



November 2022 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is an absolute pleasure to be writing the first newsletter for the federation of Wood Street Infant School & Worplesdon Primary School. As you know, we have been working closely since January 2022 however we officially federated in September, with our inaugural federated governors' meeting on 21st September.

As federated schools, it is important for the community to be kept up to date across both schools therefore on the first Friday of each month, I will be writing a newsletter for the federated schools. I understand how busy you are so I will ensure that I organise my newsletters with clear headings to help you read the most relevant information quickly. I hope you find these newsletters informative and helpful.

Federation news

The value for the month of November is respect; respect for ourselves, respect for each other and respect for the environment. If you have any examples, please email me (head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk) and I will ensure they receive a special certificate from me. Please be re-assured that I can give my certificates out discreetly for those children who would prefer!

With respect in mind, we will be discussing the importance of our school uniform for showing respect to our schools; please can I ask you to help your children be wonderful ambassadors of our federated schools, by wearing their uniform smartly and by wearing the appropriate uniform. Please can I remind you that:

- Sensible black shoes must be worn (not trainers)
- Make up, nail varnish and temporary tattoos may **not** be worn;
- Jewellery must not be worn (except a watch and plain stud earrings which the children must be able to remove for P.E.);
- Girls should wear plain hair / alic bands and clips, not over-sized hair bands, bows or 'jojo' bows
- Haircuts should be smart and **should not** include tramlines

Furthermore, with the weather changing, please can I take this opportunity to ask for your support in providing your children with warm coats, hats, scarfs and gloves. We believe that playtimes are a vital opportunity for the children to benefit from physical activity which the children thoroughly enjoy as long as they are appropriately dressed.

Finally, since our INSET day at the start of term, we have been busy finalising our School Development Plan and I am delighted to inform that the Governing Body have now approved this document which is now available for you to read on our website: <https://www.worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk/schooldevplan>

One area of development continues to be parking. I am extremely grateful to the community for continuing to help make the area surrounding our site safe for all the children. The community has clearly pulled together to:

- ✓ Make a promise to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride at least once a week;
- ✓ Park considerably often driving further away from the school entrance;
- ✓ Never parking or dropping off on the zig zag lines at the front of the school;
- ✓ Never parking across residents' driveways.

However, there continue to be a small number of parents who ignore the highway code including those who: park across residents drives preventing them to make their own appointments; mount the kerb and travel whilst pedestrians walk along the path; park on the roundabout or double yellow lines; and those who drop off on the zig zag lines preventing those children walking to school to cross safely. Please work with me to make our surroundings safe for all our children and email me any registration plates for anti-social parking so that I can inform the police.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the hard work of the staff at Wood Street & Worplesdon. Teachers, teaching assistants, office team, site management, kitchen staff and senior leaders are all playing a vital part in ensuring our provision is working well. I feel privileged to have such a wonderful team. Finally, thanks must go to the Governing Body who continue to give their support, as well as acting as a critical friend to ensure we are doing our very best for each and every child.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Head Teacher

Value of the month – Respect



Updates & Dates

A number of our male staff have decided to take part in...

HOW WE'LL MAKE CHANGE

- Give men the facts
- Change behaviour for the better
- Create services that work for men
- Unite the brightest minds
- Listen to the community and advocate for men

If you would like to support them and donate to this great cause, please use the following link to our fundraising page.
<https://uk.movember.com/mospace/14882291>

BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB UPDATES

A new phone has been bought for the Breakfast and Afterschool club. Should you need to contact the club to say that you're running late or there is a change in arrangements for picking up your child/ren then please call or text the number **07857852603**. Please can we remind you that if you have arranged for someone else to collect your child (even if they're on the contact list) that you text the phone to let Mrs Fyfe know- thank you!

A new procedure has been put in to place, when you collect your child/ren from the club you will now be asked to sign them out of the club. This procedure will be on the gate and won't take too long. Thank you for your co-operation.

A MESSAGE FROM CHALLENGERS...

"I wanted to say a **huge orange thank you** on behalf of everyone here at Challengers for organising an Orange Day in aid of our charity! We received an incredible £423.50 in donations from parents and carers. This fundraising will be going towards our Big Play Appeal, which is our current campaign to raise money for a new quarter of a million-pound state-of-the-art playground which would transform the lives of thousands of disabled children is due to be built in Guildford. For more information, [please visit our website](#).

HENRY'S EPIC CYCLE

Henry T, a pupil in Year 6, set himself the aspirational target of cycling 100miles across the South Downs over half term. Our keen adventurer, camped out at night and cycled up to 25miles per day with his dad. We would like to thank those of you who supported Henry and donated to his fundraising page, he managed to raise an impressive **£146.25**. "Well done Henry (& dad)"

PTA – CLOTHES HANGERS

The PTA have asked, if you have any spare children's clothes hangers you would be happy to donate to the school they would be greatly received for the second-hand uniform. Thank you.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please can we remind you that it is school policy that NO dogs are allowed on school grounds, whether this be on a lead or being carried. They must not be tied up on school fences unattended either. We fully understand that some families walk their dog to school when dropping off/picking up. If this is the case we ask that an adult remains with the dog (however friendly they may be 😊), as we have a number of families who feel intimidated. Thank you for your support.

SPORTS NEWS

Our Year 5/6 football team represented Worpleston at a tournament at George Abbot school on Thursday 3rd November. The children played amazingly well coming a sterling second in the group round meaning they went on to compete in the play offs which resulted in them coming 4th overall (out of 11 schools). A huge congratulations to the children and a massive thank you to the parents who transported and supported. Congratulations all.





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Free

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN DAY

GUILDFORD TOWN CENTRE
Sunday 20 November 11am to 4pm



Live entertainment, children's activities, market stalls merry-go-round, ice cave, giant snow globe and more.
A fun-filled, free day out for the whole family.

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