



Worplesdon Primary School – Weekly Update

Friday 10th December

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, we have continued to explore explanation texts and have created our own rover to explore a planet of our choice. We then used this design to create an explanation text in a similar style to the Mars Rover Explanation we have been looking at. In maths, we have been exploring area of shapes and looking at the most efficient methods to work this out. We are using the formula length x width to calculate area and applying this to find the area of rectilinear shapes. Please remember that our lessons are all on Google Classroom if your child would like any extra practise or support at home.

We are continuing to learn and really enjoying the dance moves and songs for the Young Voices concert. With the January concert at the O2 getting closer, it is more and more important for those going to spend time at home practising their dance moves and singing the songs without the backing videos, to make sure that they know everything by heart. For those going to the O2 in January, you will receive more information, including coach costs in the first week back after Christmas. After this concert, we will then be arranging an in-school concert, so that everyone gets an opportunity to see their child singing. We will give more information about this at the end of January. For parents who were unable to get audience tickets, I have been in contact with the O2 and Young Voices and a parent mail went out this week to let you know how to get audience tickets if you missed our deadline.

I have transferred audience tickets to everyone who has completed the parent mail and given me an email address. If you haven't done this yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please can I ask you to check the app and then accept the transfer of tickets.

It was lovely to see so many of the children sharing their Homework Passports yesterday. We were really impressed with the standard of work that the children produced, with some yummy looking cooking, amazing space creations and beautiful looking artwork to name a few! We'd just like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who have supported the homework passport this time and helped their children complete the required six pieces of homework. It's very much appreciated!

Please can we give just a couple of reminders:

- Children need to bring a coat to school each day – they will be going outside whatever the weather!
- Children need a pair of field shoes for Tuesday PE (or wear their school shoes when they come in and bring their trainers in a carrier bag so they can change for PE)
- Please name any extra clothing such as gloves, hats and scarves, so that we can return them if they are lost
- Please take a moment to ask your child if they need any refills on pencil case equipment

As the weather is getting colder, we now expect children to be in their full **grey** tracksuit with long jogging bottoms and a long-sleeved jumper or hoodie for PE. They may wear their shorts underneath if they wish. Alongside this, we also suggest that boys are no longer in shorts and that girls are wearing tights rather than socks as we will be outside for playtimes whatever the weather!

Next Thursday is our Carol Concert. It is due to start with musicians at approximately 3.45 and then the children will sing from 4pm. We welcome parents and would love you to join in. The words will be sent out via parentmail and can be accessed on your phones, so you can join in with the singing. Please note that since it will be dark when this finishes, ALL CHILDREN will need to be collected from their classrooms or on the playground afterwards, even if they normally walk home alone. If someone else is collecting, please can you let your child's class teacher know who this is in advance.



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Finally, just a reminder that swimming lessons will begin after February half term and run for ten sessions. These are looking to be approximately £60 for the full ten sessions covering coach costs and swimming instructor costs. A letter with more information will be coming out after Christmas, but we wanted to give you advance notice. Thank you for your support.

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