



# April 2022 Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS BASSETT-CROSS

Dear Parents/Carers

As we quickly approach the end of this term, I just wanted to thank you all for the support you have given your children and the staff this term. I have said this so many times, but it is just a joy and a privilege to help lead this wonderful school. Our children are such a caring, resilient and thoughtful bunch, we are so proud of them all!

This term has seen great achievements from so many. A large number of children have represented the school in various events. Last week, almost 40 children in the choir and orchestra took part in a school concert at G-Live. The concert was well attended with G-Live being filled to capacity for the evening performance. Not only was the musical ability of our children positively acclaimed but comments were made regarding the high standards of behaviour. We have also had a number of pupils across different age groups representing the school in various sporting fixtures including a recent football and netball tournament. Just this week, children within the KS2 classes participated in our very first Spelling Bee. The children who took part showed great courage and resilience, standing in front of an audience to compete against their peers. The overall winning house was Fire but special mention goes to Ruby, Pixie, Clara and Lottie who will be representing Worpleston when we attend a final Spelling Bee against other schools in the summer term!

In last week's Newsflash, we shared some of the data from our recent surveys and in the new term we will be sharing our action plans and the progress we're making against them. An area to focus on is our school attendance. We strive for 96% attendance at all times but are currently averaging 91%. Whilst we recognise the pressures of our post pandemic world and more recently a spate of colds, coughs and sickness, we would like to reiterate the importance of children being in school. With that in mind, I sincerely hope that the children (and you) have time over the Easter break to relax and rejuvenate ready for the new term.

And finally, it leaves me to say a huge goodbye to Radhika Woodruff, our deputy headteacher. She has made such a positive impact on our school in so many ways and we know that she will make a similarly impactful difference in her new school. We are hoping that she will stay in touch!

We also say a temporary farewell to Hannah Tubb, Reception teacher, who is expecting her first baby at the beginning of May. We hope that she is able to spend some time relaxing before the exciting arrival of a new bundle of joy.

Wishing you all a relaxing break.

Best wishes

Laura Bassett-Cross  
Acting Head Teacher

Value of the month – Courage



# Updates & Dates

## YEAR 5 & 6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Monday a mixed Year 5 & 6 netball team played in a tournament against other schools at George Abbot. We would like to say how proud we are of the girls and to congratulate them on their conduct and how well they played. They managed to come 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, which was a great achievement "well done".



## SWIFTS & SWALLOWS SUMMER ASSEMBLIES

We have had to swap the dates of Swifts and Swallows Summer class assemblies, they will now be on the following dates:

- Swifts Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Swallows Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

## SENSORY CIRCUITS

Due to some changes in staff responsibilities, Cheryl Bennett will be taking on the early morning sensory circuits sessions after the Easter holidays. These sessions have been run by Liz Earl-Smith alongside Mrs Bennett and TAs and the children who take part have benefitted from gaining sensory regulation before going into class. Please be assured that Mrs Earl-Smith will continue to give guidance to staff ensuring each child's individual needs are well catered for. If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Earl-Smith on [learlsmith@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:learlsmith@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk).

## QUEEN'S JUBILEE ART COMPETITION

St Mary's Church have invited all children to take part in an art competition to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The winning entrant will be invited to light the jubilee beacon at the church. A separate flier with information and rules has been sent as a separate ParentMail. The children have all received an entry form should they wish to participate.



Class Assembly



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## THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

The mums (and grandads) have been training hard for our attempt at the Surrey 3 Peaks through scorching sunshine, wind and snow. A few blisters and injuries along the way but nothing to stop us, yet. So far, the maximum distance covered by some of our team has been 27km (17miles ish) with perhaps a few slopes rather than hills, so 33.5km (21 miles) with peaks of Holmbury, Leith Hill and finally Box hill will be a challenge.

We are doing this to raise money for the school, and for MIND. Please see links to our fundraising sites if you are able to contribute. All donations are very welcome to spur us on!

[Wonderful.org](https://www.wonderful.org) | [OneDaySurrey3Peaks \(PTA\)](#)

[Rachel Nilsen is fundraising for Mind \(justgiving.com\)](#)



## Mindful Parenting

A six-week introduction to mindfulness meditation with Carolyn Baynes

Starting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 @ Farnham Quaker Meeting House  
19:00-20:30

Contact: [carolynbaynes@icloud.com](mailto:carolynbaynes@icloud.com)

Fee: £30 (concessions available)

## Mind Full, or Mindful?





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## WORPLESDON YEAR 6 REPORTERS



### What do some values mean to you?

#### Layla

Tolerance: To be tolerant is basically to be patient. Many celebrities would've never got to the place they are at if they weren't tolerant. You need to push through, overcome all challenges, and eventually you will do it! Just believe in yourself, drink your milk, and go for it!

#### Olivia

Confidence: Being confident impacts your mindset and to have a growth mindset you think positively and think that you can do things. To have a fixed mindset means that you have an instant decision on how you do things. To change your mindset, you could say things like "I can't do my maths YET", "I can't do this YET." Having a growth mindset means you feel like you can do things e.g. "I can do this!" "I am amazing!!!"

#### Corey

Responsibility (and possibly Sharing): At some point in your life, you will have to start doing things for yourself/family - and that's okay. This is Responsibility (and many other values link to this too, as shown a little later in this section).

As an example/fact, we all have the responsibility to write up these WPS news reports - bringing it to parents and children associated with the school.

As said in the beginning of my part in the report, other values link to Responsibility too. Sharing responsibilities is one way to show this e.g. "We share the responsibility to write up these..."

There are more values that link to Responsibility, like (but not limited to) Respect and Confidence. Read Olivia's part if you want to know more about Confidence.

So that's Responsibility! Read the others parts to know about some of the other values that we share in this knowledge-loving school.

#### Zalan

Fairness: Fairness is when you show understanding towards the fact that people have equal rights and when you behave in a way which makes people feel like they are also considered and are treated equally. Showing this is key because people around you will feel happy if they see that they are respected. Fairness especially is a value which links in with all of the others.

#### Lieke

Courage: Courage can have two different meanings, one is that you can have courage to frighten someone or something. For example, she showed courage when defeating the dragon. The other meaning is to have courage by being strong about something like an illness.

