



June 2021 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful half term break and you are ready for the last six weeks of term, which promises to be busy but enormous fun!

Yesterday, I hope that you received the letter from Matt Woodruff (Chair of Governors) explaining that the governing body of Worplesdon School is consulting with the school community on whether to become an academy under the Academies Act 2010. Governors are proposing to join Bright Futures Learning Trust. Please take time to read the documentation that was emailed to you which is also placed on the school's website.

Over the next few weeks, we have our infant and junior sports days. We start with infant sports day on Wednesday 23rd June then years 3 & 4 sports day on Wednesday 30th June and years 5 & 6 on Thursday 1st July (please see below). For me, an important part of school life is teaching children the value of physical exercise and our Sports Days are one way that we do this. We want our children to enjoy the social and physical aspects of Sports Days, as well as encouraging the competitive element, which comes with these events. As a result, our Sports Days will include a combination of team and individual events. Over the course of the sports days, the children will have many opportunities to win house points for events, as well as opportunities in the main track events to win medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Similar to District Sports (and the Olympics ☺), there will be various events running simultaneously so that children remain as active as possible over the course of the afternoon. **Whilst we currently are hoping to be able to invite one parent per child to spectate, we continue to review the COVID-19 situation and will only be able to make a final decision closer to the events.** Our Sports Days are another opportunity for our children to show that they live by our school values and our value for June (co-operation) is extremely relevant. Additional rewards will be given during Sports Day for children demonstrating our school values.

With values in mind, thank you so much for supporting our drive to improve the safety of the surrounding area for our children by not parking or dropping off on the zig zag lines outside of the school gates. Unfortunately, there continues to be a small group of parents who continue to block driveways and park on the grass verges. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you to be respectful of our neighbours ensuring that you park considerately on Fairlands Estate. To help improve the parking situation and to continue to promote healthy and sustainable lifestyles, we are re-starting the Golden Boot challenge which encourages the children to adopt a more environmentally friendly and healthier way of travelling to school such as walking, riding, scootering, car sharing and park & stride (from the local shops); the winning class will be presented with the prestigious Golden Boot and a class treat. To ensure the children keep themselves safe whilst enjoying green travel, I will be speaking with them in assemblies about the following safety rules and I hope you can support me by reiterating these messages at home:

- ✓ Always wear a helmet when scootering/cycling
- ✓ When using the paths, never walk, run, scooter or cycle ahead of parents as you never know which drive a car may be coming out from

As we move towards the end of term, we start to prepare for the next academic year! We are currently finalising where teachers and teaching assistants will be placed. On Monday 28th June, parents will receive a letter sharing their child's new class teacher ahead of the children's transition day on Tuesday 29th June. Transition day is always an exciting time, where children and staff have an opportunity to get to know each other before the summer break.

Finally, on 12th July, our year 6 children will be on their five day residential trip to Osmington Bay (Dorset). I am lucky enough to be attending this trip therefore Mrs Bassett-Cross (deputy head teacher) will be acting as head teacher in my absence.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien

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Value of the month – Cooperation



Updates & Dates

Thank you!



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

We would like to share with you the news that after 19 years here at Worpleston, Mrs Chitson has decided to retire and spend more time with her family. I am sure you will join us in thanking her for all her hard work and commitment over the years. She will be missed by her colleagues and the many families she has supported along the way.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

We would like to invite all budding gardeners to create their own planter to add to our Guildford in Bloom display. The theme is 'Blooming 40' to mark 40 years of Guildford in Bloom. The judges like to see colourful planting, insect friendly plants and the use of recycled materials. If your child would like to bring in a **named** planter, they can do so on the morning of Friday 18th June. We will be creating a display outside the main office, so if you follow the one-way system down the school drive you can leave your planter outside the main entrance, then collect at the end of the day.

Year 4 gardeners will be judging the best!

Thank you.
Mrs Sherlock

SUPER ISABELLA

You may remember before half term Isabella decided she was going to have her hair cut and send it off to Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments or other medical reasons www.littleprincess.org.uk. We are very proud of her and would like to say a massive well done for raising £827 for such a great charity.

BUMPED HEADS

If your child bumps their head at school and it is a very minor bump, with no mark and no tears, we will now be sending a message to parents/carers via ParentMail to let them know rather than call and interrupt them at work. Obviously, if there is a bump/mark or the child is upset we will continue to call.

HOW TO SPOT AND REMOVE TICKS

Important

Tick bites are not always painful. You may not notice a tick unless you see it on your skin. Regularly check your skin and your children's or pets' skin after being outdoors.

To remove a tick safely:

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers or a tick-removal tool. You can buy these from some pharmacies, vets and pet shops.
2. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible.
3. Slowly pull upwards, taking care not to squeeze or crush the tick. Dispose of it when you have removed it.
4. Clean the bite with antiseptic or soap and water.

The risk of getting ill is low. You do not need to do anything else unless you become unwell.

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Updates & Dates

SPORTS DAYS TIMINGS

Year Group	Date	Time
Reception	Wednesday 23 rd June	9.00am – 10.00am
Year 1	Wednesday 23 rd June	11.00am – 12.00pm
Year 2	Wednesday 23 rd June	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Year 3	Wednesday 30 th June	9.00am – 10.30am
Year 4	Wednesday 30 th June	1.30pm – 3.00pm
Year 5	Thursday 1 st July	9.00am – 10.30am
Year 6	Thursday 1 st July	1.30pm – 3.00pm



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