

# **July 2018 Newsletter**

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

#### A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents,

In my June newsletter, I promised you a busy and fun end of term and I don't think we've disappointed you!

I was so proud of how the children engaged with our Sports Days this term. Our aim was for our children to enjoy the social and physical aspects, as well as encouraging the competitive element which comes with these events - I believe we achieved this. However, more notable, were the values that I saw the children demonstrating throughout the events. I witnessed children: celebrating others achievements; encouraging each other to keep going; and reassuring friends who may have missed out on a medal with some children going home and making a medal for their friend the next day! I was very proud!

Following our Sports Days was the Summer Soiree which was a wonderful event. As the children already know, music is not one of my strengths so I was incredibly impressed with the high standard of performances. I would like to thank the children, the music teachers and Mrs Spencer for all their hard work and for inspiring me to get better at music!

The PTA have also been extremely busy this term, organising both the Summer Ball and Summer Fair. Both events were very well attended with lots of positive feedback about both. I would like to thank both the organisers and those who attended. It is events like these that raise much needed funds for the school.

As we move towards the end of term, we start to prepare for the next academic year! The children have benefited from a transition day on Tuesday which was a huge success and I hope the children are excited as the staff about next year. In preparation for next year, the teaching team will have meetings over the next week to find out about the children coming into their class (in September 2018). These meetings are vital to ensure a smooth transition at the start of next term.

Whilst there are only nine days left until the summer holidays begin, I would like to remind you that at Worplesdon every day counts and the children's learning will be continuing until the last day of term. Currently our attendance is 95.8%, against our target of 96%. Please continue to support us right up to the end of term!

Finally, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, you will receive your child's end of year report and your child's books will be slowly sent home during the last week of term. We hope you will enjoy looking through your child's books, reading their reports and celebrating their achievements this year. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss the content of the report further.

Thank you for being such a wonderful community.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien Head Teacher

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# **Updates & Dates**

#### **LUNCHTIMES**

As you know we have been successfully introducing equipment back in to the playground. Feedback from children and parents has suggested that we need to clarify the equipment that children are allowed to bring in to school. The children are allowed to bring in their own balls (footballs and tennis balls), skipping ropes, yo-yos and cards (which they must NOT trade). Please can any equipment that is brought in to school be labelled. In addition to this, the school also provides equipment such as skipping ropes, netballs and basketballs.



## **SPONSORED EVENT**

Next Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup> July) the children will be taking part in a Sponsored Event we are hoping that the weather will be a little cooler for them by then! Yesterday, sponsor forms were sent home via the children's book bags. 75% of the money raised will go towards resources for the school and 25% will go to our chosen charity, Disability Challengers. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

#### **CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS**

You should have received your child(ren)'s class photograph. These are available to order either online or via the School Office. If you are ordering through the school, please can you make sure that your envelope(s) are returned by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July at the latest. Any orders received at school after this date will be returned and you will have to order direct with the company.

## **OUTSTANDING BALANCES**

If you have any outstanding balances (breakfast and/or after school club/lunch money), please can you make sure that these are settled before the end of term, ideally by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. All accounts either need to have a zero balance or be in credit. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to speak with Mrs O'Brien.

## THE WORPLESDON GAZETTE

The new issue of 'The Worplesdon Gazette' is now available to view online. The newspaper team would really appreciate it if you could take the time to read their articles. Many thanks. https://worplesdonjays2.wixsite.com/theworplesdongazette



### **HEAT WAVE**

Please could we remind you to send your child(ren) in to school having had sun cream applied, a sun hat and a water bottle (that can be refilled throughout the day). Thank you!

### **SUMMER FESTIVAL OF FUN**

Thank you to all the families who came and supported our Summer fair. Fun was had by all and what glorious weather we had! We are still counting the money we raised and we will let you know the total soon.



#### IMPORTANT DATES

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Date	Content
11.7.18	Sponsored event
11.7.18	Reports home to parents
17.7.18 (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Year 5 & 6 production
19.7.18 (1.45pm)	Finish for Summer break