



# February 2018 Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the cold, wet and windy weather we have been experiencing, I am delighted to say that the term has started well. We began the term by launching our new Behaviour Policy which was shared in detail with you in a previous letter. It has been great to receive feedback from children and parents with some requesting the same system at home! As always, your feedback is essential so that we can continue to develop and improve on the implementation of this policy so please keep taking the time to provide us with your views.

With feedback in mind, I would like to find out your views on Worplesdon Primary School. I was hoping that you could spare 5 minutes to complete our questionnaire. Please click on the link to access: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WPSparentquestionnaire>. I have told the children that a house point will be given for each questionnaire completed ☺. Once I have collated the results, I will of course share this with the whole school community including our agreed action points.

Feedback during the Autumn term included a request for our dates to be shared with more notice given. I am pleased to say that the team at Worplesdon have been working hard to create a calendar of events for the rest of the academic year. This calendar is published on our new website and a pdf version is also attached to this newsletter. Please note that we will endeavour not to make any changes to dates set but sometimes there may be reasons to do so. Over the course of the year, there will be additional dates added to the calendar and we will clearly communicate that via our newswatches.

Some important dates for your diary this term are Parent Consultations. Reception to year 5 consultations are on:

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 3.30pm-6.00pm
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 5.00pm-7.30pm

For all year groups (except year 6), parents will receive an interim report before Parent Consultations which will be the basis for your meetings. We hope you will find these interim reports a useful tool to find out how well your child is doing against the national expectations set by the Government.

Year 6 Parents Consultations are on:

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 1.30pm-7.00pm
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 3.30pm-7.00pm

For those children in Year 6, parents will be given their child's attainment and progress against End of Key Stage Standards, as discussed at the SATs information evening.

This month in assemblies we have been focusing on goals, with particular attention on our whole school goal of 'everyone being happy'. We have explored the new Behaviour Policy in detail, taking time to understand our four rules:

- **T**alk and act positively
- **E**mbrace and follow instructions
- **A**ct kindly, keeping hands and feet to themselves
- **M**ake themselves be the best they can be


Once secure in our rules, we reflected on the decisions we can make to ensure we follow these rules. Linked with the value for the month of January (Quality), we thought about our qualities and characteristics and explored ways of developing these further so that we can **be the best we can be**. We are now moving on to the value of 'Appreciation'. 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@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk)) so I can give them a 'special head teacher note of thanks'.

With my long standing goal of 'improving parking around our school site', please can I remind parents **not** to park on the zig zag lines. We want to keep this area free of cars so that our children can cross safely. Furthermore, it is helpful if we can follow an unofficial one way system at the busy times of school drop off and pick up. We ask you to drive past with the school on your left and follow Envis Way until it joins Brocks Drive to exit Fairlands Estate. We have found that this one way system helps the traffic to flow and eases congestion, making everyone's journey to and from school a better one!

This term, the PTA have already organised several fun events including Clubbercise and two school discos for the upper school. The money raised will fund a buddy bench in each playground, playground markings and new equipment for the children to enjoy at playtimes. In addition to all the wonderful events that our PTA organise for us, there is a simple way you could raise money for the school without any additional cost to yourself. The 'Easy Fundraising' app (<https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/>) is a shopping app linked to thousands of shops and sites. Every time you go shopping on line via the Easy Fundraising app, the school gets money. It would be great if we could get more parents and grandparents using this app.

Finally, I would like to remind you that we strive to have an Open Door policy at Worplesdon which means that we welcome your feedback. If you or your child(ren) have any questions or concerns as the term proceeds, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or myself. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

  
Karen O'Brien

Value of the month – Appreciation



# Updates & Dates



## SPORTS EVENTS

### Sportshall Athletics

Well done to the Year 5 & 6 team who went to the Spectrum Leisure Centre on Monday, they finished a very credible 6<sup>th</sup> place. Year 2 went on Thursday and did really well finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Year 5 Football

This week it was the Year 5 football teams turn to play St Joseph's. The A Team drew 1-1 after an excellent performance by the St Joseph's goalkeeper. The B Team were unlucky to lose 1-0 after a very close game.

## HEALTHY SNACKS

Please could we remind you that snacks children bring into school must be fruit or veg only. No Fruit Winders or cereal bars, thank you for your continued support.



## BOWS & HEADBANDS

Please can you make sure if your child(ren) wear a bow or headband that it is a school colour, plain and small.

## HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER

We would like to congratulate Mrs Jeanette Ireland who has recently been appointed as one of our Home School Link Workers, she will be carrying out this role on a Tuesday and Friday.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Content
9.2.18 (am)	Year 6 Surrey University science workshop
9.2.18 (3.15pm)	Finish for half term break
19.2.18 (8.50am)	Return to school
19.2.18 (1.30pm-7.00pm)	Year 6 parents consultations
20.2.18 (3.30pm-7.00pm)	Year 6 parents consultations
21.2.18 (8.45am)	Prayer Group in PAC
1.3.18	World book day
2.3.18 (2.45pm)	Doves class assembly
2.3.18	Interim reports to parents
7.3.18 (3.30pm-6.00pm)	Rec, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 parents consultations
8.3.18 (5.00pm-7.30pm)	Rec, Year 1,2, 3, 4 & 5 parents consultations
8.3.18	Year 5 trip to Milestones Museum
9.3.18	PTA Mothers day sale
14.3.18	Class photographs
16.3.18 (2.45pm)	Larks class assembly
19.3.18-22.3.18	Year 6 Mock SATS
21.3.18 (8.45am)	Prayer group in PAC
23.3.18	Sports relief
23.3.18	Year 5 & 6 NSPCC workshops
23.3.18 (2.45pm)	Starlings class assembly
27.3.18	Year 3 & 4 Spring sing
29.3.18	Easter egg assembly & competition
29.3.18	PTA Easter Smartie tubes
29.3.18 (1.45pm)	Finish for Easter break
16.4.18 (8.50am)	Return to school
20.4.18	Winning class Smartie party
7.5.18	Bank holiday
9.5.18-11.5.18	Year 4 residential to PGL
14.5.18-17.5.18	Year 6 SATS
25.5.18 (3.15pm)	Finish for half term break
4.6.18 (8.50am)	Return to school
12.6.18 (pm)	Junior sports afternoon
13.6.18 (pm)	Infant sports afternoon
14.6.18 (7.00pm)	New Rec parents evening
15.6.18	PTA Fathers day sale
16.6.18	PTA Summer ball
18.6.18-22.6.18	Year 6 residential to Isle of Wight
10.7.18	District sports
11.7.18	Potted sports day
16.7.18 (2.00pm & 6.00pm)	Year 5 & 6 production
19.7.18 (1.45pm)	Finish for Summer break

