



# July 2023 Newsletter

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

Value of the month – Patience

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure, like me, that you can't quite believe that we are about to go into the last two weeks of the Summer term. The children have had another great year and you will be able to read about their individual successes in their **end of year report this evening** (with the exception of year 6 who will receive theirs on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July). On reading the children's reports, I was struck by the values that they are clearly living by each day – resilience, independence, teamwork, curiosity and empathy to name a few. I am mindful that whilst we support your children to apply these values at school, at home, online and in the community, it is your hard work as parents and carers that make it happen. Thank you for everything you do for your children and for your support of the staff at Worpleston; it is greatly appreciated.

The summer term is always busy with so many fun events for the children to enjoy. We were delighted at the values our youngest children demonstrated at the Infant **Sports Day**. The children displayed excellent sportsmanship, encouraging others and showing genuine happiness when others won. It was such a shame that we had to postpone the junior sports days – please keep your fingers crossed for good weather on 18<sup>th</sup> July (9.15am for years 5 & 6 and 1.00pm for years 3 & 4).

With sport in mind, we were fortunate to welcome **Callum Deboy (Paralympian)** to school on Monday. Callum shared his amazing story of overcoming a tragic accident and painful obstacles to become one of Great Britain's great medal prospects for the next Winter Olympics. He talked about the personal challenges he's faced, and the targets he sets himself to be as successful as he can be, irrespective of his disability. After Callum's inspirational assembly, he led a fitness session which motivated both children and staff to be the best they can be. The children raised an amazing £1,000 which shows such thoughtfulness to others; it will help Callum to continue following his dreams and the school will be able to purchase further playground resources.



We have also had a number of other events, including trips to Sayers Croft, workshops at local secondary schools, the year 6 production of Peter Pan and visits to their new classrooms / schools. I was delighted to see that the transition days to new classrooms and schools were successful with children excited about September already.

As we look towards **September**, I would like to remind you that we will have three INSET days at the start of term for staff training (on Safeguarding, Curriculum and Values based Education) so school begins again for children on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

I know that many of you are keen to know about the outcome of our **P.E. Uniform Consultation**. As you know, we carried out a consultation process which included a survey and our community has strongly requested that a change in uniform is needed. We have then consulted with suppliers around costings and lead times. Due to the lead times required to ensure the uniform is available for our community and also for us to ensure that we are providing a uniform which is value for money and durable, we have made the decision to roll this out from September 2024. However, due to the overwhelming feedback from parents about the need to change the current t-shirt, we are working with suppliers to try and introduce the t-shirt sooner. Therefore, we are hoping that you will be able to wait a little longer for us to confirm detail which will be by the end of next week.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions, concerns or feedback. Wishing you a wonderfully sunny weekend.

Best wishes,

*Kareen O'Brien*

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Executive Head Teacher



# Updates & Dates

## GUILDFORD IN BLOOM

On Thursday Mrs Sherlock and 4 children went to the Guildford in Bloom award ceremony at Clandon Park garden centre. We were very excited to find out how well we had done. 12 schools entered and we had to work extra hard this year to meet the judging criteria and include lots of features to help wildlife.

The morning started with the children planting up their own pot to take home, then we listened to a talk about bees and how important they are for our planet. We all learnt so much!

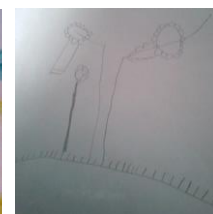
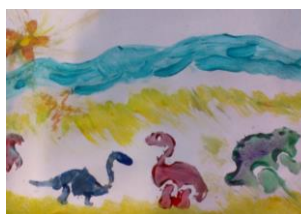
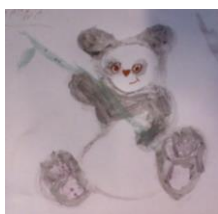
The mayor of Guildford was presenting the awards and we were so pleased to win Gold! The judges were particularly impressed with the bug hotel we had built and how we were taking care of the colony of mining bees.

The children behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.



## WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have held an Art week. The children have had the opportunity to use a variety of resources to create their own masterpieces! The children had access to paints, watercolours, paint stamping, oil pastels and crayons. The results were fantastic. We also had an art class delivered to the children by Ryan in year 5, who is an amazing artist. He taught our reception and year 1 children how to draw a picture of a flower, he then taught our year 5 and year 6 children how to draw a lion's mouth, which they will be finishing off next week with the remainder of the face. Year 2,3 and 3 will also get the opportunity to participate next week as well. Due to the weather being a bit temperamental this week, the children had fun in the hall playing dodgeball. It's fun to see their competitive streaks coming out of them and the great teamwork shown by all the children.



## VACANCY

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and caring assistant for our breakfast and after school club. The successful candidate will be supervising a range of fun, safe and exciting activities along with the other team members. During their time in our club the children will be provided with food which you will be assisting in providing.

You will be working from:

- 7.30am - 8.45am providing before school care
- 3.15pm - 6.00pm providing after school care

If you are interested please contact Jenny Ireland, our School Business Manager ([jiireland@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jiireland@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk)) for more information.



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## FREE DIETICIAN ADVICE SESSION FOR PARENTS IN GUILDFORD

Would you like to join a free advice session with a qualified Dietitian? 🥑🥕🥦🥔🥬🥒

Bianca is very passionate about children and especially helping families dealing with fussy eating or how to manage meal times and snacks.

She will be running an online session on Tuesday 11th July from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Please contact Bianca on [biancab.dietitian@gmail.com](mailto:biancab.dietitian@gmail.com) to register your interest and receive the link - if you have a specific question or issue you would like to discuss in the session you can email this to Bianca on the above address prior to the session.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Can you spare some time, even just half an hour, to help at the Wood Street Village Show this year? The show is taking place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 12noon to 5.00pm and some volunteers are needed to support the existing volunteers by manning a stall or two!

If you're interested in helping support this well-loved community event, please contact Emma on [emma.jones53@outlook.com](mailto:emma.jones53@outlook.com).

**Twelve15** JOIN OUR TEAM

Looking for a secure local term-time only position with great work/life balance and benefits?

Twelve15 is part of Surrey County Council, it has a range of job opportunities. Twelve15 has been delivering high quality and nutritious school meals for over 70 years.

Please [click here](#) to find out more about our current vacancies and apply. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**BURPHAM WELLFEST**

**Rock School Rock Stars** GUILDFORD

**ROCK SCHOOL**

**Sun 9 July 12:30am**

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