



# NEWSFLASH

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND/OR FILMING FOR PERSONAL USE

We appreciate photos and videos can be special mementos and you're welcome to take some for your personal use. However, we must remind you that we take safety very seriously, people are vulnerable in ways you cannot always see and we need to be mindful of protecting our pupils, staff and our community. Therefore, you cannot forward the photos you take in any way until the parent of every child in the photo/video has given you written consent. ***If you ignore this caution, please consider you are personally responsible for any chain of events which could follow.***

To ensure that every member of our school community is clear about their role in keeping every child safe, we have written a new Photography & Filming Policy (which is attached). On Monday, you will receive a form to complete, promising that you will adhere to the policy.

Thank you for your support.



## PRAYER GROUP

If you are a Christian who would like to join a group of parents who pray together for the school community once a month on a Zoom call, please contact Mrs Birchall on [abirchall@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:abirchall@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk).

The next online prayer meeting will be next week at 8.30pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## TERM FEE LETTERS

You will shortly be receiving our autumn term fee letters. We are extremely grateful for the voluntary contributions made by parents across the year. Without these contributions, we would not always be able to offer the enrichment activities we know the children gain so much from. Any payments to the school should be paid online via our ParentMail portal. We always aim to include all pupils in activities and trips, so should payment prove difficult, please contact Mrs O'Brien, as she would be happy to discuss this with you. No child will be discriminated against on the grounds of inability to pay, but if sufficient money is not raised by voluntary contributions, then the activities may have to be cancelled. Many thanks in advance.

## CENSUS & LUNCHES

Next Thursday (5<sup>th</sup> October) is our school census day when the government collect data about our school. This information impacts our next year's funding and so we would like to ensure Worpleston Primary School is in receipt of the maximum amount possible to future proof the success of the school and give our children the best possible resources and staffing.

In order to achieve this, we are holding a special lunch for children to enjoy (hot dog and meat free hot dog/special diets remain the same). All KS1 and free school meal children are eligible for this and will have a school dinner prepared for them. We strongly discourage packed lunches on this day.



## WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

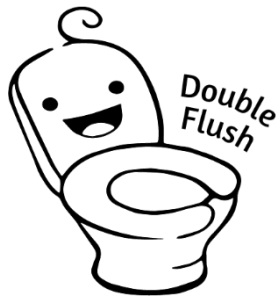
This week at Night Owls we have been looking at Autumn and focusing our activities on this. Our craft activity was making scarecrows from toilet paper tubes. The children used a variety of resources which they then added to their scarecrows including cupcake case hats and lollipop stick arms. We had a table set up where the children could access paints and vegetables to do vegetable printing, making some fabulous designs.



Some children also had the opportunity to take part in a cooking activity where they made vegetable soup. The children chopped up the vegetables and then the adults cooked the soup for them! We have had many more entries handed in for the pet design competition we are entering into. We will be sending these off in the next few weeks but the children have been very creative as you can see from our photo.



Next week we will be focusing on space and creating aliens from junk modelling.



**You are invited to the launch of the Double Flush Project**

at St Mary's Church, Worplesdon on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Join us at 3pm as we share our vision for a much-needed new kitchen and accessible toilet area.

Free refreshments will follow, then we will move to the 'Worplesdon Praise' part of the afternoon a combination of specially chosen hymns and poems.

'For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.' *Jeremiah 29*

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## BERTIE BOOS' NEWSFLASH

We have noticed lots of small and big humans sniffing and sneezing this week. Snuggle up, stay warm, rest and re-charge ready for next week. As the days get shorter and the nights draw in, October is the month when we celebrate Halloween and have a break from school for Half Term.



We have chosen some of our favourite celebrations and special days to share with you...

- **World Smile Day**  
*5th Oct 2023*  
A day started by Harvey Ball, creator of the smiley, as a day which is dedicated to smiles and kind acts throughout the world.
- **Grandparents Day UK**  
*10th Oct 2023*  
Grandparents Day in October is the UK's celebration of grandmothers, grandfathers and all grandparents. It is a day to appreciate and show your love for your grandparents.

- **Harry Potter Book Day**

*12th Oct 2023*

Harry Potter Book Day (formerly Night) is a chance for fans young and old to celebrate J.K. Rowling's wonderful series - and it's a chance to pass the magic on to new readers who haven't yet discovered these unforgettable books.

- **Halloween**

*31st Oct 2023*

The worldwide celebration of all things spooky and scary. Halloween is thought to have its roots in the pagan festival of Samhain which was a type of harvest festival. It is celebrated with trick or treating, dressing up and decorations.

- **Guy Fawkes Night**

*5th Nov 2023*

When the British celebrate the Gunpowder Plot conspirator's failure to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Also known as Bonfire Night or Fireworks Night. It is celebrated with fireworks and the burning of an effigy on a bonfire, known as a Guy.

- **Remembrance Day**

*11th Nov 2023*

The day when we remember those members of the armed forces who gave their lives in conflict. The date was chosen to commemorate the end of hostilities of the First World War on 11th November 1918.

- **Diwali**

*12th Nov 2023*

Diwali is the Hindu festival of Lights, which is celebrated with fireworks, dancing, music, the decoration of homes and feasting. The most important aspect is decorating with lights, especially the traditional Diwa candles.

- **World Kindness Day**

*13th Nov 2023*

A day to celebrate and promote kindness in all its forms, and to appreciate the positive benefits of kindness to health, overall wellbeing, community, nature and the environment.

- **Odd Socks Day**

*13th Nov 2023*

Odd Socks Day marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. All you have to do is wear odd socks to school or work.

- **World Hello Day**

*21st Nov 2023*

Anyone can participate in World Hello Day simply by greeting ten people. This demonstrates the importance of personal communication for preserving.