



# NEWS FLASH

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Please be reminded that school will be CLOSED Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April (early May bank holiday) and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April (King's Coronation bank holiday)

## CHANGE OF SCHOOL TIMINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Attached to this newsflash is a formal consultation with proposed changes to the structure of the school day across the Federated Schools of Wood Street Infant School & Worplesdon Primary School:

- The government has made it compulsory that all schools must offer 32.5 hours of school per week from September 2023.
- At Worplesdon Primary School, the children already receive 32.5hrs per week with the school day being 8.40am – 3.10pm for the infants and 8.50am – 3.20pm for the junior children.
- At Wood Street Infant School, the current hours are 8.40am – 3.00pm which equates to 6hrs 20minutes per day, totaling 31hrs 40 minutes per week. Wood Street Infant School are currently running at a 50-minute deficit each week. Therefore, the school day needs to be extended by 10 minutes per day.
- As a federation, we need to consider siblings across the two sites and would like to offer timings that could work for all families. We are aware of the impact this will have on working families and have tried to keep times that are in keeping with our current offer.

Please read through the consultation carefully. There will be an opportunity to give feedback via a survey (link to be sent 19<sup>th</sup> May).



## SPORTS NEWS

### Football

A squad of 8 boys travelled over to Holy Trinity to take part in a football tournament on Tuesday; the spring sunshine and mild temperatures setting the scene for a great afternoon of sport.

With Bobby dominating the midfield and Matthew and Thomas setting up a solid defensive line, Worplesdon started the tournament well. After a few 0-0 draws, Worplesdon were keen to turn up the pressure on the other teams. Leon and Stan were energetic, and did their best to

force mistakes. Ryan's turnovers and quick passes ensured that Worplesdon always looked dangerous. Such was the pressure that Harry controlled an accurate lengthy pass from the back to take a fantastic touch and score a screamer into the corner of the goal – goal of the day for some supporters on the side-line. Pressure came from the other end too, but Spencer was up to the task, producing dramatic dives to keep a clean sheet all afternoon.

Not only did the players play with respect for themselves and their team, but also the opposition. Unbeaten throughout the afternoon, Worplesdon came a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup>, wearing those bronze medals along with satisfied smiles. Thanks to all parents for the support and transport!

### Netball

A team of 6 netballers travelled to Tormead School for a Bees Tournament (5 aside) on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The standards were high, the umpires strict and there were many matches to play. Our girls rose to the occasion and channelled their nerves into energy. Every player demonstrated their defence abilities, making many impressive interceptions which meant the opposition had to work really hard. Our attacking play was equally as good, with our girls showing their dodging skills and fast passes across the court. Whilst the score line did not reflect the girls hard work, they remained resilient and determined to do even better on the next match. Mrs O'Brien was extremely proud of the values they demonstrated throughout the morning. The girls finished 5<sup>th</sup>.



### END OF THE SCHOOL DAY – LATE PICK-UPS

Please can we remind parents / carers that our school day ends **promptly** at 3.10pm (infants), 3.20pm (juniors) and 6pm (Night Owls). Whilst we appreciate that there can be extenuating circumstances whereby you may be late occasionally, it is important that everyone does their utmost to adhere to these timings so that staff can continue with their working day. Thank you for your support.

### LIVING BY OUR VALUES IN THE COMMUNITY

We continue to teach the children our school values and how they can apply these at home and beyond. With this in mind, Mrs O'Brien was delighted to have been invited to a recent FLGCA meeting at the local community centre as she is keen for the children to be able to give back to their local community. With this in mind, Worplesdon Primary School will be leading on the following:

- Litter picking: Within the school day, Mrs O'Brien will be taking a group of children litter picking before and after the Coronation celebrations. In addition, there will be an after school litter pick with the cubs later this term (details below).
- Tree planting: In collaboration with the residents of Fairlands, we are applying for a tree planting grant; ([Planting trees on the highway - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](http://Planting trees on the highway - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk))) which enables the Council to plant trees on grass verges for those residents wishing to prevent cars from mounting the verge. Once planted we plan for the children to be involved in caring / watering these young trees.
- Promoting respectful parking: Mrs O'Brien will be teaching the children in assemblies how parents & carers should be parking around Fairlands so that they have a secure understanding of the importance of safety on our roads. Mrs O'Brien is hopeful that the small but significant group of parents / carers who are being disrespectful with their parking will improve their parking behaviour and be role models to their children.
- Enhancing the environment: A group of children enjoyed planting in the flower boxes with Mrs Sherlock at the community centre.



### LITTER PICKING WITH THE CUBS

We are working alongside members of the FLGCA to help keep the local community clean and tidy. After school on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 3.30pm-4.30pm we are looking for Worplesdon children to help us with litter picking around the Fairlands Community Centre and field. At 4.30pm-5.40pm a local group of cubs will come along and help. If your child is keen and able to help at either of these times, we and the FLGCA would be grateful. Thank you.



### WORPLESDON SCHOOL CELEBRATES THE CORONATION OF THE KING

As you know the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May we will be celebrating the King's Coronation. As a school we would like to celebrate and mark this occasion.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May we are inviting the children to come into school wearing something red, white and / or blue.

For lunch on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, the children will celebrate with a traditional style street party. We will decorate the hall with bunting and flags and put the tables out in rows. The kitchen will provide a coronation picnic if your child chooses to have a school meal. We will extend lunch on this day so that all children will eat in the hall on this day.

We will also be holding a competition to design and make a crown. The children are invited to bring these in on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Entries can be taken straight into the hall in the morning and placed in their year group sections.

The school council will judge these and choose the winners (one from each year group). We understand that Year 4 are on a residential so they can bring in their crowns earlier if they would like.

Over the course of the week, the children will all make a clay tile which will be decorated with a coronation theme and once painted displayed around the school as a commemorative school mosaic.

We hope your children enjoy celebrating this once in a life time event, in school.

#### SUMMER TERM DATES

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed - Bank holiday
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 - Residential trip
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation - Red, white and/or blue day/street party style lunch
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation – Design a crown competition
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 - Trip to Wisley
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Blackbirds class assembly
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed - Bank holiday
w/c Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 - SATs
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception - Trip to Bocketts Farm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Swallows class assembly
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Swifts class assembly
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 - Residential trip assembly
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May (3.10pm - 3.20pm)	Finish for half term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	District sports
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June (6.30pm)	New to Reception parents evening
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Class/group photographs
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Larks class assembly
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June (pm)	Infant sports day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Doves class assembly
<i>*Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>New class letters home</i>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June (7.30pm)	New to Year 3 parents evening
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Move up day
<i>*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June (pm)</i>	<i>Junior sports day</i>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 - Production
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 – Trip to Sayers Croft
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 – Production
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports home
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 - Residential trip
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (1.30pm)	New to Reception informal get together
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July (2.30pm)	Year 6 - Leavers assembly

*\*Change of date, sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.*

#### SURREY FESTIVAL OF MUSICAL THEATRE AND DRAMA

The Surrey Festival of Musical Theatre and Arts is keen to encourage more children from local schools to take part in this wonderful opportunity to showcase talent in all areas. From Stage Performance, Creative writing, Poetry, singing, dance and Art.

If you wish to know more please email [surreyfestivalMT@gmail.com](mailto:surreyfestivalMT@gmail.com) and or visit our website <https://sfmt.org.uk/>.



## BERTIE BOOS' NEWSFLASH

Hi Everyone

Just a short one from us today. We hope you have all had a good week and are looking forward to a long weekend. Bertie and I are so excited to have an extra day with our adult humans going on super long walks and extra cuddles and fuss!

Just a little reminder that you will see me (Bertie O'Brien) out on the gate with my Mummy every Thursday and Friday morning. Before I say good morning, I go on a little walk around Fairlands with my handler Traci, please remember to use quiet voices around me, not to shout out my name whilst passing or behind me, or jumping out at me from your big humans' car. This can scare and confuse me as this is a very busy time of the day. Thank you so much.

Have a fabulous weekend and Bertie Earl-Smith will see you on Tuesday.  
Bertie and Bertie

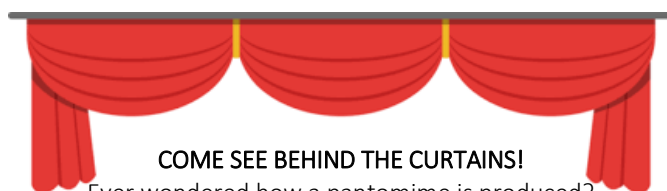


## WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have been focusing on Spring and life cycles that happen during this season. We have been looking at frogs in particular and their life cycles. Our crafts this week were to make a frog sitting on a lily pad with a flower alongside it and to make a frog catcher, where the frog has to try to catch the fly. You can see examples of these in the pictures shown. Our tuff tray challenge was to try to feed the frog flies. The flies were hidden under lily pads with paper clips attached to them. Using magnets, the children had to find the flies and put them into the frog's mouth.

We also had great fun making frogs out of fruit this week. The children absolutely loved doing this activity and thoroughly enjoyed chopping up the fruit and creating a frog that they could take home and eat. You can see from the picture how cute they looked! The children have also had fun playing outside when the weather allowed them to. We have had some lovely donations for our dressing up box from Lelly in Year 6 and also from Mrs Philpott, a member of staff. She has also donated toy cars, puzzles and action figures which we are extremely grateful for and the children jumped straight in to play with. We have also received a new set of giant Jenga which is always popular with the children as they love building structures out of them and seeing who can build the highest tower.

Next week we will be celebrating the King's coronation and activities linked to this.



## COME SEE BEHIND THE CURTAINS!

Ever wondered how a pantomime is produced?

It's not just those you see on stage, it's those you don't see who create the magic!

Creating props, moving scenes, blasting noise, greeting people, controlling lights – there's something for everyone and we need you!

Support your local amateur dramatic group – Fairlands players!

Our open evening is on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 7pm at Fairlands Community centre.

Pop down and experience the wonder of pantomimes with refreshments available.

Please email [Fairlandsplayers@hotmail.com](mailto:Fairlandsplayers@hotmail.com) or call 07847247149 for any questions or confirmation of attendance.





**A community afternoon  
To Celebrate the Coronation of King  
Charles III**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - 2:00pm until 6:00pm**

**Recreation Field and Hall**

Live Music, Beer Tent, Stalls, Tombola

Children's Races / games, maybe for adults too!

BBQ, Food stalls – or bring a picnic.

Tea and coffee

Fairlands & Woodstreet art exhibition

**Wear a crown – make your own, scan the QR or  
search online – you might win a prize.**

Fun dog show – do you have a cute, funny, clever dog?  
Bring them along.

Volunteers needed – do you have some great ideas?

Want to be involved, maybe organise something?

Tombola prizes needed.

Contact for stands, volunteers, etc. – [secretary@fairlands.org.uk](mailto:secretary@fairlands.org.uk)

Keep an eye out for more information on -

FLGCA e-newsletter, FLGCA website [www.fairlands.org.uk](http://www.fairlands.org.uk) and on Facebook.



**This will be a FLGCA fund raising event, donors, and sponsorship welcome  
and very much needed.**

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**Dates:**

30th May - 2nd June (half term)

17th Jul - 21st Jul

24th Jul - 28th Jul

31st Jul - 4th Aug

7th Aug - 11th Aug

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**CORONATION**

**VOLUNTEERS AFTERNOON CREAM TEA AT**

**The Sime Gallery Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2-4pm**

**Do YOU fancy being a local volunteer? King Charles is  
anxious to encourage us all! Why not join us for a cream  
tea and see what is involved in volunteering just once a  
month for 2hrs at the Sime Gallery or 'Ta Ta' café**

Other volunteer  
opportunities include  
getting involved at  
children's workshops,  
helping with projects  
with disadvantaged  
groups, organising a  
fundraising event, or  
helping with an admin  
publicity or marketing  
task

A Tree planting ceremony to commemorate both the Coronation and the late Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee will take place during the afternoon.

The Sime Gallery is located at Worpleston Memorial Hall, GU33RF

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