



February 2021 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Honesty & Trust

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

This time last year, I was writing to you to celebrate our OFSTED inspection. Who would have thought that a year later, we would be living through a global pandemic? That said, we are 9 months on with warmer weather to look forward to, lighter evenings on the way and immunisations being rolled out. I would like to take this opportunity to give you some updates.

Delayed return to full school opening

I am sure you are aware by now that the government have confirmed that schools will not be open to the large majority of pupils until Monday 8th March at the earliest. Whilst this is extremely disappointing, I continue to be grateful to you for protecting the safety of my staff, only using a school place if you really need to. Until we have more details from the government on exactly when and how we are to re-open, I am unable to provide you with further information however we can continue to do our very best to support you and your children (both at home and at school).

Remote learning – organisation, content, feedback & behaviour

Thank you for your continued feedback on what is working well and any suggested improvements. From next week, all year groups will be using the Classwork section of Google Classroom to share all the lessons for the day including assemblies which we hope will make life easier for you at home. Teachers will be using the 'mote' section of the Google Classroom to supplement their feedback which means that the children will hear the staff members voice at times rather than just receive written feedback which we hope will help the children at home feel connected with their teachers.

We know how challenging it can be juggling working from home with home-schooling therefore, we understand if you are unable to be present during your child's GoogleMeets. However, please can I ask you to ensure:

- your child is appropriately dressed (i.e. not in their pyjamas, no make up etc)
- their behaviour continues to be in line with the school Behaviour Policy (i.e. using the chatroom facility appropriately with content linked to the lesson or assembly and using positive body language)
- your child comes out of the live lesson / assembly (teachers cannot leave until the last child has left)

Assessment & reporting

Due to the current situation, we do not believe that it would be fair to assess your child and provide you with an Interim Report on your child's progress. However, once we are fully open, we will assess the children, identifying their strengths and areas for development which we will report to you in Parent Consultation meetings. We will publish the dates once we know our exact return date.

Your children are amazing

Your children continue to amaze me, showing that in times of difficulty and challenge they can remain courageous, positive and resilient – they are an absolute credit to you.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to you for your continued support. Keep strong – we will get through this!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien



Updates & Dates

READ, WRITE, INC SPELLING BOOKS – COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL

For children at home from year 2 -6

In September, we introduced a new spelling programme which we believe is going to have a positive impact on spelling across the whole school. Whilst we have continued to use the programme for remote learning, we believe that the children would benefit more from this programme by having their booklets at home. With that in mind, we are hoping that parents will agree to collect their child's booklet this week, using one of the slots below.

We are using the children's houses to stagger the number of parents on site. We ask parents to come down the school drive, maintaining social distancing and wearing face masks. The booklets will be in a labelled class box outside with hand sanitiser stations to be used before collection.

Please email Mandy Bennett if you are unable to collect your child's booklet (abennett@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk).

	Tue (2 nd Feb)	Wed (3 rd Feb)	Thu (4 th Feb)	Fri (5 th Feb)
10 – 11	Air	Fire	Earth	Water
11 – 12	Water	Air	Fire	Earth
12 – 1	Earth	Water	Air	Fire
1 - 2	Fire	Earth	Water	Air



DIGITAL PARENTING

Vodafone have launched a Digital Parenting Guide to help parents/carers navigate life online during lockdown.

Please see the latest digital parenting magazine link below...

<https://www.flipsnack.com/FA7569CC5A8/digital-parenting-by-vodafone-2021-edition.html>

SURREY'S EARLY HELP OFFER

As part of the development of Surrey's Early Help offer, they are building a Hub which is intended to become a go-to resource to help parents looking for additional information about how to support their children.

By their own admittance they are starting small and initially just focusing on behaviour but the intention is that this builds to be much more comprehensive in terms of what it offers. From what I can see here, I think it is a good start and we can perhaps influence the content and topics going forward.

Here's the link: <https://www.surreysfamilyhelphub.org.uk/?view=category>

