



# July 2022 Newsletter

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

Value of the month – Confidence

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS BASSETT-CROSS

Dear Parents/Carers

Working at Worpleston Primary School is a great privilege and this term we have had cause to feel enormously proud of our pupils and our community. The children have excelled in various sporting events including our three fantastic Sports Day events and participation in District Sports. Whilst we are delighted with our pupils sporting performance it was their behaviour and positive attitude that made them stand out. The children regularly live by our school values and this was evident during our transition day too.

### TRANSITION DAY AND STAFFING UPDATE

Last Wednesday, children were invited to visit their new classroom and meet their new teacher for September. We welcomed in our new Year 3 pupils who were quick to make friends and settle into their classes. Our new Reception children also has an opportunity to explore their classrooms in slightly smaller groups, paving the way for a great start in September. Unfortunately, due to illness, two classes were not able to meet their new teachers so their transition day has been rescheduled for this coming week.

When you were notified of your child's new class teacher for September, some staff were absent from the list and there were a couple of new names too. We are delighted to share the following news:

- Mr Clifton has been promoted into the Acting Deputy Head Teacher role from September and therefore will not be in class
  - Miss Brake is very excited to be taking on a new role as a SEND teacher within our Haven centre
- Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to some staff at the end of the year too (although some only a temporary farewell):
- Mrs McPhail is expecting her first child and will therefore not be taking a class in September
  - Mrs Jennings will be moving on to pastures new and has accepted a teaching position at an independent school – we wish her all the best with her new adventure
  - Mrs Moores (Alex), who took on the role of Penguins class teacher, is relocating to be closer to family
  - Miss Parker has been seconded out as Deputy Head Teacher at the Knaphill Federation of Schools - congratulations
  - Mrs Deegan (Anna) will be leaving the Haven to start a whole new adventure outside of education
  - Mrs Collier has completed her SCITT year and secured a teaching position in Farnham
  - Despite attempting to retire last year (but unsuccessfully), Mrs Chitson has decided to spend time with her family and enjoy her travels

We are pleased to introduce Miss Hibbins who will be joining us as a teacher in Yr 5. We are also delighted to share that Mr Bowers (Year 2), Mrs Pippin (Year 4) and Miss Sands (Year 6) have secured teaching positions with us after their very successful SCITT year. Miss Colley (who has been Blackbirds teaching assistant although a qualified teacher) has also secured a teaching position at Wood Street Infant School. We are delighted that our partnership with Wood Street continues to flourish.

Best wishes

Laura Bassett-Cross  
Acting Head Teacher



# Updates & Dates



## VACANCIES

An exciting opportunity has arisen for some strong candidates to support teaching and learning at Worplesdon Primary School. We are looking for teaching assistants (TA) and special needs teaching assistants (SNTA) to support learners across the school to join us in September 2022. The roles are open to both full-time and part-time applicants.

We currently have advertisements on eteach. Please feel free to contact the school office for further information regarding the posts.

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/worplesdon-primary-school-jobs-8057/?oo=ag>

## JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Working across main school supporting children within the classroom
- Supporting children with SEN
- Working with the teacher to create stimulating classroom displays and learning resources
- Maintaining a safe and positive environment for all learners
- Creating opportunities for all learners to reach their potential, irrespective of ability

## WHAT WE OFFER:

- Flexible, term-time hours
- The opportunity of working within a supportive, friendly environment in this well run and respected school
- Good opportunities for personal and career development
- Pension Scheme
- Employee benefits such as childcare vouchers and retail discounts

## PARKING

Sadly, it has been brought to my attention that some of our parents are still parking inconsiderately around the estate. I have had reports of people parking on grass verges, covering our neighbours' driveways and even parking on the 'no parking' lines near roundabouts.

We are aware that parking can be tricky and have re-introduced our walking bus to ease congestion. If you would like your child to join the walking bus please make sure they are at the Fairlands community centre for 8.30am Monday - Thursday.

## RESPECTFUL DRIVING

Please may we remind you that whilst there is an unofficial one-way route that is encouraged so that parents' traffic flows around and out of the estate as smoothly as possible, all road users have a legal right to travel in both directions. Whilst traffic congestion is frustrating, we urge you to please remember to be respectful to others.

## WORPLESDON TENNIS CLUB

Worplesdon Tennis Club is wishing to make local residents aware that it is holding its annual Open Day on Saturday 2nd July 2022, between 10.30 – 2.30. This event is suitable for all age groups and will provide visitors with the opportunity to either simply try tennis for the first time or to assess our Club if considering playing more regularly or seriously taking up the sport. A number of club members and their resident coach will be available to assist and give guidance to visitors.

*Worplesdon Tennis Club has been the 'local' friendly village club for thirty-one years now and is located at the far end of Worplesdon Memorial Playing Field.*

