



July 2021 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Patience

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible to think that we have been living with COVID-19 for 16 months now. I hope you do not mind me saying but I think you and your children have been amazing, coping with such challenging times. I would also like to thank the staffing team for their continued hard work and dedication; it has been wonderful to see the children actively engaged and enjoying their lessons, spending time with their new teachers and showing their teamwork and competitive skills at sports days. Like you, I am still awaiting further details from the government on what school life will entail in September. Once we have received documentation, I will be back in touch to share the COVID-19 risk assessment arrangements (if any) for September.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to share further details about transition arrangements, sports day photographs, year 6 production and a new trim trail!

Transition arrangements

As you know, the children in years 1 to 5 have benefited from a 'meet my new teacher' session outside. In addition to this session, the teaching team have organised the following arrangements to support your children's transition into their new class:

- A year group specific video/presentation will be available on the school website.
- Year group transition booklets with information about the classroom and teacher will also be available.

Sports day

Further to the newsflash dated 18th June, we have organised for a photographer (who has been funded by the Gymnastics Factory) to take photographs during the year group sports days. These photographs are going to be available online (Google Classroom) on Monday 12th July. Before we make the photos available, we require all parents to complete a consent form which will be accessible via ParentMail on Monday 5th July. Once we have established those children with consent, we will be able to upload those photographs, a secure link will then be shared with parents.

Year 6 production

In collaboration with the local authority, Public Health England, governors and staff, it is with a heavy heart that I have made the difficult decision that the year 6 performance of the 'Lion King' will not be able to be performed live. There are several reasons for this decision:

1. We are so close to being able to take the year group on their PGL trip which they all looking forward to. With cases of the new variant rising locally, we want to minimise the chance of any of our year 6 children and staff either catching COVID-19 or being identified as a close contact and having to self-isolate.
2. The recent self-isolation of all year 6 children and staff has had a detrimental impact on the progress made to the production. Children and staff are worried that they would not be ready to perform in front of a live audience.
3. Some children and staff have had to self-isolate for longer therefore they are still not back to school.

Whilst I understand that this is disappointing, I am delighted to inform you that the staffing team continue to work tirelessly and are producing a recorded version of the productions for you all to enjoy. This will also be shared with the rest of the school in their class bubbles.

New trim trail for the junior playground

I am delighted to inform you that the PTA have secured at least £10,000 to go towards a second trim trail which the children would like located opposite the Aviary, next to the junior playground. On Monday, I will be sending an email with a picture of our **dream trim-train** and a link to our Just Giving fundraising page. I am hoping that you can share the details with friends, families and businesses with the hope that we may be lucky enough to raise further funds to reach our target. We are hoping to get this installed soon. **My fingers are crossed!**

Finally, since my June newsletter, I have had to make staffing changes for the year 6 residential trip to Osmington Bay (Dorset). I will be remaining at school while Mrs Bassett-Cross will attend Monday – Wednesday and Mrs Woodruff will attend Wednesday – Friday. I look forward to hearing about the fun they all have!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Head Teacher



Updates & Dates

REMINDER – School finishes for the Summer break on Wednesday 21st July at...

- 1.25pm – 1.35pm (Water and Fire)
- 1.35pm – 1.45pm (Earth and Air)

Children in the mainstream school will return on **Monday 6th September**.
Children in The Haven will be returning to school on **Friday 3rd September**.

2021-2022 INSET DAYS

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021 (Haven children in school; INSET on 1st October 2021)

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

STAFFING NEWS

Goodbye & Good Luck

We would like to share with you the news that after 23 years here at Worpleston, Mrs Bruder 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.

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies here at Worpleston...

- Graduate Teaching Assistant
- After School Club Assistant
- Learning Support Assistant

If you are interested in any of the above positions and would like further information please see our adverts on eTeach <https://www.eteach.com/jobs/worpleston/?oo=kw&filter=true>, or you can contact our Business Manager, Jenny Ireland jireland@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk.

BOOK FAIR BOOKS

Thank you so much for the support you have given to our virtual book fair this year, so many of you bought some amazing texts which we know will bring delight to the children. Unfortunately, JJ Lowes (who runs our book fair) has had to self-isolate so has been unable to bring the books into school this week. They will be arriving on Monday 5th July and will be sent out with the children then.

PARENTMAIL – OUTSTANDING BALANCES

With the end of the academic year fast approaching, we ask that if you have any outstanding balances on your ParentMail account, these are cleared before we finish for the Summer break, thank you 😊.

