



December 2017 Newsletter

Helping your child develop a love for life and learning

A MESSAGE FROM MRS O'BRIEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, Christmas is definitely on its way. We have the Christmas Fair this weekend to kick start the festivities followed by the infant Christmas Plays and the junior Carol Services. It's great to see so many families booking their tickets for these events; if you haven't already booked your seats, please contact the school office as soon as possible. You will be receiving your tickets via your child's school bag. It is really important that you bring your tickets to the performance so that we can ensure we do not exceed the number of people we are allowed in our school hall.

Since my last newsletter, staff continue to work hard to achieve the best outcomes for the children at Worplesdon. Progress against our School Development Plan targets include:

- Teaching children playground games and slowly introducing resources back into the playground.
- Piloting new behaviour management strategies that promote positive language and lead to regular class wide rewards.
- Continuing to develop planning for the teaching of a mastery curriculum whereby every child is expected to achieve the objective. However, some will require carefully scaffolded support and other children will prove they are secure in their learning and ready to be challenged for depth in their learning (which will involve the application of their learning).
- Improving attendance so that children understand that every day at school counts. I am delighted to inform you that our attendance is currently **96.6%**. Thank you to all those families adhering to our attendance policy; it is much appreciated.

Last month, in our assemblies and Learning for Life lessons, we focused on the value of 'understanding' and we explored how to show understanding to others (for example by giving another your time, actively listening, talking less and giving reassurance), how to be tolerant and how to forgive. Whilst learning about the value of understanding, we also took the opportunity to promote 'Anti-Bullying' week. At Worplesdon, we believe the children should feel safe and happy in school, and feel confident to seek support from school should they feel unhappy or unsafe. We aim to establish an ethos in which staff, pupils and parents feel comfortable to report incidents and where they can feel confident that their concerns are dealt with sensitively, promptly and effectively. A child friendly anti bullying leaflet will be coming home in your child's school bag today, please take some time to share it with your child.

This month, we are focusing on Care & 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@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk) so I can give them a 'special head teacher note of thanks'. I had three emails last month which was great but I know there are more amazing examples out there so please get emailing ☺.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Flashman back from her maternity leave. She will be teaching in year one (alongside Mrs Clarke) when Mrs Potts takes her maternity leave.

Wishing you a wonderful few weeks as we build up to Christmas.

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien

Value of the month – Care & Compassion



Updates & Dates



Cold weather clothes

During this cold snap, we will be insisting that every child wears a coat when outside at playtime/lunchtime and hope that you can support us by ensuring your child has a coat in school every day. It is also great when the children bring in their hats, scarves and gloves too! Furthermore, for PE lessons the children require their tracksuit; we will ask the children to wear the spare kit provided if they do not have their tracksuit in school.

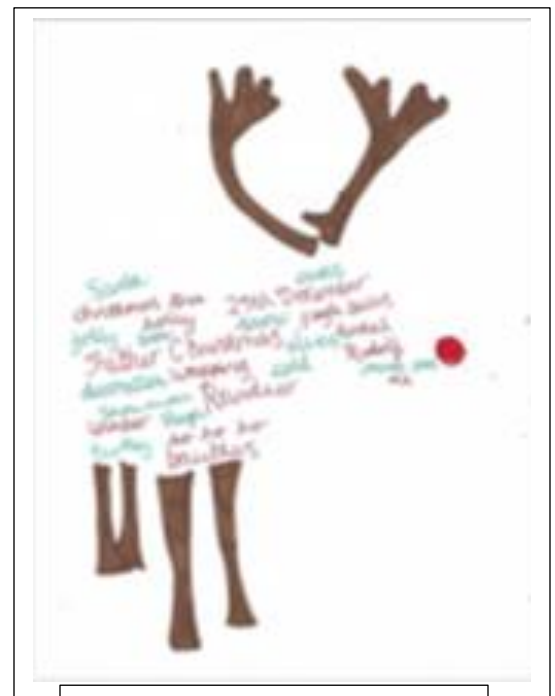
Sport

A huge well done to the year 5 and 6 football teams who recently competed in the Guildford District football tournament. Both teams played fantastically throughout and reached the final within their own year group. The year 6 team were very unlucky to lose on the lottery of penalties. The year 5 played valiantly but unfortunately lost 1-0. In addition to reaching the final, the year 5 team were also given a fair play award based on their honesty during the tournament which is one of Worplesdon's values of the month. We are very proud of them!



Important Dates

Date	Content
2.12.17	Cake sale auction donations to school (2.00pm-5.00pm)
3.12.17	Cake sale auction donations to school (10.00am-11.00am)
3.12.17	PTA Christmas fair
8.12.17	Kingfishers class assembly at 2.45pm
11.12.17	Reception nativity at 10.00am
11.12.17	Year 2 Christmas show at 2.00pm
12.12.17	Reception nativity at 10.00am
12.12.17	Year 1 Christmas show at 2.00pm
13.12.17	Year 1 Christmas show at 9.15am
14.12.17	Christmas lunch
14.12.17 (am)	Year 3 Carol service (St Mary's Church)
14.12.17 (pm)	Year 4 Carol service (St Mary's Church)
14.12.17	Year 2 Christmas show at 2.00pm
15.12.17	Christmas jumper day
19.12.17 (10am)	Year 5 & 6 Carols to local residents and grandparents
19.12.17 (6pm)	Year 5 & 6 Carols to parents (FULL)
21.12.17	School closes at 1.45pm
4.1.18	School opens at 8.40am



Lucy Tough
Jays Class, Year 6

Fundraising

One of our parents, Stephen McGarrigle has recently started fundraising for Shooting Star Chase. He is planning to climb Aconcagua mountain. If you would like to contribute to Stephen's fundraising please click on the link below: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Stephen-McGarrigle2?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20171129_83418

