



# February 2022 Newsletter

*Helping your child develop a love for life and learning*

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS BASSETT-CROSS

Dear Parents/Carers

January's value was creativity and the children have explored what this means to them. It has been wonderful to see so many children using creativity to produce amazing work; to problem solve by thinking out of the box; to consider alternative solutions and to understand that making mistakes can make our learning stronger. During February, we will be looking at independence and building an understanding of what it means to be independent whilst recognising when you need help and being brave enough to ask for it. We will be exploring what independence looks like (academically, socially, morally, financially) and how teamwork and collaboration become skills that can support independence.

After half term, teachers are looking forward to meeting with you virtually at our Parent Consultations to discuss your child's progress. Meetings are taking place on Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 10th March. For all year groups (except Year 6), parents will receive an interim report before Parent Consultations which will be the basis for your meetings. We hope you will find these interim reports a useful tool to find out how well your child is doing against the national expectations set by the Government. We will also be sending home your child's work prior to the Consultations. For those children in Year 6, parents will be given their child's attainment and progress against End of Key Stage Standards based on mocks, prior to their meeting. These can then be discussed with class teachers.

This week you will be receiving a link to a school-based survey. I strongly encourage you to complete the short questionnaire – as you know, we like to seek parental viewpoints, pupil views and staff views to help inform school developments for the future. The deadline for submitting responses is 11<sup>th</sup> February. Once the data has been collated, we would like to share results with our community.

Two years ago, we were beginning to prepare ourselves for the worst as we watched the pandemic spread across the world. I'd like to thank our school community for your ongoing support and understanding with restrictions due to Covid-19. Parents have been vigilant when testing children and have kept school informed of cases but have maintained a firm understanding of the importance of pupil attendance following government and school guidance on isolation. We continue to have a small number of staff who are absent due to Covid-19, other winter bugs and some who are having to care for their own children. The staff team here have done a brilliant job of covering across the school. Within school we continue to highlight the importance of hand hygiene, maintaining distance and keeping indoor spaces well-ventilated. The children, as always, show great positivity, resilience and maturity. Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time.

Best wishes

Laura Bassett-Cross  
Acting Head Teacher

Value of the month – Independence



# Updates & Dates

Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

## PARENTS CONSULTATION MEETINGS (Google Meet)

Parents Consultation Meetings will be available to book via your ParentMail account from 6.00pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

The meetings will be held on:

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 5.00pm – 7.30pm

Google Meet links will be sent out nearer the time.

## 2021-2022 DATES

It has been brought to our attention that on the original list of dates for this academic year, Jays class have been put down for a second class assembly on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. This date was put on there in error, so please remove this date from your diaries, if you have a child in Jays class, sorry for any inconvenience.

## SURREY 3 PEAKS

A group of mums (old and new to WPS) are walking the Surrey 3 peaks in April this year for charity and would like to raise half the money for the school. The challenge is 22 miles and takes in Box hill, Leith hill and Holmbury hill.

They would be particularly interested in raising money for us to rework the forest school/outdoor classroom area and hope that this will help us achieve this goal. We are very lucky at Worplesdon to have the outdoor space on the school site and that this is an opportunity to enhance the children's learning and develop skills outside of the classroom.

They will be setting up a Just giving page and aim to split monies raised between ourselves and Mind. They will additionally be setting up a Facebook page to generate interest. Please keep your eyes out for further information.

<https://www.threepeakschallenge.uk/surrey-three-peaks-challenge/>

## PAINTING SHIRTS/T-SHIRTS

When children do Art lessons in school, sometimes this involves using paints. In order to save their school uniform from getting marked and/or ruined it would be good for the children to have something to wear over the top of their uniform.

If you have any old shirts/t-shirts you would be happy to donate to the school, we would be grateful. Please give any donations to your child/ren's class teacher/s, thank you.





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**LOST IN THE FOREST!**  
Half Term children's workshop 2022

**SIME**  
GALLERY

Come and explore the natural world through the eyes of local artist Sidney Sime!

Face painting  
Animal hats  
Icing cookies  
Bag printing

Quiz  
Clay creatures  
Printing press  
Painting & drawing

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2 - 4 pm  
Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill,  
Worplesdon, Guildford GU3 3RF

Activities suitable for children aged 4 - 10 but siblings welcome too! All children must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

For information or booking please contact the gallery:  
07415 372620 or by email  
[enquiries@sidneysimegallery.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@sidneysimegallery.org.uk)

**Suggested donation £2**

Ewbank's  
Nancy's Animal Hospital & Veterinary Services

David Walliams  
**GANGSTA GRANNY**  
LIVE ON STAGE!



**New Victoria Theatre**  
Wed 9 - Sat 12 Feb

From the acclaimed producers of Horrible Histories comes the amazing story by David Walliams, the UK's best-selling author for children.

It's Friday night and Ben knows that means only one thing - staying with Granny! There will be cabbage soup, cabbage pie and cabbage cake and Ben knows one thing for sure - it's going to be soooooo boring! But what Ben doesn't know is that Granny has a secret - and Friday nights are about to get more exciting than he could ever imagine, as he embarks on the adventure of a lifetime with his very own Gangsta Granny!

**Exclusive Family Offer**  
Family ticket Band A - £80\*  
Family ticket Band B - £60\*  
Valid on Wed, Thu & Fri 10:30am performances.  
Family ticket comprises of 4 tickets with up to 2 adults.

\*A transaction charge of £1.95 applies to bookings.