



# October 2018 Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe how quickly the weeks are passing! It has been a pleasure watching the children settle back in to school life so well with our youngest children in reception coping well with long and busy days. Please look out for the 'first day at school' photograph of our reception children in the Surrey Advertiser which goes on sale today.

Since our INSET days at the start of term, teaching staff have been busy designing their new curriculum with an exciting thematic approach underpinned with the basic skills. The teaching staff are looking forward to meeting with you at our Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October to share the children's learning since the start of term. Teachers will meet you for your appointment in classrooms and the children's books will be available for you to look at before and after your appointment. Please make sure you have made your appointment via our Parentmail booking system. If you have any concerns with our online booking system, please contact our Office team who will be happy to help.

As you know, the value for the month of September was responsibility and our discussions included children taking responsibility for many things including getting up in the morning, following the home routine and wearing the correct uniform; I hope you noticed some improvements ☺. As we move into October, the value for the month is Respect. We will be focusing on respect for ourselves, others and our community. With this in mind, we will be discussing the importance of our school uniform which we should wear with pride. Please help your children be wonderful ambassadors of Worpleston Primary School by wearing their uniform smartly and by wearing the appropriate uniform. Please can I remind you that:

- Sensible black shoes must be worn (not trainers)
- Make up and nail varnish may not be worn;
- Jewellery must not be worn (except a watch and plain stud earrings which the children must be able to remove for P.E.);
- Girls should wear plain hair / alic bands and clips, not over-sized hair bands, bows or 'jojo' bows;
- Body adornments such as mimic tattoos are not acceptable in school.

I am extremely grateful to the community for continuing to help make the area surrounding our site safe for all the children. The community has clearly pulled together to:

- ✓ Make a promise to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride at least once a week;
- ✓ Park considerately often driving further away from the school entrance;
- ✓ Never parking or dropping off on the zig zag lines at the front of the school;
- ✓ Never parking across residents' driveways.

However, there continue to be a small number of parents who ignore the highway code and I would ask parents to refer to the Borough Council's guidance: *'If you have concerns regarding a parking problem in an area where there are parking restrictions, please contact your Borough / District Council in the first instance. You might also consider raising the issue with your local councillor if this is an ongoing problem.'* Contact details are: <http://www.parish-council.com/Worpleston> for the Parish Council and you could also contact Councillor David Elms (email: [David.Elms@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:David.Elms@guildford.gov.uk)) or Bob McShee (email: [bob.mcshee@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:bob.mcshee@guildford.gov.uk)).

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Karen O'Brien  
Head Teacher

Value of the month – Respect



# Updates & Dates



## HARVEST CREATIONS

Harvest time is fast approaching. We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest with an assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> October. As part of our celebrations, we will be thinking of others and would like to collect donations for the North Guildford Food Bank. We will be asking the children to bring in-date items such as tinned or dried foods. Further details will follow next week.

In addition, we would like to invite the children to take part in a Harvest Competition of a different kind. Instead of the usual Harvest Creatures made from food (which is then thrown away), we are going to ask them to make a magnificent picture or 3d model using recyclable items including items from nature. We look forward to seeing what their imaginations come up with ☺.



## IMPORTANT DATES (Please remember the whole school calendar is on our school website)

Date	What is happening?
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 6 Greek Day
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October (7.00pm-8.00pm)</b>	Reception Curriculum Evening
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October (2.45pm)</b>	Magpies Class Assembly
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Book Fair
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October (3.00pm - 6.00pm)</b>	Parents Consultations (details to follow)
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October (5.00pm – 7.30pm)</b>	Parents Consultations (details to follow)
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Finish for Half Term Break
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October (8.50am)</b>	Return to School
<b>W/C Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 3 & Year 5 swimming starts
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Mufti Day (details to follow)
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November (2.45pm)</b>	Larks Class Assembly
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Mufti Day (details to follow)
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November (2.45pm)</b>	Jays Class Assembly
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	PTA Mufti Day (details to follow)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (2.45pm)</b>	Robins Class Assembly
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November (2.45pm)</b>	Woodpeckers Class Assembly
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	PTA Christmas Fair (details to follow)
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December (2.00pm)</b>	Reception Nativity
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December (9.15am)</b>	Reception Nativity
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December (9.15am &amp; 2.00pm)</b>	Year 1 Christmas Production
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December (2.00pm &amp; 6.00pm)</b>	Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Service
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (9.15am &amp; 2.00pm)</b>	Year 2 Christmas Production
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (9.30am &amp; 11.15am)</b>	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Carol Service
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (pm)</b>	Christmas Class Parties
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (1.45pm)</b>	Finish for Christmas Break
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January (8.50am)</b>	Return to School