



WORPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

21st May 2021

# Worple Newsletter

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## Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a good week.

Staff will be busy writing reports over the next few weeks. The reports are due home to parents at the end of next month. When the reports come home to you, we will be writing to you about what they mean in a year where the children's learning has been hugely disrupted.

All schools are expected to show the progress that the children make against national benchmarks when they send out report to parents. Sadly, due to the pandemic the national benchmarks haven't changed for two years and are very much out of date.

This means that the children's progress will be compared to information which was collected for all children in a year when there was no pandemic, and therefore children were in school.

We have been incredibly pleased with the progress of the children since they have returned to School and where we have had any concerns, we will have been in touch with you already.

The interventions we are running and the work that staff are doing in school with children will support them in making good progress. National research is suggesting that children in primary schools may have fallen 2-3 months behind due to the disruption the learning over the last year.

We are certainly not worried about this, and we know that the children will continue to develop and flourish in the environment that they are working in.

We are being told the weather will start improving next week. Since we haven't had anything, but lots of rain for a while, it has seemed silly to remind you to get out the sunscreen at this time of year!

When the sun does peak through it is very strong. If you haven't already got out the sun cream, please do have this at hand should the weather change and become more spring like!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Marais Leenders

Executive Headteacher

# PTA News and Updates

## Rounding-up raffle prizes

Do you know anyone who might be willing to donate a prize for the raffle? If you know of any local businesses (or run one yourself) who might be willing to donate a prize to raise money for our school, please put them in touch with us. It's great publicity for prize donors, and the more prizes we can source, the bigger and better the raffle!

## Teddy Tombola

It's the perfect opportunity for a clear-out! If you have any clean, undamaged soft toys that you no longer need, please bring them to school on Monday or Tuesday next week, as we'll be collecting them for rehousing via the teddy tombola on 17th July! Look out for the PTA team in the playground.

## Download the PTA events app

You can now buy PTA goodies and keep up to date with news and events on your mobile

To download the mobile PTA Events mobile App click the relevant link below:

Apple IOS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/pta-events/id1471141903#?platform=iphone>

Android OS: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ptaeventsapp>

There is an easy-to-use guide available on the PTA Events website - log in and look in the footer (bottom right corner) for the "PTA Events App User Guide" link, which includes your password.



## SUMMER FAIR Saturday 17th July.

### How can you help?

Do you know someone who could **offer a raffle prize?**

**Bring teddies** for the Teddy Tombola on Monday & Tuesday

Are you in a **band?**

**Get in touch!**



# Parent Corner

## Attendance

As a school we have a duty of care to inform the parent/carer of their child's attendance should it fall below 95%, regardless of circumstances, as every parent has a legal obligation to ensure their child receives an education. We will continue to focus on attendance as our main priority.

Year Group	Overall Class Attendance For This Week
N	91.40%
R	81.60%
1	91.80%
2	90.70%
3	94.30%
4	89.80%
5	87.70%
6	84.60%

Attendance overall for the entire school



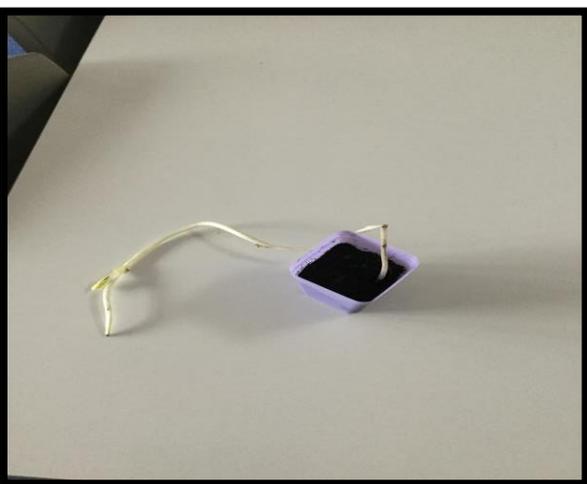
## Punctuality

**Please note the school gates are open until 9:10AM** so you must drop your son/daughter through the playground before this time.

Punctuality will now be monitored equally to that of attendance in line with the local authority guidelines.

## Year 3

Year 3 have been conducting lots of science experiments to discover what a plant needs to grow and how water is transported around the plant. We were shocked to see our broad bean seeds grow in the sand and in a dark cupboard. We are currently waiting to see if our rose petals will turn blue. We love science experiments in Year 3.



## Year 4

*Dear Parent/Carer,*

### *Year 4 Viking 2021*

*Due to the current situation, trips this year have been cancelled. However, as part of our Year 4 Viking topic we will be having a 'theme day' on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. The idea is to immerse the children into Viking life with games, cooking and a feast.*

*We encourage the children to dress up as Vikings, see below for some examples. You can use sheets, a white t-shirt, or even re-use the costumes from Roman day or Egyptian day!*



*Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing your costumes.*

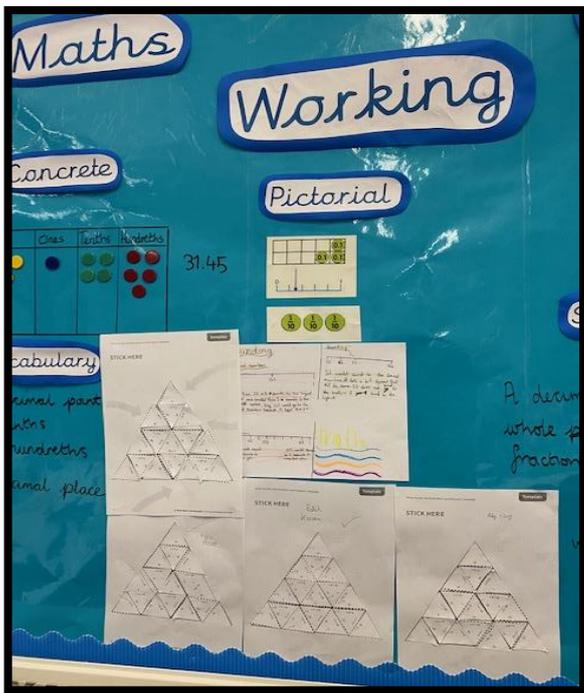
*Kind regards,*

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# Classroom Corner

## Year 5

Year 5 have been working on their maths working wall. We did a maths investigation and have made posters to explain how to round to the nearest one and tenth.



## Class Photos

Today we had our Whole Class Photos taken and every class behaved so well and sat beautifully whilst the photographer was taking their photos.

We will keep you updated as soon as we received the photos through.



# Reading Corner

We ask that you **encourage your child to read aloud to you every day**; this will strengthen their memory and build confidence.

If your child has mastered these early reading skills, he or she should still be reading every day. Children need to make sense of language structures, become fluent and use their reading skills to find out about the world. If your child is an independent reader, it is still really important to hear them read and talk about what they are reading.

In addition to this, **all children**, whatever their age or reading ability, **benefit from listening to stories read aloud**, and the benefits are enormous. So, why not find a book for everyone to enjoy?





# Class Merits

Class	
Nursery	<i>Amra: for amazing maths work this week</i>
Reception	<i>Jacob and Iqra: for some fantastic independent phonetical writing. Well done 😊</i>
Year 1	<i>Elijah – for trying so hard this week to make good choices.</i>  <i>Neve – for working so co-operatively with her learning partner. Neve created a detailed block of flats! Well done Neve!</i>
Year 2	<i>Fozia: For having a brilliant first week at Worple and a wonderful attitude towards learning. Well done Fozia!</i>  <i>Isadora: For being such a kind and caring friend to everyone in year 2. Well done Isa!</i>
Year 3	<i>Cassius: for always making everyone smile and his brilliant acting</i>  <i>Autumn: for working hard all week to complete her morning activities</i>
Year 4	<i>Constantin: for always showing great focus and determination in his work. He never gives up and always takes on board any comments from the teacher.</i>  <i>Rabiyah: for using her integrity and doing the right thing. She is always the first one ready to learn and never needs any reminders of behaviour in class.</i>
Year 5	<i>Rosie: for working hard and always being a kind and supportive member of the class.</i>  <i>Samuel: for being a superstar in the mornings, helping in year 5, and for always trying to do his best.</i>
Year 6	<i>Jack: for working so hard on his biography of Jacques Cousteau and producing a great piece of writing.</i>  <i>Erik: for excellent work in geography researching and writing about the tropical rainforest biome.</i>

## Key Dates



	Academic Year 2020-21
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Whole Class Photos
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half Term   Full Day
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Career's Day