



December 2022 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Appreciation & Gratitude

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Federation news

It was wonderful to see the teaching teams across both schools working hard on Wednesday evening adding festive decorations, advent calendars and even elves to their classrooms. The next few weeks our Christmas festivities continue with the infant Christmas plays and the junior carol services. Many families have booked their seats via ParentMail; if you haven't already booked your seats, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Please be aware that we have not asked you to book seats for the Carol Services at the church; seating is limited so we are advising parents to arrive early and to respect our request of one family member per child.

With only 23 sleeps until Christmas, it is no surprise that the children are going to be excited. However, it is important that we continue to maintain the children's exemplary behaviour so that they continue to make the most of every day. We support your children's behaviour by following the school's Behaviour Policy and continuing to teach the children our school values in assemblies and through our Learning for Life lessons. Last month we focused on the value of 'respect', exploring how we can respect ourselves, respect others and respect the environment. This month we are focusing on 'appreciation and gratitude'. In school, we are positively recognising children for living by other school values. If you have any examples of your child(ren) demonstrating the school values at home, I would love to hear about it (via my email: head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk) so I can give them a special Federated Values Certificate.

Thank you to all those families who read my message this week asking for everyone to take action to improve the **traffic issues** around the school. Many children were keen to tell me that they had:

- ✓ parked further from the school gate
- ✓ used more green travel
- ✓ made sure not to park on a corner or yellow lines
- ✓ not blocked residents drives

Disappointingly, there continues to be a small but significant number of families who are *not* adhering to these rules which is dangerous for our children. This means that myself and senior leaders have to monitor parking every morning and afternoon, moving cars on from dangerous and disrespectful positions. Furthermore, when children are waiting to cross the road, rather than cars slowing to allow those children to cross, some drivers just drive past. Please can I ask that **each and every one of us takes responsibility** to drive with respect and safety at the forefront of our minds, being positive role models to our wonderful children in our care. It would be absolutely devastating if anything were to happen to one of the children in my care due to dangerous driving or parking.

I hope, like me, you will treasure the next few weeks as we build up to Christmas. If there are any families who are having any difficulties during this time, please do not hesitate to contact a senior leader or our wonderful Home School Link Worker (Jeanette Ireland).

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Executive Head Teacher



Updates & Dates

REMINDER

- Sensible black shoes/trainers **NOT** coloured trainers
- Hairbands should be plain in style without, for example, bows or flowers
- Make up, nail varnish and tattoos must not be worn in school
- Boys' hairstyles should **NOT** include tramlines
- Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – SPRING 2023

Please see below the clubs that will be available in the Spring term (2023). Forms will be sent out via ParentMail next Tuesday, 6th December at around 5.00pm.

Club	Where	When	Year Group
Choir Ms Baynes	PAC	Monday 3.20pm – 4.15pm	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 <i>(Children need to commit to the G live concert on 22nd March)</i>
Book club Miss Parker	Robins classroom	Tuesday 8.00am - 8.45am	Year 3 & 4
Book Club Mrs Woodruff & Miss Hines	Owls classroom	Tuesday 12.00pm – 12.30pm	Year 5 & 6
Forest School Mrs Sherlock	School grounds	Tuesday 3.20pm - 4.20pm <i>(From after half term - starting Tuesday 21/02/2023)</i>	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Netball Mrs Jones	Junior playground	Wednesday 7.45am - 8.40am	Year 3 & 4
Advanced Recorder Ms Baynes	PAC	Wednesday 8.00am – 8.35am	Year 4, 5 & 6
Running Club Mrs Woodruff & Mr Kennedy	Fairlands	Wednesday 12.00pm – 12.30pm	Year 5 & 6
Netball Mrs O'Brien	Junior playground	Thursday 7.45am – 8.40am	Year 5 & 6
Infant Fun Sports Mrs Bassett-Cross & Mr Clifton	Junior playground	Friday 3.10pm – 4.00pm	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

We are wearing Christmas jumpers on Thursday 8th December for Save the Children. This year, the UK government's promised to give the same amount as you give. Every time you give £2 to Save the Children, they give £2. https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/worpleston-primary?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=worpleston-primary&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=d53c4290750d4dea98ac5cf3f404d175



WORPLESDON PRIMARY SCHOOL – PRAYER GROUP

Our school prayer team will be meeting next Tuesday night from 8.30pm on zoom. Contact Nicola Cole on nicola.joy@talk21.com for the zoom code if you are a practising Christian and would like to join them. They hold prayer meetings most months and help to organise a summer meal for the staff every year. They'd love to have you join them!





Updates & Dates



WORPLESDON NEWS REPORTER

Hello again I hope you enjoyed my last report! If you did, I hope you like this one just as much. Just in case you forgot my name is Aimee and my role is Literacy Ambassador. I went to Swifts, Swallows and Penguins two weeks ago to find out about what they like, enjoy and learn. That is what you will find out in this report.

Inside

Inside their classrooms they have an art table where they paint, colour, draw and create. Lots of the children love painting (I saw them all playing with the craft materials!) When they learn their phonics they do robot actions with their arms to help them say the words. Penguins enjoy joining Swifts for this part. They also have a maths table where they do all their maths!

Outside

Outside they have a water run where they try and get the water into the drain by scooping the water and putting it on bridges they have made. I asked Arthur what he liked doing outside and he said playing hide and seek with his friends! How cute!! Outside they also have a sandpit that all of the Reception kids like playing with. Swifts, Swallows and Penguins all said they enjoyed the little cars to ride around in and playing on the wooden pirate ship.

What they enjoy

When I went down to Reception I asked three kids what they liked doing. This is what they said. Shelby told me she liked to share with her friends! I asked Arthur what he liked doing as well and he said he enjoyed playing with all of his friends. I then asked Annie the same question and she said she really liked making new friends and making poppies at the art table! Yet all together they decided their favourite things were: the water game and building things with building blocks!

I hope you enjoyed my second report and that you will read my next one. I am Aimee, see you next time. Bye!!

DONATIONS PLEASE!

Some of the children are enjoying styling hair games in the breakfast/after school club sessions and we would like to give them the opportunity to do so. We would rather that they did it on hairstyling manikins rather than each other because of hygiene reasons. If you're having a sort out of toys at home and have one that you would like to donate, then it would be gratefully received. Thanking you all in anticipation! Please send in to the school office.



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BABY 0-36 MONTHS	AGE 3-5	AGE 5-8
AGE 9-11	TEENS	MOTHERHOOD

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