



April 2023 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents/Carers,

























I hope you had a wonderful Easter and like me, you are looking forward to the warmer months with lighter mornings and evenings. We are two terms into our Federated School Development Plan so I thought it was timely to share our achievements to date and to share our focus for the summer term.

Review of the year so far

In September, we implemented our Federated School Development Plan with the following targets for the year. The bold italics show our progress to date.

1. Build leadership capacity across the school including governance, leading to good and better progress within each year group and across the curriculum. ***Data analysis shows many children making good progress and on track to meet or exceed expectations. A variety of interventions are in place in every year group for those children not on track.***
2. To provide an exceptional education for all children. ***Staff have reviewed and developed a curriculum which is well sequenced, broken down into small sequential steps with layers of challenge to meet the needs of all children. Significant investment has been provided to ensure all lessons are well resourced.***
3. To develop, promote, enable and support pupils' personal development ensuring their readiness for the next phase in education. ***Explicit teaching of emotional literacy, including the importance of a growth mindset supports positive mental wellbeing. The new curriculum has provided children with a varied and rich set of experiences that will further develop understanding of inclusion, cultural diversity and social cohesion.***
4. To ensure all behaviours and attitudes are positive and consistently reflect the values of the school and are outstanding. Our Valued Based Education underpins daily assemblies and weekly learning for life lessons. ***Staff explicitly teach and deliver the Federation Behaviour Policy and ensure robust teaching strategies are deployed to enable exemplary learning behaviours and high expectations are modelled at all times. Leaders continue to improve children's attendance.***

Parent and children's survey's provide further evidence of the successes detailed above and also provide areas of improvement.

Worpleston Primary School			Worpleston Primary School		
Summary of Parents' Feedback			Summary of Childrens' Feedback		
March 2023			March 2023		
88 Responses			302 Responses		
 92.0% ...say they would be 'Likely' or 'Extremely Likely' to recommend	 95.5% ...tell us their child enjoys school	 96.6% ...say their child feels safe at school	 75.5% ...say they would tell a friend this school is great!	 91.3% ...tell us they enjoy school	 92.8% ...tell us they feel safe at school
 88.5% ...agree their child is making good progress	 78.6% ...tell us their child receives appropriate homework	 88.1% ...say lessons challenge them and they learn new things every day	 88.1% ...say lessons challenge them and they learn new things every day	 79.0% take part in activities outside of lessons	 79.0% take part in activities outside of lessons
 88.6% ...agree that the school provides a good learning environment	 89.7% ...say the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	 94.3% ...say the school is well led and well managed	 97.2% ...say teachers explain things to them	 86.2% ...say behaviour at this school is good	 96.9% Teachers help me to do my best
 95.5% ...tell us their child's teacher is accessible	 94.3% ...say they are made to feel welcome when they visit	 89.5% ...tell us they are involved as much as they want to be in their child's education	 94.4% School helps me understand people from other backgrounds	 94.0% There is an adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me	 92.4% Teachers are interested in what I think

Value of the month – Empathy



Updates & Dates

Our focus for the Summer term

1. Further develop and enrich our curriculum to meet the needs of all children, including providing additional support to children who have gaps in their learning and further developing our extra-curricular activities & clubs.
2. Use feedback from children & parents to further improve behaviour.
3. Share the findings from our Nursery consultation with governors (on 24th April) then the wider community and take appropriate action.
4. Lead a P.E. uniform consultation via our online survey https://docs.google.com/forms/d/151f9_m6_zR4eWQvZTE7jozxuSpGLy8Ny8fsTq6hOv0A/edit . (Deadline is 5th May).
5. Further explore partnerships with other local schools, enabling high quality staff collaboration and the sharing of good practice.
6. Develop and implement the best transition arrangements so that children and staff are ready for September 2023.

PE uniform consultation

Thank you already to those families who have provided feedback. It is important to note that whilst we will use a uniform supplier to stock items, all items will be easily available at other shops and supermarkets. Please accept my apology that this was not clear in the information that we sent out.

Getting ready for September 2023

We are only three months away to the end of the academic year therefore, we will begin to plan our transition arrangements. As in previous years, we will be mixing year 2 (ahead of their entry into year 3) and year 4 (ahead of their entry into year 5).

In addition to move up day, there will be activities planned for children to get to know more about the year / class they are moving into. Children & parents will find out their new class and teacher on Tuesday 27th June ahead of their move up day on Wednesday 28th June. Our year 6 children will benefit from move up day to their new secondary schools on Tuesday 27th and/or Wednesday 28th June.

INSET days

To enable you to plan your child care and holidays for the autumn term, we are delighted to confirm our INSET days for the year ahead:

Date	Content
1.9.23	Values Based Education
4.9.23	Curriculum
5.9.23	Safeguarding
TBC	TBC
TBC	TBC

Finally, as always, please do not wait until the next formal parent survey to provide feedback. We welcome your feedback (positive and areas for development) on the school gate or by email or by phone.

Wishing you a wonderful term ahead.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien
Executive Head Teacher



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VACANCY

We are currently looking to recruit a cleaner to join our cleaning team, the position is for 18 hours per week. If you are interested please contact our School Business Manager, Jenny Ireland jireland@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk for details and an application form.

BERTIE BOOS' NEWS

Welcome back! We really missed you all especially the small human beings. So much has happened already this week. I, Bertie Earl-Smith have continued working with the KS2 classes focusing on emotions and emotional regulation. On Monday and Tuesday, I sat with small groups of children during their maths intervention sessions, have to say between you and me... Eek... Found it quite tricky! Over to Bertie O'Brien.

I made my debut this morning on the gate with Mrs O'Brien (My mummy), meeting and greeting all of you gorgeous human beings. I loved it and was told I did really well! Thank you all for your help and support, couldn't do it without you. I joined the children in both celebration assemblies this morning and was thrilled to be part of it!!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Bertie and Bertie



WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

It has been lovely to have all the children back after our Easter break. This week we have focused on Earth Day and learning all about the steps we can take to help protect our planet. The children had a good awareness already and happily continued discussions about picking up our litter, turning off taps, turning out lights and protecting our trees to name a few. We made Earth Day posters to put up around the school to remind everyone to do their bit to help as well. We also focused our tuff tray on Earth Day. We had sea life creatures all caught up in rubbish that had been left in the sea and the children had to rescue the animals and sort out the recycling into different categories including plastics, cardboard and paper.

We also looked at Ramadan this week and the celebration of Eid - Al Fitr. We made paintings and decorations and the children learnt about the celebrations and how Muslims observe it. The children have enjoyed the sunny afternoons, playing outside on the playground. The children are able to use the new school playground equipment at Night Owls including the new den building equipment, footballs and tyres. Next week we will be focusing on spring and the animal life cycles around this time of year.

We have sent a parent questionnaire to help us evaluate the service that we provide. It is really helpful to us to have your feedback on what you think we do well and your suggested improvements. Please can you spare a few moments to fill it in. We thank you in anticipation.





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RUN DON'T WALK

Presented by **ManyPets** Pet Insurance

DogFest

The action-packed festival for dogs

Loseley Park | Surrey

27-28 May

DOG WALKS | HAVE-A-GO ACTIVITIES | EXPERT ADVICE
SHOPPING | FOOD & DRINK

Book tickets at dogfest.co.uk

Quote **LOSELEYLOCAL** to save 20% on tickets

Book by 28 May 2023

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DogFest

The unmissable, action-packed dog event of the season is back! DogFest returns to Loseley Park, Surrey on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May 2023.

Treat the most adorable, playful, loving and silly member of your family to a day out that's all about them!

Finger them, teach them new tricks, sniff out new friends and walks, shop to spoil them and socialise with celebrities. Make it the best, most memorable day out for your dog.

Big Dog Walk

Have-A-Go Activities | Talks & Workshops | Live Demos | Fantastic Shopping

Your ticket gives you the chance to watch action-packed demos, enjoy a wide range of talks and workshops with free expert advice, take part in Have-A-Go activities, join a Big Dog Walk and shop in our retail village.

Plus, there'll be tasty festival food and drink, a kids activities area and live music for the full festival experience!

Fun Dog Show

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WANT TO TRY OUT GIRLS RUGBY?

INTRO INTO RUGBY CAMP

MAY HALF TERM

WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY

10.00-15.00

GUILDFORDIANS RFC

Stoke Park, London Road, Guildford, GU1 1TU

A camp specifically targeting girls that have never played rugby before.

An opportunity to spend a day trying out a new sport, in a safe and confident environment.

Coached by Ella Amory – Harlequins and Belgium International Player

Targeting girls aged 8-18 (School years 4 – 12)

NO COST INVOLVED

Pre sign up is required.

Early drop off and late pick up options available.

Email girls.chairman@grfc.co.uk to register.

April and May Free Online Family Learning Courses



Find out more and book your space on one of these free courses by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code.

Limited spaces available.

Do you speak English as an additional language?

Courses and workshops to help you support your child at school.

Find out about Education in England; how to support your bilingual child; how to apply for a school place; understand the language of maths or understand the grammar taught in Key Stage Two. [Click here](#) to book



Parenting Courses and Workshops

Various dates and times including evenings and Saturdays

Building Children's Resilience; Developing Children's Self-Esteem; Explore Behaviour Strategies; Understanding Children's Behaviour; Help your Child Manage Anxiety; Who's in Charge?; Supporting your LGBTQ+ child. [Click here](#) to book



Supporting your child with reading: Workshops for Key Stage One and Two

Discover new ways to encourage reading and understand the importance of how this affects your child's emotional and social development. [Click here](#) to book



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