forest Area and a Christmas lunch.

During this exciting time, it is important that we continue to maintain the children's exemplary behaviour so that they continue to make the most of every day. We support your children's behaviour by following the school's Behaviour Policy and continuing to teach the children our school values in assemblies and through our Learning for Life lessons. Last month we focused on the value of 'respect', exploring how we can respect ourselves, respect others and respect the environment. This month we are focusing on 'appreciation and gratitude'. In school, we are positively recognising children for living by other school values. If you have any examples of your child(ren) demonstrating the school values at home, I would love to hear about it (via my email: [head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk)) so I can give them a special Values Certificate.

I hope, like me, you will treasure the next few weeks as we build up to Christmas. If there are any families who are having any difficulties during this time, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jeanette Ireland, our home-school link worker.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien  
Head Teacher

Value of the month – Appreciation/Gratitude



# Updates & Dates



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**



## SAFEGUARDING CULTURE

We would like to remind you that we promote a SAFEGUARDING CULTURE which means that we ask for us all to take responsibility to safeguard our children. If any member of our school community is concerned about a child(ren) in our community, please speak directly to Mrs O'Brien or any member of the DSL team.

## WHAT IS CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY?

On **Friday 11th December**, the children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to raise money for a great cause. Do not worry if they do not have a Christmas jumper, you could decorate a plain top 😊. You can donate your £2 to our JustGiving page by clicking here:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200009339?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=cjd200009339&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=5e5239ba924b480ba67585b3b00d5f1e](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200009339?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=cjd200009339&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=5e5239ba924b480ba67585b3b00d5f1e).

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Save the Children, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity. Thank you.

## PTA – RAFFLE TICKETS

Please remember to return all raffle ticket stubs and payment to school by **Wednesday 9th December**, in order for the PTA to prepare for the Christmas raffle. The PTA will be accepting cash for these, thank you for your continued support at this difficult time.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If you completed the form for your child to have a Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 16th December**, we would like to remind you that the £2.40 for this will need to be paid via your ParentMail account. If you did not sign your child up for a lunch, please make sure you provide a packed lunch on this day.

## LIVING BY OUR VALUES

We are delighted that the children at Worpleston have been asked to take part in something really worthwhile which will challenge them to show the value of our month. An organisation called 'Fly Me stories' are sending out free books and joke cards to hospitals like Great Ormond Street, the Royal Surrey, Kingston and St Peters to spread some happiness to children who are seriously ill in hospital. It would be wonderful if the children at Worpleston could pull together to produce a joke card. If your child would like to support this wonderful idea then they need to do the following:

1. On a piece of paper (any size) write one or more Christmas jokes.
2. Draw a Christmas picture next to the joke/s – the more colourful the better! You can sign it with your first name if you want to!
3. Take a photograph of your creation and email to [flymestories@gmail.com](mailto:flymestories@gmail.com) and [abennett@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:abennett@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk) by **Monday 14th December**.
4. The Christmas Joke Booklet will be sent out to hospitals, hospices and charities that support seriously unwell children all around the UK.

All entries will get a special values certificate and 5 house points from Mrs O'Brien for supporting such a great cause. We look forward to reading your jokes! 😊

## CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS REMINDER

This year due to the current circumstances we are unable to open our Christmas post box. However, the children will still be able to send Christmas cards to their friends. What we are proposing is that children bring their cards into class **Monday 7th – Friday 11th December**, so that they can be quarantined over the weekend and distributed the following week.

Also, if you would like to give a gift to a member of staff, again please bring this into school next week, so it can be quarantined in the same way. Thank you.





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