



January 2022 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS BASSETT-CROSS

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a restful Christmas break seeing family and friends (if Covid has allowed) and are refreshed ready for our new term.

The children have made us so proud: coming back to school with smiles on their faces, looking smart in their uniforms and demonstrating an eagerness to learn. Just as a little reminder regarding uniforms:

- Hairbands should be plain in style without, for example, bows, flowers or animal ears
- Make up, nail varnish and tattoos must not be worn in school
- Boys hairstyles should not include tram lines or shaved patterns of any form
- Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times
- Black shoes (not trainers) to be worn in school
- Boys should wear grey trousers (long or short), light blue shirt/polo shirt, scarlet v-neck sweater or sweatshirt
- Girls should wear medium or mid-grey pinafore dress/skirt or mid-grey shorts/trousers of approved design, light blue blouse or polo shirt, scarlet v-neck sweater, cardigan or sweatshirt

With this recent cold weather, please can I stress the importance that children bring in warm coats and, if they choose to, hats and gloves. Furthermore, children may wish to wear boots or alternative shoes for their journey to and from school, but should bring in their usual school shoes to change into once in the classroom. Children are welcome to change into these warmer alternatives for playtimes. For those children who are wearing PE kit into school, it is strongly recommended that a spare pair of trainers/shoes are brought into school in case the children's feet get wet during PE. Please contact the school should you need further clarification.

Who would have thought that almost two years on, we would still be writing with COVID-19 updates! There has been a lot of press coverage of the anticipated disruption to staffing in schools owing to the high infection rates at present. Please be assured that we will be taking every action to minimise the impact of this latest wave of Covid on your child's learning.

From the 11th January we have been advised that there will no longer be need for confirmatory PCR tests for those who are asymptomatic and have had a positive lateral flow test. Instead, individuals are required to start isolating. Much like the current guidance, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive test result can be reduced to 7 days in most circumstances. Individuals may now take LFT tests on day 6 and day 7 (tests must be taken 24 hrs apart) of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation.

As I am sure you are aware, this can/will affect staffing. If a teacher has to isolate but is well enough to teach, they may be able to lead virtual lessons with the class TAs supporting in the classroom. We are fortunate to have a very highly skilled team of support staff who are equipped to support learning in this way. As always, we will keep you informed of any further updates or changes.

Best wishes

Laura Bassett-Cross
Acting Head Teacher

Value of the month – Creativity



Updates & Dates



CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Tubb (Reception/Swallows) is expecting a baby. She will be commencing her maternity leave in April but under current government guidance may need to restrict her time with us prior to this date to keep both her and her baby safe.

I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Tubb all the very best for the forthcoming months.



SMART WATCHES

It has come to our attention that a number of Junior children are coming into school with their smart watches on. We would like to clarify that smart watches must not be worn in class, as they may be a distraction and therefore should be treated the same as a mobile phone. If your child comes to school with their mobile phone or smart watch, it must be handed into the office when they arrive for safe keeping and picked up at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your co-operation.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Internally run clubs for this term start next week apart from Junior Forest School, which will start the week after the half term break.

Wednesday (3.20pm–4.20pm)	Junior Forest School	Starts w/c Monday 21 st February
Thursday (7.45am-8.30am)	Year 5 & 6 Netball	Starts w/c Monday 10 th January
Friday (3.20pm-4.00pm)	Infant Fun Sports	Starts w/c Monday 10 th January

If you were able to submit your form, your child has been allocated a place. If you were not able to do this and your child is interested in one of the above clubs, we have waiting lists they can be added to, please contact the school office office@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk.

Also, The GUGA Life after school clubs continue to run... <http://www.bookwhen.com/thegugalife>
Please use the above link to check availability.



MINDFUL MEDITATION

There are still some places available for our free Mindful Parenting course starting on Thursday January 20th. Please email Carolyn Baynes to book your place:

cbaynes@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk.

SEN PARENTS FORUM

We are starting an open forum for our parents/carers of children with special educational needs (although all parents are welcome to attend). The first session is scheduled for Tuesday 25th January at 2pm. If you have a particular SEN area of interest, please let our school SENDCo know and we will endeavour to include these in our sessions learlsmith@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk.



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WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? TEACH




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	 Godsen 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 **The Hermitage School (Oakwood Rd, GU21 8UU)**
on Monday 17th January @ 4.30pm

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

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2022/23 Academic Year



We train in schools across the whole of 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
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	6.00pm – 7.00pm	Online event (Zoom link)
Wednesday 12 th January 2022	5.00pm – 6.00pm	Hordean Junior School (Waterlooville, PO8 9NW)
Monday 17 th January 2022	4.30pm – 5.30pm	The Hermitage School (Woking, GU21 8UU)
Monday 24 th January 2022	9.30am – 10.30am	Online event (Zoom link)
Wednesday 2 nd February 2022	5.00pm – 6.00pm	Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School (New Malden, KT3 3JU)
Friday 11 th February 2022	12.30pm – 1.30pm	Online event (Zoom link)
Tuesday 8 th February 2022	5.00pm – 7.00pm	Train to teach Event (Crawley – virtual event)
Wednesday 23 rd February 2022	12.30pm – 1.30pm	Online event (Zoom link)
Saturday 26 th February 2022	9.30am – 11.30am	Train to teach Event (Weydon School, GU9 8UG)
Wednesday 2 nd March 2022	5pm – 6pm	Western House Academy (Slough, SL1 5TJ)
Saturday 5 th March 2022	10am – 4pm	Train to teach Event (Congress Centre, London)
Wednesday 9 th March 2022	5pm – 6pm	Park Community School (Havant, PO9 4BU)
Friday 18 th March 2022	9.30am – 10.30am	Walton on the Hill Primary School (Tadworth, KT20 7RR)
Monday 21 st March 2022	9.30am – 10.30am	Online event (Zoom link)
Thursday 24 th March 2022	4.30pm – 7.30pm	Train to teach Event (Coptthorne Hotel, Slough-Windsor)
Tuesday 29 th March 2022	12.30 – 1.30pm	Online event (Zoom link)