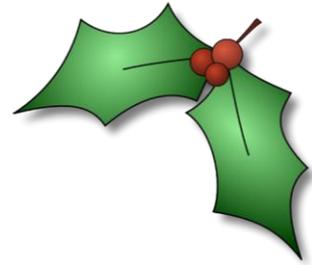




NEWS FLASH



Friday 18th December 2020



We are super proud of all the children for their great efforts and hard work over the last term, in what has been a very different learning environment for them. They have adjusted amazingly well both at school and at home (when needing to self-isolate). Also, *“thank you”* to all our families for your continued support; we are only able to work as well as we do, with us all pulling together in these difficult times.

Have a great Christmas break; have fun and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you all (recharged and ready to go) on **Tuesday 5th January** 😊.

INSET DAYS

You will remember that Mrs O’Brien wrote to you last week to inform you that due to the late notice given from the government, we would not be taking today as an INSET day. However, we do know that next term will continue to bring challenges and therefore Mrs O’Brien and governors have decided that staff would benefit from an additional INSET day next term. We have cancelled the INSET day on 7th June 2021 and replaced it with Monday 8th March. In summary INSET days for the rest of this academic year are as follows:

- ✓ Monday 4th January
- ✓ Monday 8th March

We hope we have given you enough notice to plan for this change in date.

TRACK & TRACE

Please remember our collective responsibilities regarding procedures if your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) between now and Christmas.

As a school, we will be available for six days after we break up on Friday 18th December, to carry out track and trace for any child or staff member who has a positive Covid test.

- If your child does test positive for Covid any time from now, up to and including Monday 21st December please email me at head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk. Within this email, I will need you to inform me of the day and approximate time your child started to display symptoms. If your child has developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, I will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as your child may have been infectious whilst at school.
- If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) having developed symptoms **after Monday 21 December 2020**, more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

We hope this information is clear so that we can continue to keep everyone safe.



PARENTMAIL ACCOUNTS

Please can we ask that your ParentMail accounts are in credit for the start of the Spring term. It is Surrey County Council's policy that school lunches are paid for in advance, thank you.

PTA

See details of the £9,830 raised for school via the PTA activities this term in our Autumn newsletter on ParentMail, thanks so much to everyone who volunteered and donated!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

As you know last Friday was Christmas jumper day. There were a great selection of Christmassy jumpers on display!



We are pleased to report that we have currently managed to raise an impressive **£652.00** for the charity, Save the Children. Thank you as always for your generous donations.

RECEPTION & YEAR 3 ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2021

We would like to remind you that Reception and Junior applications for September 2021 entry is **15th January 2021**.



Surrey County Council (SCC) strongly encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. If you are unable to apply online, you can request a paper application form via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). The completed paper application form must be received by Admissions (at their Quadrant Court address) by 15th January, so you must allow time for the post to reach them. If you need to apply on paper, SCC recommend that you send applications by recorded post.

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. The Surrey Schools & Childcare Service can also provide impartial help in completing an application.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of you being offered one of your preferred schools for your child.