



September 2021 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS BASSETT-CROSS

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week! It has been such a joy to see the children (and parents) coming into school looking smart in their uniforms and with big smiles on their faces ready for the day ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to give a special welcome to the families and staff who are joining us this year and I hope to catch up with you all over the coming weeks. The year has started positively with children (and staff) settling back in over the last week. I know that staff have worked hard to ensure transition for every child is successful. Partnerships with our parents and carers is absolutely vital, so if you or your child have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Staff made good use of our INSET days last week when we focused on Safeguarding and School Development Planning.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding training focused on how we safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in our care. We reviewed how we make every effort to provide an environment in which children and adults feel safe, secure, valued and respected, and feel confident to talk if they are worried. If you would like to read more about Safeguarding at Worpleston and how you can help, please see our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and monthly Safeguarding Newsletters on our website.

With safety in mind, please be aware of road traffic safety. Please remember not to park or 'drop off' on the zig zag lines during the times specified. We want to keep this area free of cars so that our children can cross safely. Sadly, I have received reports this week of parents parking and double parking near and on the roundabouts – this is extremely dangerous for other drivers but more importantly for our young pedestrians.

It is helpful if we can follow an unofficial one-way system around the estate at busy times (please see map overleaf). We ask you to drive past with the school on your left and follow Envis Way until it joins Brocks Drive to exit Fairlands Estate. We have found that this one-way system helps the traffic to flow and eases congestion, making everyone's journey to and from school a better one!

We are extremely fortunate to have Steve Brierley our Crossing Patrol Officer. His role is to ensure that our families are able to cross Envis Way safely; please make sure you use him and we politely ask that you cross in front of Steve, not behind him.

School Development Planning

On Thursday, staff reviewed our School Development Plan (2020-21) and agreed our plan for 2021-2024 where it was decided that we will continue to focus on securing outstanding outcomes for our children by:

- Enabling outstanding leadership.
- Delivering an outstanding quality of education
- Ensuring outstanding behaviour and attitudes
- Facilitating outstanding personal development

Once the detailed plan is complete, it will be made available for the community to refer to via our website.

School leadership

You will remember, that Matt Woodruff (Chair of Governors) wrote to parents at the end of the Summer term to inform you that Mrs O'Brien has been seconded by The Bright Future Learning Trust for the Autumn Term, to work part time in the Executive Head Teacher capacity. In order to facilitate this, I have moved to Acting Head of School, and Mrs Woodruff to Acting Deputy Head. In order not to confuse the children, we have explained that I am Head of School and Mrs O'Brien is the head teacher of our school and 3 other schools. Furthermore, I am delighted to inform you that Mr Torjussen and Mr Clifton have been appointed as Assistant Heads with a focus on teaching and learning.

Finally, in order to prepare for the year ahead, we will be publishing a list of dates next Friday to parents via ParentMail. We have tried to include as many dates as possible for the year, however, there will be additional dates as the year progresses; we will inform you of these through our monthly newsletters.

I would like to wish you all a happy and successful year ahead.

Best wishes

Laura Bassett-Cross
Acting Head Teacher

Value of the month – Belonging



Updates & Dates

2021-2022 INSET DAYS & BANK HOLIDAY

- Wednesday 1st September 2021
- Thursday 2nd September 2021
- Friday 3rd September 2021 (Haven children in school; INSET on 1st October 2021)
- Friday 22nd October 2021 (in lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday)
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Friday 27th May 2022

STAFFING NEWS

We would like to welcome a number of new staff to our team. We have Helen Bloor and Belinda Kelland joining the team in The Haven. Kim Bah, Sarah Sherwin and Charlotte Colley have joined the support staff in KS1; and Paula Fuentes, Tina Radford and Emily Cutler have joined the support staff in KS2.

Summer 2021 was filled with joy... As you know Louise Parker was not able to finish our summer term with us due to her pregnancy and COVID guidance. I am delighted to inform you that Miss Parker had baby Olivia during the summer holidays. Congratulations too, to Miss Gibbs and Miss Ware, who, after postponing their weddings, finally became Mrs McPhail and Mrs Tubb respectively.

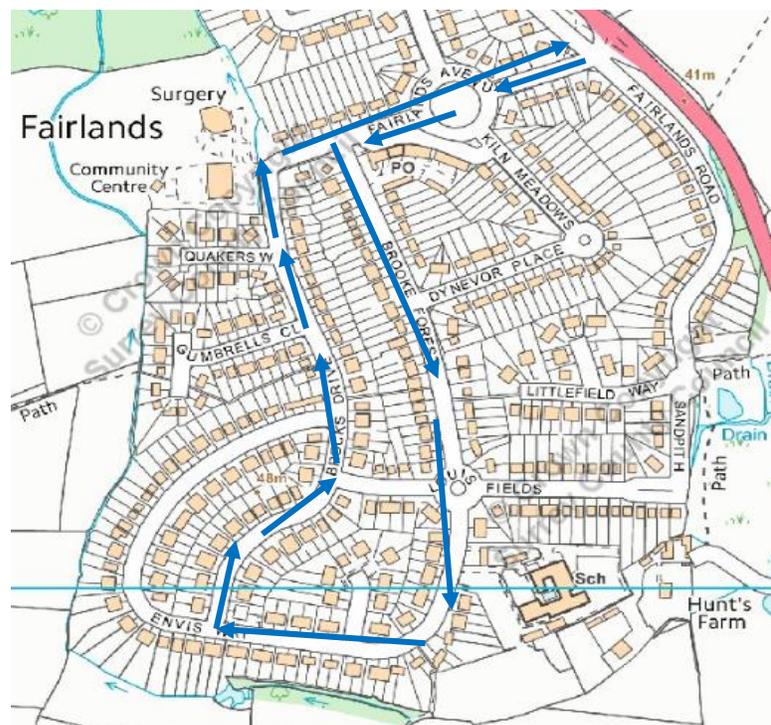
PARENTMAIL School Communication

As a school we like to keep you up to date and well informed of what is going on in your child's class and the whole school. Messages to parents/carers are sent in a number of ways such as the weekly email from the year group team, a weekly newflash and a monthly newsletter from Mrs Bassett-Cross. Please look out for these, as these contain lots of important and useful information.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

As you are aware from this term we are able to offer a larger number of places in breakfast and after school club, as we have moved these services into the school hall.

We would like to remind you that all bookings either on a regular basis or ad hoc, must go through Mrs Whitfield, in the School Office. She can be contacted on 01483 232126 or awhitfield@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk.



Informal one-way system around Fairlands



Updates & Dates

Vacancies

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

- Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

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.

New trim trail for the junior playground

As you may know, 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. The school has its own Just Giving fundraising page for anyone who would like to make a donations to the school. 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!**

PTA AGM & autumn planning meeting - Thursday 16th September, 7.30pm at school.

Please come along to our AGM and planning meeting if you would like to find out more about how the PTA works and our plans for the year. During this meeting we will be appointing our new Chair and Treasurer as well as seeking volunteers for class representatives. If you are unable to attend but would like to volunteer please email us at worplestonprimarypta@gmail.com. Full minutes will be sent out after the meeting.

Happy School Bags Clothing Collection - the PTA will run a clothing collection on Tuesday 21st September at DROP OFF!

Bags and full details will be sent home next week. Please help support the school to raise vital funds as well as the environment by recycling unwanted clothes!

happy school bag

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Help the school to raise funds by bringing all your unwanted yet reusable **clothing, paired shoes, handbags & accessories.** Happy Fundraising!

Bring all clothing on:

Please bring your clothing in the bags

For any queries please call 0800 242 5838 or email info@happyschoolbag.co.uk

