



# May 2021 Newsletter

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter and like me, you are looking forward to a *more normal* Summer term.

## **Review of the year so far**

Before we look forward, I would like to take a moment to reflect back on the last two terms. In September, we implemented a Bridge Plan with the following targets for the year:

1. Drive the strategic leadership of the school through this bridge year, empowering all pupils and staff to excel.
2. 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. Plan a new hybrid curriculum and assessment opportunities for children when returning to school to recover their loss of learning.
4. Re-establish exceptional behaviour and attitudes, leading to outstanding progress within each year group and across the curriculum.

Through our monitoring arrangements (which include parents, child & staff surveys, internal and external observations, book moderation and teacher assessments), we have been delighted with the progress that we have made against these targets. During the summer term, our focus will be to:

- Continue to support children who have gaps in their learning
- Challenge children to deepen their understanding across the curriculum
- Continue to ease restrictions in school, in-line with the government road map
- Further develop our partnerships with other local schools, enabling high quality staff collaboration and the sharing of good practice
- Develop and implement the best transition arrangements so that children and staff are ready for September 2021

## **Easing of restrictions**

The success of reception and year 6 mixing as year groups outside has led us to carry out a further risk assessment and we have decided that from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, years 1-5 will be able to mix within their year's groups outside. Whilst the children will be excited about this change, they have not had this opportunity for over a year now. Therefore, next week, the teaching teams will be delivering some 'Learning for Life' lessons that will focus on: friendship, playground games and when things go wrong.

## **Looking forward**

With the easing of restrictions, we are keen for the children to enjoy some of the normal events that would happen in the Summer term including clubs, charity events, Sports Day and move up day. Whilst all of these events will still need to comply with our COVID-19 risk assessment, I am sure the children will have lots of fun.

## **Celebrating our values**

Finally, your children continue to amaze me by living by our school values. If you have any examples of your children living by our school values at home, I would love to hear from you ([head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk)) so that I can congratulate them with one of my special certificates.

Wishing you a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

*Kareen O'Brien*

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Value of the month – Thoughtfulness



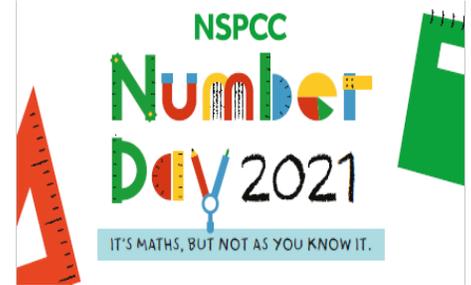
# Updates & Dates

## NUMBER DAY IS TAKING PLACE ON FRIAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021!

As a school we are strong supporters of the NSPCC and they have invited schools to fundraise for Maths Day. Worpleston are going to be celebrating maths at different points throughout the day by completing lots of fun activities and games.

These may include:

- Fun with maths outside
- Quizzes
- Online games
- Puzzles
- Competitive team games
- Maths mysteries



We want the children to have fun highlighting how important and enjoyable maths can be. If you wish to donate to a worthy cause please do so by going to our just giving page, which will be set up and shared with you next week.

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL FREE ONLINE FAMILY LEARNING COURSES AND WORKSHOPS STARTING IN MAY

**Courses for parents who speak English as an additional language**

[Read with your Child \(EAL\) workshop 7th May 1pm-2.30pm](#)

[Raising Bilingual Children EAL workshop 14th May 1pm-2.30pm](#)

[Phonics for EAL Parents workshop 28th May 1pm-2.30pm](#)

**Wellbeing and healthy living courses**

[Healthy Lunch Box Challenge 2021 3 week course 5th May-19th May 12.30pm -2.30pm](#)

[Stress Buster Workshop 20th May 1.15pm-2.45pm](#)

**Storytelling and Early Years courses**

[Gruffalo storytelling and craft workshop 8th May 10.30am-11.30am](#)

[Phonics workshop 18th May 10.30am-11.30am](#)

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[Pre-schoolers- get ready for half term fun workshop 28th May 10am-11.30am](#)

Courses for the second half of the summer term will be loaded on the webpage this week too.

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning)

## PTA – SMARTIE PARTY WINNERS

The results are in! The winners of the Smartie party is Finches – congratulations to all the children who raised £133 with their hard work. Owls were in second place and Blackbirds third. Overall we raised a fantastic £1,364 for the school.

The winners party will be held virtually again this year with a date to be confirmed shortly with the class teachers.

Thanks for the support!

PTA





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**STREET DANCE** *boogie pumps*

JUNIOR SATURDAY SESSIONS GUILDFORD  
GUILDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL (GU2 4LU)

STREET DANCE + 7 - 10 YEARS + 10:00 - 10:45

STREET DANCE + 10 - 14 YEARS + 11:00 - 11:45

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**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**The Orchestra of Unlimited Potential**

A **FREE** inclusive orchestra for experienced musicians, complete beginners and anyone in between!

**SUMMER TERM**

**Saturdays 10.30am - 12.00pm**

Fortnightly **Online Sessions** held live via Zoom on:  
15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> May & 12<sup>th</sup> June

Launching on 15<sup>th</sup> May. This term we will be exploring folk music from the British Isles and beyond!

**Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm**

Live **Face-to-Face sessions!** held on: 26<sup>th</sup> June & 10<sup>th</sup> July

**SURREY ARTS** To book your place please contact:  
E: [surreyarts@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:surreyarts@surreycc.gov.uk)  
[surreymusicclub.com](http://surreymusicclub.com)

## WHAT IS UP?

UP! Orchestra is an award winning ensemble designed to be accessible for young people aged 13+ of all backgrounds and abilities including those with special educational needs. We are particularly interested in welcoming young people who have been unable to access music education because of their life circumstances and lack of suitable opportunities on offer locally. Whilst there are no specific entry requirements and no audition process we feel that the ensemble is not currently suitable for PMLD/SLD young people. Please do contact us to discuss this if you are unsure.



## WHAT HAPPENS AT THE SESSIONS?

UP! Orchestra is led by an awesome team of professional musicians whose aim is to ensure each participant has a meaningful musical experience regardless of ability, musical interest, vocal style or instrument. The team is experienced in supporting young people in mainstream settings as well as those who have mental health, disability, behavioural, ESL (English as a second language) needs and young people from diverse cultural backgrounds.



## WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS TERM?

This term we will be exploring folk music and inviting some incredible special guest to share songs and knowledge of this beautiful and diverse music form. Towards the end the term we are aiming to meet live/face to face and to end with a performance/sharing event for friends and families on the 10th July.

## HOW DO I BOOK?

For a registration form, please email Surrey Arts:  
E: [surreyarts@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:surreyarts@surreycc.gov.uk)

