



NEWS FLASH

Friday 10th February 2023

What a great half term we have had since returning in the new year. We would like to remind you that school is closed on Monday 20th February, as it is an INSET day. Children will return to school at normal time on **Tuesday 21st February**.



WORLD BOOK DAY

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we will be holding a second-hand book sale on Thursday 2nd March. We hope to use the proceeds to support the purchase of new books for your children to enjoy in their class libraries. Therefore, we are asking for donations of:

- Children's books that your family has enjoyed and have now grown out of
- Adult books that you have enjoyed but that need a new home

Please could these be sent directly to your child's class teacher between Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March. Our Year 6 librarians will then collect, organise them and help to run the sale on Thursday 2nd March.

With the cost of living in mind, we will be adopting an approach of "pay what you can afford" - the most important part of this day is to spread the joy of reading as much as possible! We will only be able to accept cash on the day.

As always, the children are welcome and encouraged to come in dressed up as their favourite book character. We thought half term might be a good time to get thinking about this. Please note, this is NOT a mufti day. If they don't want to dress up as a book character they should come wearing their school uniform.

The day will be consisting of many engaging activities linked to books, we look forward to celebrating this with the children and continuing to develop their love of reading!



BERTIE BOOS

We are so proud of the Berties, they have made such a positive impact on the children this week bringing smiles to their faces, helping with maths, listening to stories being read, playing top trumps and even supporting with friendship issues. They're totally scrumptious!

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

As this week is mental health week, Dragonfly Impact Education would like to share with you, to help support the mental health and wellbeing of your children. They've put together a selection of short videos and handy downloads using this link: <https://www.dragonflyimpact.com/MHweekvideos>.



ATTENDANCE

We would like to remind you that every day at school counts. Our curriculum is sequential, with one lesson building upon the previous lesson which means it is challenging for children when they have missed one or more lessons. With this in mind, please consider carefully when taking children out of school for family holidays, day trips etc; it really does affect their progress. Currently, our attendance is 94.6% (compared to our target of 96.1%).

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have been focusing on Valentines Day which is next Tuesday. We have been making funny Valentines Day cards and making Valentine Gonk pictures as you can see from our photos. The children have shown great patience and used their fine motor skills to create woven hearts. On our tuff tray the children have been matching hearts and petals to the numbers of heart playing cards using their number recognition skills to help them.

The lighter evenings are allowing us to stay outside longer and enjoy the fresh air, we just need the warm sunshine to go with it now! The children have been playing with staff including playing Tennis with Mrs Fyfe. They have also enjoyed football, basketball and making up their own games.

There have been some amazing creations made on our junk modelling table, it is a real pleasure to see how their imagination works. We have been fortunate enough to have some Barbies given to us, these have proved to be a great hit with the children who are thoroughly enjoying playing with them.

We hope the children all have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing them when they return.



WORPLESDON NEWS REPORTER

Hello again! I hope you're doing well in case you forgot I'm called Aimee and I write these reports as my role is Literacy

Ambassador. I hope you enjoyed the last one. Now this report is about three categories which are all based around nature.



Walking Bus!

The walking bus is a group of kids from school that walk to school every day with staff. The walking bus is very important, some of the reasons are: it helps people use cars less, it helps exercise as you would have to walk up a small hill every day and lastly, it's ecofriendly!



Environment!

At Worplesdon school, we are very lucky to have trees donated. A couple weeks ago, 9 lovely ladies from the Ahmadiyya Muslim group came into the school and helped us plant trees (that have been donated by the Surrey council!). Thanks to the Surrey Council and the Muslim group we have 17 fruit trees now on the school field.



Guildford in Bloom!

Guildford in Bloom is a gardening competition that schools compete in. In 2021 I was chosen to participate and it was lots of fun! In the time that I was picked, me and my friends worked together (and Mrs Sherlock too!) and we came in 2nd place. Guildford in bloom is really fun and anyone who is lucky enough to participate will enjoy it!



I hope you enjoyed this week's newsletter, see you next time.

PTA NEWS

Having a clear out over Half Term...? The PTA would love your help to raise much needed funds for the school!

Did you know in the year 2021/22 the PTA raised over £15,500 - which will enhance outdoor learning and play spaces.

- The PTA will be holding a 'Someone Special Day' sale on Friday 17th March where children will have the opportunity to buy a gift for £2 for a special female in their life. More details to follow, but if you have any unwanted gifts or brand new candles, toiletries etc still in their packaging please save for 'donation day' at the beginning of March.
- Also, do you have any old or unwanted fancy dress costumes which would be suitable for World Book Day? If so, please can you bring them into school on Wednesday 22nd February. If we have enough we will run a morning sale at the end of the first week back!
- Finally - your children will come home today with a HAPPY BAG! Please don't send your unwanted clothes to a charity shop - pop them in the bag and the PTA will receive money for each kilo collected! Please note you cannot sadly put any uniform, branded or unbranded, in the happy bags.



Happy Bags fundraising



Please fill up your bags with unwanted clean, dry usable clothing, if it does not all fit please don't worry just use any other bag as well.

Collection Day:

3/3/2023

Hold onto your bags until collection day and bring them to school drop off only.

The PTA get money for each KG of clothes collected, the more clothes we get the more money we raise!



Twelve15 wants you!

Do you want to make a difference by preparing and serving healthy, tasty, nutritious lunches for the children at this lovely village school?

If you are enthusiastic, enjoy cooking and communicate well with children, then your friendly nature will get every opportunity to shine here at this delightful school.

We have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant on 15hrs per week term time only
Please follow the link or scan the QR code to apply via the SCC website or email Vanessa at Vanessa.mercer@surreycc.gov.uk



Apply @
www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs
and search 'Catering'
or scan QR code



Saturday Sports Club

For young people with special needs and their families

The sessions offer children with special educational needs and disabilities from 8 years old and their families the opportunity to try new activities such as trampolining, climbing and multisports. It offers a welcoming and relaxed environment for young people to build personal skills and self-confidence and as importantly an opportunity to be themselves.

This session is supported by volunteers with an emphasis on enjoyment and engaging in physical activity. Parents are required to stay in attendance at the session and there is an opportunity to interact with other families.
And you are very welcome, and encouraged, to take part too!



Join us on Saturday afternoons 2:30-4:30
Arena C
Surrey Sports Park, University of Surrey
Richard Meyjes

2023 sessions start Saturday 7th January. There will be no sessions on 28th January or 11th February and our last session before Easter will be on 25th March

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