



# March 2021 Newsletter

*Helping your child develop a love for life and learning*

Value of the month – Peace

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure, like me, you are looking forward to some normality next week. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our return to school arrangements, testing, our time capsule and our recent parent survey.

## Return to school

As you know, the **first day back for all children is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. The INSET day planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> was postponed (see our updated calendar of dates). I hope you have had an opportunity to read the FAQ document regarding 'return to school' and if not, please can I ask you to do so over the weekend? In particular, I would like to point out that it is vital to the safety of the Worplesdon community that we get the drop off and pick up arrangements working effectively.

## Testing

In addition to our FAQ documentation, it is important to note that staff are carrying out coronavirus testing twice-weekly; I am extremely grateful that all staff have agreed to be part of this testing programme in order to safeguard the community. With testing in mind, the Department for Health & Social Care announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms **can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing**.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. If you are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil then you can get a twice weekly test. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other. If you require further information then the full guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

## Time capsule

Whilst your children have been through an extremely challenging year, I have focused on capturing this time in history by creating a time capsule for the children of the future. I have challenged **every** child to provide a small, good quality artefact for our time capsule such as: a newspaper clipping, a photo of a memory, an 'all about me' page, a recount of their typical day, an interview of a parent or something else that would interest a child of the future. The deadline is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

## Parent survey

There was an overwhelming response to our survey with 233 families responding. In summary:

- 99% agreed or strongly agreed that the school is well led and managed.
- 94% agreeing or strongly agreeing that communication from the school has been effective in keeping parents informed about how the school is managing the current situation.
- 100% of parents confirm their child has access to technology for their remote learning.
- 96% agreed or strongly agreed that pupils are well behaved.
- 87% agreed or strongly agreed that the school deals effectively with bullying (12% neither agreeing or disagreeing).
- 98% agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels safe with the current measures the school have put into place.
- 97% agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy at school.
- 99% agreed or strongly agreed that their child is well looked after at school.
- 95% agreed or strongly agreed that the school has provided the best possible work and support in these times.
- 90% agreed or strongly agreed that feedback and communication from teacher's on their child's work has been helpful (with 6 % neither agreeing or disagreeing).
- 95% confirmed that their child had attended their Google Meet sessions with 88% confirming they have been helpful
- 93% confirmed that the recorded teacher led inputs were helpful or very helpful.
- 96% agreed or strongly agreed that their child makes good progress at school.

Whilst your feedback was extremely positive, it is important to note that we recognise and thank **you** for your continued support. Wishing you a wonderful weekend and looking forward to having a full school on Monday!

Best wishes,  
Karen O'Brien



# Updates & Dates

## MUSIC NEWS

### Recorder News:

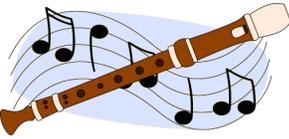
If your child played recorder last year, they are welcome to join our **Tuesday** recorder club which has been meeting every Tuesday and will continue next week at the later time of 4pm. As our recorder musicians are in different bubbles, we will continue to meet via Google Meet and the link will be: <http://g.co/meet/tuerec>

Please save this link for each week.

For beginner recorder players in year 3, we have been meeting every **Thursday** and this will also continue at the later time of 4pm on this link <http://g.co/meet/thurec>

## HAPPY WORLD BOOK WEEK

As you know, we will be enjoying our own Book Week in the summer term (dates to be finalised). However, in the meantime, a **Free e-Book is coming your way** <https://mailchi.mp/booklife/free-ebook-991909?e=5f0a770031>



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**ACTIVITIES**

**CLUB ENERGY**

Our Ofsted-registered multi activity club is designed for children of all interests and combines a mix of indoor & outdoor team games, adventurous challenges and creative projects which will keep your children active, engaged and excited during the holidays! Activities are tailored to specific age groups and our caring team ensure that children are having fun and getting involved at all times.

Our programme will include a mix of fun favourites and our themed challenges, designed to develop relationships and problem-solving skills!

**EXAMPLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE**  
Full timetable online

<p><b>4-7 YEAR OLDS</b></p> <p>Crazy Cricket Banana Tag Solo Challenge: All About the Balance</p>	<p><b>8-12 YEAR OLDS</b></p> <p>Solo Challenge: Evens not Odds Design a Board Game Capture The Flag</p>
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**OUR CLUBS ARE COVID-19 SECURE**

The health and safety of your children is paramount to us. We have developed a set of robust procedures so that you can rest assured your children are in safe hands.

For more information, visit our website or get in touch.

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