



# NEWS FLASH

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

**REMINDER** – School finishes for the half term break on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May at...

- 3.00pm – 3.15pm (Water and Fire)
- 3.15pm – 3.30pm (Earth and Air)

Returning on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**. The final **INSET** day for this academic year is **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**, with school finishing for the Summer break at **1.45pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**.

## STAFFING NEWS

### Teachers

At the end of the academic year, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Georgina Connor who has been a key stage two teacher for the last four years. Whilst we are going to miss Georgina's calm and caring disposition, we know that it is much better for her to be working closer to home. Miss Connor will be teaching at All Saints Primary; our loss is their gain.



## Welcome



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Holly Jordan and Miss Katie Piercy to the teaching team from September.

### Teaching Assistants

We would like to give a warm welcome to Miss Molly Forbes, Miss Kate Aspinall and Mrs Alexandra Moores who will be joining the Worpleston team after May half term.

We are delighted to be welcoming Traci Jackman (experienced special needs teaching assistant) back to Worpleston in September as a Lead Assistant within The Haven. Furthermore, congratulations to Michelle Garland who has been promoted to Lead Assistant in The Haven.

## WHAT IS THE GOLDREN BOOT CHALLENGE?

Each Summer, around 250 schools take part in the Golden Boot Challenge. It promotes healthy and sustainable travel and is run in a way that makes it possible for everyone to take part.

A class gets a point for each pupil who walked, scooted, cycled, or travelled by public transport to school. We don't forget pupils who have no alternative to the car and each pupil who used car share or park 'n' stride also scores a point.

Classes compete against each other to win the coveted Golden Boot Trophy.

The Challenge is web-based, so using interactive whiteboards, the children will see immediately how the school is doing in a fun, interactive way.

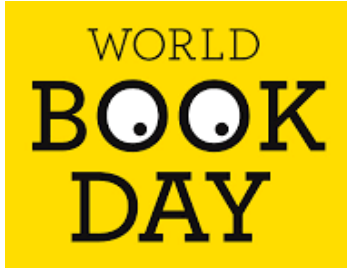
This year, the challenge will run between **7<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**.



## **WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Story Writing Competition**

Before half term, children will receive an invitation to compete in a story writing competition. This will be judged by the English Team and there will be winners for each year group. The competition will also be available on each year group's Google Classroom page as well.



### **Book Day**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June is 'dress as a book character' day. We encourage children to consider which book character they would like to dress as and to create the most elaborate and creative costumes that they can. Please encourage book characters rather than movie or cartoon characters. There will be certificates for the best costume in each class.

During the day, children will be celebrating either a book, author or poem within their year group. This will involve lots of amazing activities designed to enthuse reading and the enjoyment of books.

We will also be running a guess the character competition with prizes for the most correct answers in each year group.

During the week of Book Day, we will also be holding a Book Fair. Details of this can be found in the separate letter that was sent out earlier this week. We will be encouraging the children to become more familiar with the books on offer by looking through some of the available books in school the week prior to half term.

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF TESTING AND REPORTING IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

Testing continues to play a crucial role, in and out of classrooms, in our fight against COVID-19. Our staff continue to test themselves and report results.

Reporting test results can be done simply and quickly, from mobiles, online or by phone, and should be completed straightaway. Reporting not only supports contact tracing in the event of a positive case but also assists our understanding of community rates of infection.



To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the government have produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#), featuring further guidance and common questions. This also includes details on financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self-isolate after contact with a positive case.



### **PLEA FOR TOY CARS**

Toy cars/Hot Wheels are really popular toys with the children in Early Birds and Night Owls. If you have any toy cars and/or Hot Wheels sets your child no longer plays with, they would be extremely grateful if you would be happy to donate them to the school. Thank you 😊.

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[Family Learning for parents and carers - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)