



January 2023 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Resilience & Perseverance

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your family, and your children are feeling refreshed, ready for the term ahead. I have been delighted with the exemplary behaviour that the children have demonstrated this week; it is clear that they are working incredibly hard to live by our school values. Last month we focused on the value of 'gratitude & appreciation', exploring how we can show our gratitude and appreciation of others, ourselves and of things. I am hoping your child(ren) demonstrated this on Christmas Day! This month, we are focusing on 'resilience & perseverance'. 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.

In addition to teaching and rewarding children to live by our school values, research shows that a smart and consistent school uniform helps to give children a sense of belonging and in turn, helps their behaviours. It did come to my attention at the end of last term that some of our school rules regarding school uniform were slipping so I thought it would be helpful to remind parents and children of a number of school uniform expectations ...

- Hairbands should be **plain** in style without, for example, bows, flowers or animal ears.
- Make up, nail varnish and tattoos must not be worn in school.
- Boys hairstyles should not include tram lines or shaved patterns of any form.
- Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times (boys & girls).
- Black shoes / ankle boots to be worn in school.
- Boys should wear grey trousers (long or short), light blue shirt/polo shirt, scarlet v-neck sweater or sweatshirt.
- Girls should wear medium or mid grey pinafore dress or skirt. Mid grey shorts or trousers of approved design. Light blue blouse or polo shirt, scarlet v-neck sweater, cardigan or sweatshirt. Pale blue gingham dress in the summer.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or another member of staff if you need support with financing uniform; we are always happy to help families and we always do this discreetly.

Furthermore, we have listened to feedback and have decided to consult on changes to our PE uniform so that it is practical, smart and affordable. Please look out for the consultation document at the end of January which you will receive via ParentMail. Please be re-assured that any changes made will be for September.

Finally, we continue to develop our club provision and as part of this, Dan White (GUGA) has provided additional early morning clubs which means that he is unable to lead the Walking Bus each day. Instead, senior leaders will be carrying out this duty (as detailed below). To be able to continue this provision, senior leaders require at least one parent to support with walking the children to school. If you can commit some time, please let me know on head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible because we cannot re-instate the bus without a volunteer each day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Parker	Mrs Bassett-Cross	Mrs O'Brien	Mrs Woodruff	Mr Clifton

Thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. Wishing you a wonderful weekend when it arrives.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Head Teacher



Updates & Dates



HOMEWORK

Last term, in Year 5 & 6, we trialled Atom Prime for children's homework which is a free platform that helps children succeed in English, maths and science and I am delighted to inform you that we have received positive feedback from children, parents and staff. As a result, we are going to modify our Homework Policy for our Key Stage 2 children. Whilst we continue to expect children to read 3-5 times per week in every year group, we are rolling out Atom Prime for Years 3-6. The exciting element of the platform is its use of artificial intelligence which adapts the questions within a specific topic to the children's abilities. For example, if children are getting lots of questions correct, the following questions will be made more challenging. Equally, if they are getting some of the questions wrong, the system will adapt so that they don't get frustrated. There are also help sheets, videos and worked examples to help as well. Behind the scenes, teachers can identify trends across the year group to aid with planning and assessment. Next week, the Year 3 & 4 teams will show the children how to use the platform and will talk further in their weekly email about how they will be using it. If you would like to find out more information, please visit their website: <https://atomlearning.co.uk/prime-primary-schools> or please contact your child's class teacher.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – SPRING 2023

Please see below the clubs that will be taking place this term (Spring 2023). If you were able to successfully submit your form, your child will have been allocated a place (all school run clubs start next week). Waiting lists are held by the School Office, if you would like to add your child(ren) to any.

We are happy to inform you that if your child was added to the Junior Choir waiting list, all these children are now able to attend.

Monday Morning Fitness Club (The GUGA Life) Football Coaching (The GUGA Life) Choir (Ms Baynes)	PAC	8.00-8.35am 3.20-4.20pm 3.20-4.15pm	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 All year groups Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday Morning Fitness Club (The GUGA Life) Book Club (Miss Parker) Book Club (Mrs Woodruff & Miss Hines) Bench Ball (The GUGA Life) Forest School Club (Mrs Sherlock)	Robins Owls School grounds	8.00-8.35am 8.00-8.45am 12.00-12.30pm 3.20-4.20pm 3.20-4.20pm (w/c 21.02.23)	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Year 3 & 4 Year 5 & 6 Year 2- 6 Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday Netball Club (Miss Jones) Morning Fitness Club (The GUGA Life) Advanced Recorder Club (Ms Baynes) Running Club (Mrs Woodruff & Mr Kennedy) Dodge Ball (The GUGA Life)	Junior playground PAC Fairlands	7.45-8.40am 8.00-8.35am 8.00-8.30am 12.00-12.30pm 3.20-4.20pm	Year 3 & 4 Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Year 4, 5 & 6 Year 5 & 6 All year groups
Thursday Netball Club (Mrs O'Brien) Morning Fitness Club (The GUGA Life) Chelsea (Chelsea F C Foundation) Spanish Club (Club Hola Espanol) Hockey (The GUGA Life) Rock Band (Guildford Rock School) Sewing Club (Felt Masters)	Junior playground Sparrows	7.45-8.40am 8.00-8.35am 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm 3.20-4.20pm 3.20-4.30pm 3.20-4.35pm	Year 5 & 6 Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Year 1 - 6 Rec - Year 3 Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Year 3- 6
Friday Infant Fun Sports (Mrs B-C & Mr Clifton) Football Matches (The GUGA Life) Rock Band (Guildford Rock School)	Junior playground	3.10-4.00pm 3.20-4.20pm 3.20-4.30pm	Rec, Year 1 & 2 All year groups Year 3- 6

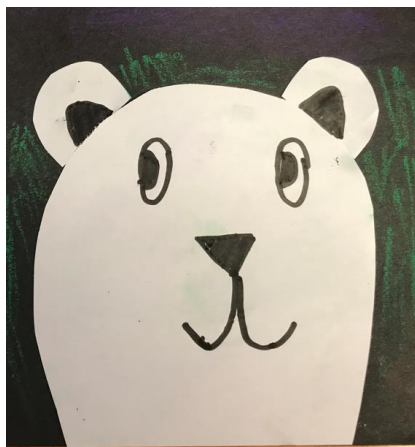


Updates & Dates

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your children and would like to wish you a Happy New Year!

The children have settled back in to the clubs beautifully and have enjoyed telling us about their Christmas. This week, the children have enjoyed completing some artwork of the Northern Lights and polar bears, using pastels. They have also enjoyed taking part in some traditional games including; granny's footsteps, stuck in the mud and wink, wink sleep. The children have enjoyed making models out of recyclable materials and have loved setting up a teddy's bear picnic for role play. The Northern Lights picture were by Kathleen in Year 3 and the polar bear by Neve in Year 2.



Please can we ask that you return the 'All about me' forms to school as soon as possible. This really helps us to know how to support your child in the clubs. If you're struggling to add photos or write on the form, then please let us know and we can print one off for you. You can also send the photographs via email and we can print them off and add them to the forms. Please email lparker@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk if you have any questions or you wish to send the photographs.

As a reminder, the mobile phone number is 07857 852603. It is for both clubs and is for you to call if you are held up or if there are sudden changes to pick up or drop off arrangements. You can call in the morning too if you need an emergency space and she can let you know if there is a space that morning.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

What you need to know

The Household Support Fund helps ease financial pressure on residents with low incomes. It offers help with food, energy bills and other essential household items. The Department for Work and Pensions fund the scheme.

The scheme will run until 31st March 2023 or earlier if all funds have been allocated.

Information about the scheme:

£400 is the most that can be awarded

you can only submit one application per household
applications can be made on behalf of someone else
all applications will be treated fairly and consistently

Who can apply?

Applicants must:
be over the age of 16
live in the borough of Guildford

How do I apply?

You can apply using our online form <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/article/26594/Apply-for-the-Household-Support-Fund>



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Come & join Rebekah for After School Yoga

Yoga Games,

Stretching, balancing, stories, relaxing,

Meditation.

Running from January -December 2023

Every Wednesday 3.20-4pm

Key stage 2

In the Performing Arts Centre

£44 per 6 week term

£49 per 7 week term

Arrange to pay in instalments or in full for the academic year.



To pay via PayPal Or bank transfer contact Rebekah.
Bookings made upon payment.

No Refunds for absences

Contact Rebekah: bluesparrowyoga@gmail.com

We would like to share a lovely message from a Family Learning English as an Additional Language (EAL) learner



"As parents we are the first and the most important teachers to our children but when you relocate to another country this natural role could become a challenge. The course helped me to overcome my own language barriers; to learn more about the UK's education system and to be confident when helping my son with his homework. I also found new friends that I could relate to: we helped and supported each other throughout the course and beyond. The knowledge, the advice, the friendly and warm atmosphere throughout the course were the first steps that inspired me to persevere in Early Years. I continued my learning journey, gained EYTS and now I enjoy a job that allows me to help children achieve and develop lifelong love of learning."

Zornitsa Milanova-Velikova

If you would like to join one of our EAL courses, you can enrol today for January 2023 by clicking on this [link](#) or scan the QR code



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