



WORPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

17th September 2021

Worple Newsletter

Enjoy, Learn, Grow

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome our reception children and some new nursery starters this week, they seemed to have settled in really well. Thank you to all of our parents in those year groups for your support in ensuring that they all look really smart and seem ready to start! The children's confidence has been pretty amazing to see! Our morning interventions began again this week and I know Tuesday morning was a challenge for many families with terrible traffic in the local area. Numbers are now growing in these sessions. If your child has been invited please do try and get them to the sessions on time in the mornings so that they don't miss out.

In a few weeks' time we will be running our Curriculum evening, this will replace our Tea with the teacher events and will be an opportunity for you to meet the teacher online but also a chance for us to talk about the work that we are doing across the school with the children. We had hoped that we would be able to invite all parents into school but having taken some advice, this will now be done remotely, given that numbers of positive Covid cases continue to rise in the local area. Across the school we have tried to return to as near normal a pre-Covid life as possible with assemblies returning and the prospect of trips and visits resuming! However, we have continued to review our school risk assessment and are continually monitoring any sickness across the school. Our school cleaning and hygiene systems will continue and as you will be aware the one-way system for entering and leaving the school (avoiding congestion) will remain. Masks are now not compulsory. All schools have been asked to create a Covid Outbreak control plan which we are in the process of putting together. The idea is that schools will at all costs avoid closures but that measures such as wearing masks may need to be reinstated should there be an outbreak. Further details will be shared should this be the case. In the meantime, we will all try to stay as safe as possible by ensuring that we continue to test and keep children away from school should they develop any symptoms.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

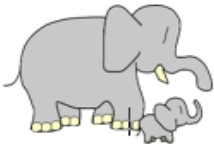
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Executive Headteacher

National Fitness Day

Next Wednesday the 22nd is National Fitness Day, a day to highlight the role physical activity plays across the UK, helping us raise awareness of its importance in helping us lead healthier lifestyles. Please bring your children to school in PE kits as there will be physical challenges going on across the school all day.

Calling all Nursery Parents!



Play and Engage



Calling all Nursery Parents! Please join your child on a **Friday mornings for a 'Play and Engage'** session!

The sessions will run for 5 weeks starting on Friday 24th September. Each session will last 45 minute and involves your child and you, in fun, themed physical activity. It's a really great opportunity to join your child at school and have some fun together.

Aims

To develop the fundamental movement skills of the child, including **locomotion**, **stability** and **object control**. To develop the child's **confidence**, **listening skills** and also their ability to **follow instructions**.

Why it is important to develop the fundamental movement skills at a young age?

Improving the fundamental movement skills also improves a child's ability to write, get dressed, throw, catch, jump, hop, skip and perform other daily tasks, as well as giving a foundation for lifelong movement and participation in physical activity.

(Margaret Whitehead, educator and leading researcher)

Dates: Friday mornings September 24th - October 22nd (**5 weeks**)

Time: **9.00 - 9.45am.**

PE KIT

The children have been looking so lovely in their new PE kits this week! In the office we were told today by a lovely Year 2 child that 'The top is so soft and warm and REALLY comfortable!' so we are very pleased to hear that!

If for any reason your child has not received their PE polo shirt or purple socks, please do let the school office know.



Dates for the diary!

Key Dates	
Monday 20th September	Nursery & Reception staggered starts
W/c Monday 13th September	1.30pm finish for Reception
Thursday 16 th September	Year 6 Secondary School Transfer Meeting 6pm – 7pm (via Zoom)
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21 st September	1.30pm finish for Reception
Wednesday 22nd September	Reception start Full Time 3PM finish
Tuesday 28 th September	Curriculum Evening for All Parents 4.30PM – 5.30PM (via Zoom)
Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October	Half Term Break
Monday 1st November	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 2nd November	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 3rd November	Children return to School

