



November 2021 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS BASSETT-CROSS

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you had a wonderful half term break and are ready for the big lead up to Christmas! I know the PTA and teachers have been planning lots of wonderful events and activities for the children and yourselves to enjoy. Please continue to check the weekly Newsflash and your ParentMails for dates and further information.

Since September, we have been using our assemblies and opportunities within the curriculum and school day to instil our school values. The children have shown an exceptional ability to demonstrate what it means to be a good friend and how to promote a sense of belonging.

Within this month's focus on 'understanding' we will be delving into our Anti-Bullying Policy as part of the national Anti-Bullying Week. The School Council, alongside Mrs Woodruff, have been planning activities and teaching and learning resources to support all our children. We will also be supporting Children in Need with a fundraiser and raising an awareness and understanding of those less fortunate than ourselves.

We were delighted with a recent visit from an external educational consultant who celebrated teaching and learning in the classrooms. The children's learning behaviour, enthusiasm and eagerness to learn was evident across the school. We have started to make some progress towards meeting our targets set out in our three-year School Development Plan and look forward to sharing our progress with you.

The children have been enjoying our outside spaces but with the colder weather coming in please can I remind you to provide your children with suitable outerwear. **A warm coat is a must** with gloves and scarves great additions too.

The field is used all year round for PE lessons and can become wet and muddy. I know staff have already asked for children to bring in additional socks and 'field shoes/trainers' on their PE days so that the children are able to change out of their wet muddy footwear and are comfortable for the rest of the day. We recognise that for some parents this can be tricky. Please contact the school office if you have any concerns.

Before half term our Year 6 children applied for a position of responsibility across the school. Every Year 6 child has been given an additional role that instils a sense of responsibility, community, leadership and collaboration. These roles include: **prefects**, who support senior leaders in assemblies; **house captains**, who organise and liaise with pupils and staff sporting and house competitions and support at fairs sports; **ambassadors**, who greet pupils and parents on the school gate; **helpers**, who support staff setting up After School Club; **reading buddies**, who support younger children with their reading; **literacy ambassadors/reporters**, who contribute to our newsletter (see overleaf); **playground leaders**, who organise games and support younger children on the playground; **librarians**, who take responsibility for checking in books and organising the library and **School Council** who work with their peers across the school to discuss school improvement for pupils.

Finally, I am extremely grateful to those parents/carers who continue to make the area surrounding the school a safe environment for all. Whilst parking can be difficult, we are so pleased to see so many parents taking this opportunity to walk, scoot, park and stride into school leaving the area immediately outside of school traffic free. A big thank you to those who have been parking considerately ensuring they do not cover residents' driveways or park on grass verges. The school continues to monitor this carefully and endeavours to work closely with local residents to ensure that safety is paramount.

Best wishes

Laura Bassett-Cross
Acting Head Teacher

Value of the month – Understanding



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WORPLESDON YEAR 6 REPORTERS

Hello,

My name is Olivia and I am a reporter at Worpleston Primary School. I love dancing and writing my own stories. Reading is also one of my other hobbies that I enjoy.

During these past 2-3 week Layla, Lieke and I have gone to Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 to find out how the children are getting on around the school.

In Reception, the children have been really good. While settling into the school they have made lots of friends and learned how to communicate with each other nicely.

In their lessons they have really enjoyed Maths when adding smaller numbers together to make ten.

When doing phonics, the children have enjoyed making sounds with two letters.

At break they have enjoyed playing outside with their friends.

The bikes seem popular too! - **Olivia**

Year 1

Year 1 has currently been learning a variety of different things. For example, in maths they have been learning how to sort shapes. In RE they have been learning how Christianity was created. In and out of school, they have been doing the things they love. They have been riding their bikes, playing with their friends, cooking, and playing with their toys. In PE they have been doing dodgeball, skipping, dancing and Danish longball. Some of the subjects they need some help with are DT, getting ideas, writing and maths. The subjects that they enjoy are art, science, English, maths, DT and reading. - **Lieke**

Year 2

Year Two is learning about the Great Fire of London. Recently they have been crafting their own Stuart houses out of cereal boxes. Many children, due to our analysis, find computing the most fun; other children enjoy maths, PE and art. Alternatively, children mostly struggle at maths and art. Others find silence hard, even though some don't struggle at all; this shows how well they are being taught. Children enjoy a variety of activities, such as playing with friends and family, school subjects or perhaps relaxing. (Data collected from Doves)

Year Three

Year Three are learning about (in a variety of different subjects) Dinosaurs, Mountains and a Green and Pleasant Land. Children most enjoy English, maths, plus everyone's favourite: playtimes. Children - as a class-wide reward - mostly enjoy going to the gym, playing sports, playing instruments and making things. Sports, a common activity done by multiple children, enjoy football, basketball, dodgeball, running, playing together in friendship groups, swimming and the gym. Children's favourite topics are science, PE, handwriting, maths, DT (Design and Technology, or crafting) and geography. However, few children need help with English, maths and science. We can see the teachers are working hard to help children improve struggles. - **Layla**

Hi there, I'm Corey. I like to think of myself as adventurous, kind and brave too. In Year 6, I've been chosen to do the **Reporter** role, so I'll be one of your reporters from now on.

Year 5: Jackdaws

Jackdaws is one of the 3 Year 5 classes in this school. I went to interview them for our newsletter, this is what I found out:

Subjects

Many different subjects have been taught by their teacher (Mrs Reed), including Maths, English, Guided Reading and more. In Maths, they have been learning about rounding and exchanging numbers with 10s, 100s, and even 1,000s and in English, they have been learning about non-chronological reports. Their topic is "Land Of The Free" and in another subject, they learnt about space time zones. - **Corey**



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My name is Zalan J and I am a reporter from Year 6. I really enjoy swimming and I play the trombone. In my free time, I also like to cook.

What an exciting half term it has been for Nightingales, so let's find out what they have been learning so far in this half term!

Nightingales have been making interesting discoveries in the field of Science with tests of measuring the weight of gas in a bottle of fizzy drink and putting chocolate in different temperatures in tin foil boats. How exciting! I wonder if they ate the chocolate afterwards. They have also been learning about condensation by putting a mirror on a cup of water and placing it outside to see if there will be water buildup on the mirror.

In Mathematics, they have been learning how to use the strategies of column subtraction and addition.

In Art, they have been making Worplesdon themed pictures, combining the unique styles of the painters, Lowery and Jade, by using separate backgrounds and people cutouts to make their art come to life. First, they painted the background and then made the people cutouts.

In English, they have been writing non-chronological reports about dinosaurs and creatively making up their own ones. They have been learning with such passion that they have summoned a dinosaur! The class have found mysterious footprints in the classroom, where could this dinosaur be now?

My name is Bond, James Bond. They're not on film, but they're film stars as they have been doing James Bond inspired PE poses, acting just like the famous MI6 agent.

In Geography, they have been using atlases and doing fabulous mapwork, studying coasts and bays to understand how they form, what they look like and where they are.

Nightingales is a truly unforgettable class, I am loving Year 6 but I would enjoy being in Year 4 again. They have a positive attitude to learning, so don't stop now, Nightingales! - **Zalan**



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Train To Teach In a Local Primary School

2022/23 Academic Year

We train in schools across Surrey, Hampshire, West Sussex, Berkshire and the London Boroughs of Sutton, Kingston, Richmond and Croydon.

If you are considering a career in teaching then we cannot wait to meet you, come along to an information seminar: **Date**

	Time	Information Seminar Venue
Monday 8th November 2021	5:00pm–6:00pm	Earlswood School (Redhill, RH1 6JX)
Friday 19th November 2021	12:30pm–1:30pm	Online event (via Teams)
Monday 22nd November 2021	5:00pm–6:00pm	Holy Trinity Pewley Down School (Guildford, GU1 3QF)
Monday 29th November 2021	5:00pm–7:00pm	Train to teach Event (Reading – virtual)
Thursday 2nd December 2021	5.00pm–6.00pm	St Martin's C of E School (Epsom, KT18 7AD)
Tuesday 7th December 2021	9:30am–10:30am	Online event (via Teams)
Monday 13th December 2021	8:00am–9:00am	Online event (via Teams)



Would you like to train to teach in a **Guildford or Cranleigh** school?

Bramley Infant School	Bushy Hill Junior School	Clandon C of E School Primary	Gosden House School
Holy Trinity & Pewley Down Schools	Onslow Infant School	Park Mead Primary School	Shere C of E (aided) Infant School
Stoughton Infant School	The Raleigh School	Tillingbourne Junior School	Worplesdon Primary School

...and many others. We are always keen to work with and welcome new schools into our partnership - please get in touch!

Come along to an information event held at **Holy Trinity Pewley Down School (GU1 3QF)**

on **Monday 22nd November @ 5pm.**

To register and to see other upcoming events please visit www.ssfscitt.org.uk ('news and events')