

## NEWS FLASH

### Friday 23rd June

#### STAFFING NEWS

As we move closer to the end of the year, we have staff who are moving on to new adventures. We would like to say a huge thank you to the following members of staff for all their hard work, commitment and dedication.

| Miss L Hines  | Year 4 Teacher            |
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| Miss E Cutler | Year 4 Teaching Assistant |
| Mrs F Kent    | Year 4 Teaching Assistant |



In addition to the above, Miss Piercy (Year 4 Teacher) has a wonderful opportunity to teach in Australia from 2023-2024. Whilst we are going to miss her very much, we are delighted that she will be back for September 2024.

Finally, but by no means least, we are sorry to inform you that Mrs Weller (Year 1 Higher Level Teaching Assistant) has decided to retire after 31 years here at Worplesdon. Mrs Weller started here in September 1992 and has shown true professionalism, care and support not only to a vast number of children over the years, but their families and staff she has worked with along the way. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her a very happy and well-deserved retirement, as she moves onto the next chapter of her life with her family.

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome the following staff for September ...

| Mrs S Campain     | Teacher  |
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| Mrs A Hinchcliffe | Teacher (currently one of our TAs, joining the Teaching Team from September) |
| Miss L Mallaleui  | Teacher  |
| Miss H Small      | Teacher  |
| Miss Z Taylor     | Teacher  |
| Mrs S Hunt        | Teaching Assistant (joining us from Wood Street Infant School)               |
| Mrs E Richardson  | Teaching Assistant   |

#### New classes for September 2024

On Tuesday, you will receive an email informing you of your child's class next year and the arrangements for move up day on Wednesday. As normal, we have mixed our Year 2 classes and our Year 4 classes. Staff have spent a long time ensuring that these classes are well balanced in terms of boys / girls, abilities and friendships. Mixing classes provides children with opportunities to make new friends whilst maintaining old friendships, getting them prepared for their secondary education.

#### VACANCY

#### Premises Assistant

Wood Street Infant School are looking to appoint a Premises Assistant. For more details, please follow this link: <u>https://www.eteach.com/job/premises-assistant-1347048?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y</u>

Any questions about the role, please contact the Wood Street school office.

#### RECEPTION - OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

**Please**, **please** can we ask that when you are dropping off / picking up Worplesdon children, younger siblings **DO NOT** play on the outdoor equipment on the lower KS1 playground. This area is our Reception children's outdoor classroom and should only be used by them during the school day.

Thank you for your support and co-operation with this.

#### WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have been looking at bees and their habitats. The children have had the opportunity to make bee hotels to place out the front of our school where there is a bee area fenced off near the PAC. Mrs Sherlock, our Forest School Leader, has already implemented a natural fence and meadow area for the bees so we thought we would help as well to provide comfortable areas for the bees to rest and lay their eggs.

The children also had a chance to make a paper beehive by applying paint to bubble wrap and printing it onto a hexagon shape. They could then attach bees to the shapes and we created a hive on one of our display boards. We also had a junk modelling table this week and the children came up with some wonderful creations ranging from an erupting volcano to a hotel for a pet.

Next week we will be having a DT week where the children can design and make their own cars. If you have any spare boxes, water bottles, straws, bamboo skewers, rubber bands or any other items you feel could be used, please could you send them in with your children to school. We will have some resources available but the more choices we have for the children, the greater design ideas they will be able to create.

Can we please ask that parents attending Sports Day next week, in the afternoon, who are planning on taking their children home straight after inform Night Owls if their child usually attends that night. This week we were looking for children after infant Sports Day who had been collected and taken home by their parents but were booked in to attend that night.

Many thanks.

The Staff at Night Owls











#### MINDWORKS (Surrey)

The CAMHS Mindworks website now has one page that everyone can link to which has all the parents' courses on it. It contains many of the groups parents can access in the county such as EIKON parents courses and many others.

If you feel that you require access to groups on things such as children's anxiety, low mood, transition or behaviour difficulties, please see links below.

Parents Groups: <u>Groups for parents/carers :: Mindworks Surrey (mindworks-surrey.org)</u> Children's groups: <u>Groups for children and young people :: Mindworks Surrey (mindworks-surrey.org)</u>

#### SURREY ARTS MUSIC CAMPS

There are wonderful summer camps running in Guildford this summer. Please sing up here <u>Surrey Arts holiday</u> <u>activities webpage</u>

#### **REMINDER – PARKING**

Can we remind you, please **DO NOT** park on the grass verges outside local residents' properties or on the pavement. Can I ask us all to pull together to do the right thing and show our children how we respect others, by parking respectfully.

When I receive notification from residents it saddens and disappoints me that they are still having to raise their concerns. Also, it confirms that some people are still not having any consideration for our local residents and are also putting our children's safety at risk.

Thank you.

# Fairlands Litter Pick

If you have an hour to spare, do come and join the children from Worplesdon Primary School

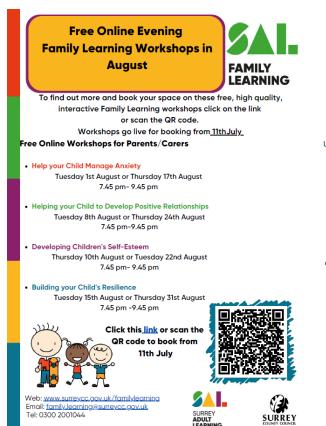
and help with the tidy up Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 3:30pm – 4:30pm Please gather outside

the Community Centre

- All children must be accompanied by an adult
- Equipment provided









Are you a mum? Do you regularly make time for yourself?

We are looking for volunteers to take part in a research study about motherhood and its perceived impact on self-care and psychological well-being.

This research forms part of an MSc Psychological Sciences degree at Brunel University London and involves taking part in a short interview of approximately 30 minutes (on Microsoft Teams) and answering a few questions about your experiences of being a mum and how you look after yourself / carry out selfcare.

This study has been approved by the College of Health, Medicine and Life Science Research Ethics Committee and will take place between 1st June and 7th September 2023. Please note that data collection will end by 31st July 2023.

Your participation in this research is entirely voluntary, anonymous, and confidential and you can withdraw at any point without having to give a reason. We are sorry we can't offer any payment or rewards!

Still interested?

All participants must: Have a child at Worplesdon Primary School. Be above the age of 18.

Unfortunately, you would be unable to take part if pregnant, under 18, have a mental health diagnosis, or know the researcher personally.

If you would like to take part, please email Vanessa Nichols at: 2055962@brunel.ac.uk for more information.

Thank you!

We accept Childcare vouchers, tax free childcare and tax credits/universal credit eligible





Bursary places available. For further information, email Rhiannon Fisher, Head of Creative learning: **rfisher@yvonne-arnaud.co.u**l