



December 2023 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

Value of the month – Care & Compassion

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see the teaching teams across both schools working hard yesterday evening adding festive decorations, including class advent calendars in every class, ready for children to enjoy today. The next few weeks our Christmas festivities continue, kicking off with our Christmas Fair this Sunday (11.30 – 2.30pm), followed by the infant Christmas plays and the junior carol services. Many families have booked their seats via ParentMail; if you haven't already booked your seats, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Please be aware that we have not asked you to book seats for the Carol Services at the church; seating is limited so we are advising parents to arrive early and to respect our request of one family member per child.

With only 24 sleeps until Christmas, it is no surprise that the children are going to be excited. However, it is important that we continue to maintain the children's exemplary behaviour so that they continue to make the most of every day. As you know, we support your children's behaviour by following the school's Behaviour Policy and continuing to teach the children our school values in assemblies and through our Learning for Life lessons. Last month we focused on the value of 'understanding', exploring how we can understand ourselves, understand others and understand our part in caring for our world. This month we are focusing on 'care and compassion'. In school, we are positively recognising children for living by other school values. If you have any examples of your child(ren) demonstrating the school values at home, I would love to hear about it (via my email: head@worpleston.surrey.sch.uk) so I can give them a special Values Certificate. In addition, I will be launching a new initiative at the start of next term which is about giving back to others – more to follow in the New Year.

Strongly linked to behaviour is our relentless focus on uniform. There is much evidence to show that when children take pride in their uniform, they feel a sense of belonging and respect towards school and therefore this support their behaviour. Obviously, the children cannot adhere to our uniform policy without your support so please can I ask that you ensure your children are in smart, compliant uniform every day. Please see overleaf a reminder of our uniform expectations.

Thank you to those families working hard to improve or maintain their child's attendance. Currently, our school attendance is 95.1% which I am delighted to tell you is significantly above the national average of 93.6%. As you know, every day in school counts; there is a strong link between attendance and children's academic achievement. Please continue to work with us so that we continue improve attendance so that we meet our target of 96.4% by the end of the academic year.

Thank you to all those families who read my message last week asking for everyone to take action to improve the **traffic issues** around the school. Many children were keen to tell me that they had:

- ✓ parked further from the school gate
- ✓ used more green travel
- ✓ made sure not to park on a corner or yellow lines
- ✓ not blocked residents drives

Disappointingly, there continues to be a small but significant number of families who are *not* adhering to these rules which is dangerous for our children. This means that myself and senior leaders have to monitor parking every morning and afternoon, moving cars on from dangerous and disrespectful positions. Furthermore, when children are waiting to cross the road, rather than cars slowing to allow those children to cross, some drivers just drive past. Please can I ask that **each and every one of us takes responsibility** to drive with respect and safety at the forefront of our minds, being positive role models to our wonderful children in our care. It would be absolutely devastating if anything were to happen to one of the children in my care due to dangerous driving or parking.

I hope, like me, you will treasure the next few weeks as we build up to Christmas. If there are any families who are having any difficulties during this time, please do not hesitate to contact a senior leader.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien

Kareen O'Brien (Executive Head Teacher)



Updates & Dates

UNIFORM

Boys

- Sensible black shoes – not trainers. Short, black ankle boots are permitted
- Grey trousers (long or short)
- Light blue polo shirt / shirt
- Scarlet v-neck sweater or sweatshirt
- Grey or black socks

Girls

- Sensible black shoes – not trainers. Short, black ankle boots are permitted
- **Winter**
- Grey pinafore dress or skirt or grey shorts or trousers of approved design
- Light blue blouse or polo shirt
- Scarlet v-neck sweater, cardigan or sweatshirt
- Black or grey tights or socks (either short or long)
- **Summer**
- Pale blue gingham dress
- White socks with the summer dresses

- Hairbands should be plain in style without, for example, bows or flowers
- Make up, nail varnish and tattoos must not be worn in school
- Boys' hairstyles should not include tramlines
- Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The forms for our internally run clubs will go live via ParentMail next Wednesday afternoon (06.12.2023). The staff led clubs available in the Spring term will be as follows:

Miss Parker	Year 3 & 4 Book Club	Starlings	Monday 8.15am – 8.40am
Mr Bowers & Mr Bowers	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football Club	Field	Monday 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Ms Baynes	Junior Choir	PAC	Monday 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Ms Baynes	Recorder Club	PAC	Tuesday 8.00am – 8.45am
Mr Kennedy	Year 5 & 6 Running Club	Junior playground	Tuesday 8.15am – 8.45am
Mrs Sherlock	Junior Forest School	Environmental area	Tuesday 3.20pm – 4.20pm From 20/2/2024 (after half term)
Mrs O'Brien	Year 5 & 6 Netball Club	Junior playground	Thursday 7.45am – 8.45am
Mrs Bassett-Cross, Mrs Woodruff & Mr Clifton	Infant Fun Sports (Reception, Year 1 & 2)	Junior playground	Friday 3.20pm - 4:00pm



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WELL DONE

A massive "well done and thank you" to Ava, Lissy, Olivia, Emily, Charlotte, Isla and Erin (Year 5) who held a cake sale on Monday to raise money for the 'Make a Wish UK' children's charity. The cake sale was a great success with the girls raising over £110 in cash and £30 online.



Also, we would like to congratulate Jackdaws class who held a cake sale on Thursday to raise money for Cancer Research UK, they raised an impressive £171.

It is lovely to see so many of our children using their initiative and wanting to raise money for people less fortunate than themselves, it makes us all very proud. As always, thank you for your continued support.

YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A group of our Year 6 boys took part in a football tournament yesterday at George Abbot school, they behaved and played admirably! It was a joy and an absolute pleasure to coach and watch from the side-lines, great football skills and determination was on show from Worpleston.

We played 5 games in total collecting 7pts winning 2, losing 2 and drawing 1 which meant we finished an impressive 3rd place.

"Well done boys".
Mr Bowers



Worpleston Primary School's first Christmas Fair in 4 years is taking place this Sunday 3rd December from 11:30am - 2:30pm.

The PTA volunteer elves have been working hard to bring you:

✿ Super Talented Stall Holders, Hot Food & Drink, Games, Craft, Face Painting, Tombolas, Show Choir, Christmas Trees, Santa (for those who pre-booked) and even a unicorn and race cars ✿. The raffle draw will also take place live at 1pm.

There will be lots of lovely things to buy and games to play. **Don't forget to bring lots of change and a bag to take your goodies home.**

Look forward to seeing you there!

PRISTINE GARDENS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pristine Gardens for generously donating a Christmas tree to the school. Without this generosity we wouldn't be able to make the school look so Christmassy for the children, thank you.





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WORPLESDON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
WELCOMES YOU TO OUR
CHRISTMAS FAIR
FREE ENTRY
GRAND RAFFLE
PRINCESS THE UNICORN
LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS
HOWE & CO FISH & CHIPS
DOE WOOD FIRED PIZZA
KID'S CRAFTS, GAMES & PRIZES
DECEMBER 3RD • 11:30-14:30
WORPLESDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
140 ENVIS WAY, GU3 3NL
WORPLESDONPRIMARYPTA@GMAIL.COM
DISCLAIMER: VENDORS/ACTIVITIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SAVE THE DATE
CHRISTMAS FAIR
WOOD STREET INFANTS SCHOOL
OAK HILL, GUILDFORD, GU3 3DA
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2PM TO 4PM
THINK GIFT STALLS, TOMBOLAS, GAMES, ELVES GROTTO, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE AND CAROL SINGING
Friendswoodstreet@gmail.com for more information

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AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY
KENT SURREY SUSSEX
Carol Concert
Guildford Cathedral, Surrey
Monday 18 December 2023, 7.30pm
Get in the festive spirit with our magical Carol Concert.
Sing your favourite carols and help raise vital funds for your local air ambulance charity.
Without you we can't save lives. Your support will help us keep more families together this Christmas.
Tickets from £12
Buy your tickets now
aakss.org.uk/carolsguildford
Charity no. 1021367
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KENT SURREY SUSSEX
We're your local air ambulance charity
It costs over £45k a day to run our life-saving service.
87% of that is funded by people like you.
Find out more about our life-saving charity
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Charity no. 1021367

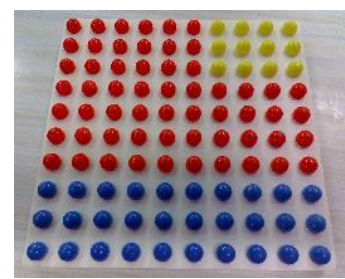
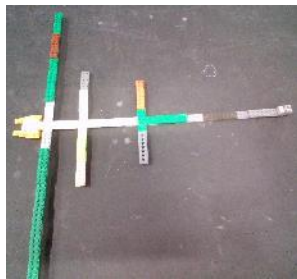


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EARLY BIRDS & NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have been looking forward to the arrival of December and the celebrations and fun that are had. The children have had the opportunity to design and make their own advent calendars. They came up with some wonderful designs to draw on their calendars and how it is nice to have a calendar to open with a picture inside of it rather than chocolate! With the cold weather here, the children have had lots of resources to play with inside. The Lego is a particular hit and Dexter made an amazing Tetradactyl as you can see from our picture. The children also like playing with our coloured pegs and boards making their own patterns and designs.

Next week we will continue with our Christmas theme and the children will be making a variety of decorations. These can either be taken home or used to decorate the school hall in preparation for our Christmas lunch day.



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LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

Tuesday 27 Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24		Understanding the Teenage Brain Why they think, feel and behave very differently from adults
Tuesday 28th Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24		What is ACT? Acceptance & Commitment Therapy. How it can help with anger, anxiety and neurodiversity
Thursday 30th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24		Understanding Addictive Behaviour Screens, Gaming, Vaping and more
Thursday 4th Jan 19:00 - 21:00 £24		Supporting a Child with ADHD Interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk. info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety, Anger, Neurodiversity What is ACT?



Acceptance & Commitment Therapy (ACT)
This powerful therapeutic approach can be used to support anxiety, anger and neurodiversity

Book Online £24
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**WE'RE CONSULTING
ON THE PROVISION OF
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT
LOCATIONS ACROSS
THE PARISH**
CLOSING DATE FOR RESPONSES:
31 DECEMBER 2023

