



May 2018 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents,

The Summer term has started positively with congratulations to Miss Francis who had a beautiful baby girl (Indy Rose) on 20th April. In classrooms, the children have been busy learning about their new topics and finding out about their up and coming school trips.

As you know, I have had the pleasure of teaching Swifts Class for the last three weeks; I have thoroughly enjoyed getting back into the classroom and I would like to thank the leadership team for taking on additional responsibilities during this period. I am now passing Swifts Class into the capable hands of Miss Sabey for the rest of the term and I look forward to catching up with you all over the next few weeks.

Our assemblies in May will focus on the value of Optimism. We have started learning how to be positive about the future and how to be confident about our next steps. If you have any examples of your child(ren) demonstrating Optimism or any of our school values at home, I would love to hear about it (via my email: head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk) so I can give them a 'special head teacher note of thanks'. For those children who do not like a fuss, I can simply send a note home 😊.

During the summer term we will continue to focus on our attendance figures and in previous years I have noted that some children's attendance can slip in the third term. At Worpleston we firmly believe that all pupils benefit from regular school attendance. We know that every day lost to education can have a serious impact on children's attainment and overall progress in school. Currently our attendance is 96% (which mean that we are currently meeting our target of 96%). I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those families adhering to our Attendance Policy; it is much appreciated. In line with Local Authority policies, we make referrals to our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) for those children with poor attendance with the aim that the EWO can support individual families in improving their child's attendance.

Finally, it is really important that we continue to work in partnership. It has come to my attention that some parents are unsure about who to contact about a concern or a question. I strongly encourage all parents to communicate with their child's class teacher in the first instance then a senior leader if a question has not been answered or an issue not resolved. I have included a table of our senior leaders later in this newsletter for your reference. If you or your child(ren) have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, a senior leader or myself.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien

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Head Teacher

Value of the month – Optimism



Updates & Dates

SENIOR LEADERS

Head Teacher	Mrs K O'Brien
Deputy Head Teacher	Mrs L Bassett-Cross
EYFS (Summer term only)	Mrs K O'Brien
KS1	Mrs L Potts
KS1 (Interim)	Mrs V Bowyer
Year 3 leader	Mr D Torjussen
Lower KS2	Miss O Dale
Year 5 leader	Mrs R Woodruff
Upper KS2	Mrs J Lowes

WORPLESDON GAZETTE

Please click on the link below to see the latest edition of the Worpleston Gazette...

<https://worplestonjays2.wixsite.com/theworpledongazette>

2019-2020 TERM DATES

Attached you will find the term dates for 2019-2020 that have now been set by Surrey County Council.

CHANGE IN PICK-UP DETAILS/MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please could we ask that if there is a change in pick-up details for your child(ren), you contact the School Office before mid-day where possible thus providing the office staff with enough time to deliver the message. We appreciate that this may not be possible in the case of an emergency.

Also, when booking medical appointments (if routine), please try and get an appointment out of school hours so the children are not missing valuable school time.

HALF TERM FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

Guildford Borough Council has collated some useful information on activities for children and young people taking place in Guildford over the May half term. Details of play-schemes, arts and crafts, sports activities, family days out and much more can be found on their website:

www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all those parents who took time to complete our parent questionnaire. In addition to the raw data, there were many comments which were extremely informative and we have created an action plan so that we can use your feedback to make further improvements to Worpleston Primary School. You will find both the Positive Questionnaire Comments and Summary and Actions documents attached.



Updates & Dates



IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Content
7.5.18	Bank holiday
9.5.18-11.5.18	Year 4 residential to PGL
11.5.18 (2.45pm)	Swifts class assembly
14.5.18-17.5.18	Year 6 SATS
16.5.18 (8.50am)	Prayer Group (PAC)
17.5.18 (6.00pm)	Year 1 Phonics Screening Parents Talk
18.5.18 (9.00am)	Year 1 Phonics Screening Parents Talk
18.5.18 (2.45pm)	Marchants Hill assembly
21.5.18	Summer Soiree auditions (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
22.5.18	Reception trip to Bocketts Farm
23.5.2018 (6.30pm)	Year 6 IOW Parents Meeting
25.5.18 (2.45pm)	Finches class assembly
25.5.18 (3.15pm)	Finish for half term break
4.6.18 (8.50am)	Return to school
4.6.18 (w/c)	Year 6 Bikeability
6.6.18	Year 1 trip to Look Out
12.6.18 (pm)	Junior sports afternoon
13.6.18 (pm)	Infant sports afternoon
13.6.18 (7.00pm)	New to Year 3 parents evening
14.6.18 (7.00pm)	New Reception parents evening
15.6.18	PTA Fathers Day sale
15.6.18 (2.45pm)	Swallows class assembly
16.6.18	PTA Summer ball
18.6.18-22.6.18	Year 6 residential to Isle of Wight
20.5.18 (8.50am)	Prayer Group (PAC)
22.6.18 (2.45pm)	Kingfishers class assembly
25.6.18 (w/c)	Year 6 Bikeability
26.6.18	Year 2 trip to Birdworld
27.6.18 (3.30pm-4.30pm)	New Reception drop-in afternoon
28.6.18 (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Summer Soiree
29.6.18 (2.45pm)	Owls class assembly
1.7.18	PTA Summer Festival of Fun
2.7.18	New classes announced to parents
3.7.18	Whole school transition day
10.7.18	District sports
11.7.18	Potted sports day
11.7.18	Reports home to parents
16.7.18 (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Year 5 & 6 production
19.7.18 (1.45pm)	Finish for Summer break