



NEWS FLASH

Friday 17th March 2023

DROP-OFF REMINDER

We have noticed that a number of junior children are arriving at school quite early in the morning. As there are no staff on duty at that time, this raises safeguarding concerns. Please can we ask that children are dropped off at the school gates no earlier than 8.40am when the junior playground is supervised.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Woodruff, Deputy Head Teacher

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you for all of your support for PTA events over the last year. Our Prefects have been tasked with using this money to improve playtimes and lunchtimes. So far, both playgrounds have benefited from a den building kits, new footballs and netballs with more resources on their way.

One area that the junior children would like to develop is our Quiet Zone. The children would like to be able to draw, colour, write and play board games. We were hoping that every family would be able to donate an item from the list below for our playground boxes:

- Paper
- Colouring books
- Pens
- Pencils
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- Felt tips
- Small board games such as Connect 4, snakes and ladders, trump cards etc

All donations to be dropped off at the gate in the morning please. Thanking you in anticipation 😊.

SUMMER CLUBS

Please see below the internal extra-curricular clubs that will be running in the Summer term. If your child is interested in attending any of these, forms will go live to book next Thursday afternoon (23.03.2023). Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



Ms Baynes	Junior Choir	PAC	Monday 3.20 – 4.15
Miss Parker	Year 3 & 4 Book Club	Robins	Tuesday 8.10- 8.40
Miss Hines	Year 5 & 6 Book Club	Owls	Tuesday 12.00 - 12.30
Miss Jones	Year 3 & 4 Netball Club	Junior playground	Wednesday 7.45 – 8.40
Ms Baynes	Year 4,5,6 Advanced Recorder Club	PAC	Wednesday 8.00 – 8.40
Mrs Woodruff & Mr Kennedy	Year 5 & 6 Running Club	Field (or Fairlands)	Wednesday 12.00 - 12:30
Mrs O'Brien	Year 5 & 6 Netball Club	Junior playground	Thursday 7.45 - 8.40
Mr Clifton & Mrs Bassett-Cross	Infant Fun Sports	Junior playground	Friday 3.10 – 4.00



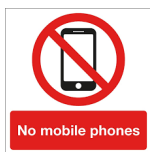
COMIC RELIEF – RED NOSE DAY

As you know today was Red Nose Day, in support of Comic Relief. It was great to see so many of the children taking part with their red clothes on and crazy hair! Thank you to those of you who have already donated. If you have not yet done so and would like to, please use our JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/rednoseday23-worplesdon-primary-school.

Thank you for your continued support.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

As you may remember, last week we informed you that our whole school attendance was 94.7% (against our target of 96.1%). This week, attendance is down to 94.5%. 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.



NO PHONES IN SCHOOL

Please can we remind you that we do not allow children to have their mobile phones in school. If your child needs to have a phone because they walk to and from school on their own then they MUST hand in their phone to the school office before going to class.

REMINDER

Please can we ask that when you pick up your child(ren) that younger (non Worplesdon) children stay off the equipment in the infant playground. This area is becoming an increasingly popular play spot at the end of the school day and lots of equipment is being left out. Thank you for your understanding.

YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Yesterday a group of our Year 6 girls and boys took part in a football tournament at Weyfield School. This was an opportunity for some of our children who wouldn't normally play football to take part in something new. They played brilliantly and had loads of fun, it was a great opportunity for them.



BERTIE BOOS' NEWSFLASH

We have so much to tell you this week.

Bertie and I have had the pleasure of working with children to talk about emotional regulation and what it looks like, discussions on what we look like when calm and how the children feel when they are calm. We are beginning to look at different emotions, what they look and feel like. The children have practiced some strategies on how to manage these emotions.

Year six gymnastics was a hoot, ask the children to tell you about the socks! Yum yum!

Your wonderful children have welcomed us into their class assemblies (golden leaf) on Friday's with open arms. We love watching them; I did giggle when I saw a small human being, climbing across the stage dressed up as a woolly mammoth!

I (Bertie O'Brien) have been spending small amounts of time with children who are nervous/anxious around dogs. The environment is calm and safe with no expectations on either of us. It is wonderful to see a small human being feeling relaxed enough to sit close to me. Such progress is a joy to see.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Bertie and Bertie



WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have focused on Red Nose Day and Someone Special Day. The children have designed their own red noses using a variety of materials that were on offer. These were all entered into the school competition that the school council were running. The designs they came up with were brilliant. We also had a variety of red nose puzzle books and games for them to play with which were kindly donated to us last year.

For Someone Special Day the children have created some wonderful pom pom flower displays. They were quite simple for them to make by wrapping the wool around their fingers to create the pom poms. The children took great pride in doing it by themselves and creating a lovely gift for that special person in their life.

The children also had a chance to finish creating their scratch arts from last week. They used toothpicks to scratch out their designs and created some lovely artwork like the one in the photo shown which was created by Lily GS in year 1.

Due to the bad weather we had games of Dodge ball in the hall which the children all thoroughly enjoyed. Their competitive streaks certainly came out! The children also had time on the chrome books to complete their Atom learning homework tasks and to play on games. We do limit the time that children play on the devices so that all children get a go and also so they do not have too much screen time.

Next week we will be moving on to Easter activities.

We would like to make you aware that Breakfast stops being served at 8.20am. As soon as the children come to the club we remind them to go straight to the breakfast bar, please can we ask that you remind them as you say goodbye to them to- thank you! If you would like your child to have breakfast at the club, please can we ask that you drop them to the club before 8.20am. The hall needs to be ready for sensory circuits and we have to be packed up by 8.30am ready to vacate the hall. Once the hall is tidied away, we read to the children or play a game until they go to their classes.

Sadly, will be saying goodbye to Mrs Sally Gregory who has worked at the school for 19 years. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all her hard work and dedication at the club and she will be missed. We would like to wish her all the best in her new job. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Tina Atkin who will be joining the team.

