



# March 2023 Newsletter

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

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents / Carers,

Since I last wrote to you, we have been busy making further progress against our School Development targets which are written to move the federation of Wood Street Infant School & Worplesdon Primary School from being a good federation to a great federation. I would like to take the opportunity to share some of these developments.

### Strengthening our Federation

We continue to find opportunities across both schools to work in partnership. Examples include: collaborative planning, team teaching, joint training, the sharing of resources and further developing our transition arrangements from Wood Street to Worplesdon. Thank you to those parents who have already provided me with feedback on how we can continue to improve our transition arrangements. If you have any ideas or suggestions that you have not yet shared with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Nursery Consultation

The governing body of the Federation of Wood Street Infant School and Worplesdon Primary School have launched a consultation with parents, carers, staff, and the community on a proposal to open a nursery at either Wood Street Infant School or Worplesdon Primary School. Thank you to those parents who have given their feedback on this proposal. If you have not yet had a chance to give us your feedback, there is still time via our survey (please see ParentMail/forms), email and our drop in sessions as shown below:

Consultation Drop-Ins	
<p><b>At Wood Street Infant School</b></p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> March between 6pm and 6.45pm face to face and virtual</p> <p>Video call link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/kki-gdyy-vda">https://meet.google.com/kki-gdyy-vda</a></p>	<p><b>At Worplesdon Primary School</b></p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> March between 6pm and 6.45pm face to face and virtual</p> <p>Video call link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/jdb-vgcr-ohj">https://meet.google.com/jdb-vgcr-ohj</a></p>

### Curriculum Provision

During our recent INSET day, teachers received further training on curriculum design with a focus on how to further develop lesson design to achieve our vision of building resilient, curious learners who are able to work both independently and in teams, with empathy at their heart. Subject leaders were tasked with the job of scrutinising their long and medium term plans to ensure lessons provide opportunities to achieve our vision whilst also ensuring that lessons are carefully crafted in small sequential steps.

Learning walks, book scrutiny and data analysis show that our curriculum design is having a good impact on children's progress and teachers are very much looking forward to sharing your child's achievements and next steps at Parent Consultation meetings next week on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March.

### Values

As values-based schools, we strive to instill values that guide our thinking and behaviour; these values run through our curriculum design, our assemblies, playtimes and club provision. During February, the children have focused on 'honesty and trust'. We have explored why honesty is important and the reasons we may be tempted to be dis-honest and how honesty helps us to earn trust. I would love to hear about any examples of your child(ren) showing honesty and / or trust; I can celebrate this either in assembly or quietly through a note home. This month we are learning how to live with peace in our hearts and the impact this has on ourselves, on our friends and family and on the world.

### Walking Bus

Finally, please remember that senior leaders run a daily walking bus (with a drop of from 8.25 and leaving for school at 8.35); it would be great to see more families using this free service. We have set up this bus to reduce the traffic close to the school gate, encourage healthy habits and to provide parents with a slightly earlier drop off time.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien  
Head Teacher

Value of the month – Peace



# Updates & Dates

## PARENTS CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Year Group	Holding Classroom	Meeting Classroom
Reception	Swallows	Swifts
Year 1	Blackbirds	Finches
Year 2	Larks	Doves
Year 3	Starlings	Magpies
Year 4	Nightingales	Kingfishers
Year 5	Owls	Jackdaws
Year 6	Kestrels	Wrens
The Haven	Falcons	Penguins

## REMINDER - PARENTS/CARERS SURVEY

As you know, your feedback is really important to us. Please can we ask you to spend 5-10 minutes completing our survey [https://www.hwasurveying.co.uk/parent\\_survey](https://www.hwasurveying.co.uk/parent_survey), so that we can understand what we are doing well and what we need to improve. So far, we have only received 126 (out of 538) responses. **The survey closes at mid-day on Monday.** Thank you for your co-operation.

## WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

This week at Early Birds and Night Owls we have been focusing on World Book Day. The children have been able to colour in sheets with images from popular books, complete book word searches and make their own book marks.

Our tuff tray area has been themed around the book The Gruffalo. We have been making Gruffalo Crumble, as you can see from the photo below. The children were able to mix up all the parts of the Gruffalo including his orange eyes, purple prickles and a poisonous wart. Our craft area was based on the story The Snail and the Whale. The children made whales out of paper plates and snails from coloured paper and straws. We set the junior children a challenge of completing a piece of art work.; they were given half of a face of a Marvel character and they had to complete the other half themselves. As you can see from the photo, we have some very artistic children. We also had some of our Year 6 children read stories to the younger children which they all thoroughly enjoyed.



Our year 6 Night Owls helpers have started interviewing some of the children that attend Night Owls and helping them complete a questionnaire about their experiences at Night Owls including what they enjoy and their suggestions for further improvements. They have interviewed year 4 & 5 so far and will be working their way through the rest of the year groups over the next few weeks. It is great having their feedback.

We wish you all a very enjoyable weekend.

## DATES



Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 – WW2 Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March (3.30pm – 6.30pm)	Parents Consultation Meetings
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March (4.30pm – 7.30pm)	Parents Consultation Meetings
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA – Someone Special Day Donations (Mufti)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 – Trip to Marwell Zoo
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA – Someone Special Day Sale
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	G Live Music Festival (7.00pm)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Egg Competition
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	The Haven Gathering
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Finish for the Easter break 1.15pm – The Haven 1.30pm – Infant children (Rec, Year 1 & Year 2) 1.40pm – Junior Children (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)



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## BERTIE BOOS' NEWSFLASH

Lots of exciting days coming up in April!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did you know April Fools' Day is a day of fun and laughter, celebrated around the world on 1st April. This day is full of pranks, jokes, and surprises! Apparently, the April Fools rules have been in place since the 1700s!</li> <li>• One of the best April Fools jokes was in 1957 when a man called Richard Dimpleby said that spaghetti was growing from trees!</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> April - International Children's Book Day.</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> April - World Health Day/Bring in your healthy snacks to school, remember to drink lots of water and stay hydrated.</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> April - Library Week/How about doing a bit of research into something you're interested in? Use an encyclopaedia, dictionary and thesaurus.</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Earth Day/Time to reduce, reuse and recycle.</li> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> April - Poetry Reading Day/Do you have a favourite poem? Which one? Have a go at reciting your favourite one and why not write your own?</li> <li>• 30<sup>th</sup> April - National Honesty Day/Have a chat with your big humans and brainstorm a list of reasons why it's important to tell the truth.</li> </ul>

## EVERY DAY COUNTS

Last week our whole school attendance was 94.6% (against our target of 96.1%). This week, attendance has remained the same. Reception continue to have the best attendance and Year 5 the worst. Please support your child to have exemplary attendance so that they do not miss learning time and social time with their friends.

## REQUEST FOR PLAYGROUND RESOURCES

Prefects have been working with Mrs O'Brien on how to improve the playground. They have ordered a variety of resources including den building kits, footballs, netballs, hoops, mini-goals and much more which have been funded by our amazing PTA. In addition to these resources, it would be great if you are able to donate any of the following to add to our playground activities:

- Plain paper
- Pencils
- Colouring pencils
- Board games (such as Connect 4)

Thank you for your continued support 😊.



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## Kayak Courses 2023

During the School Holidays

These three-day introductory courses are for juniors aged from 9 to 17. They all start at 1:30pm and finish at 3:30pm

### Easter Holidays

11 -13 April

### Whitsun half term Holiday

30 May – 1 June

### Summer Holidays

31 July – 2 August

21 – 23 August



For more details and to book your place go our website ↓

<https://weykayak.co.uk/wey-learn-to-kayak/>



WORPLESDON PRIMARY PTA

*SOMEONE SPECIAL DAY*  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

An opportunity for every child to purchase a gift for £2 to give to someone special in their lives

To make this event possible we need **your help** please!

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March will be donation day**  
In return for a donation **children can come to school in Mufti**

Please could we ask each year to donate as follows:

*Reception, Yrs 1 & 2 – Candles*  
*Yrs 3 & 4 – Beauty products*  
*Haven, Yrs 5 & 6 Chocolates*  
**Collection at the gates at morning drop off**

We also welcome any unwanted gifts that are still in their original packaging / sealed

With the cost of living crisis we do appreciate if you are unable to participate