



Worple Newsletter

Enjoy, Learn, Grow

Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents,

I do hope you had a fantastic long bank holiday weekend and were able to get outside and do something enjoyable. It has been another busy week at Worple and as a school, we have been carrying out our progress meetings with teachers. This involves us meeting with each class teacher and discussing how well each of the children are doing and where we need to put in any additional support. We have been really impressed with how well the children have adapted back into school life following the lockdowns, and given that they have not been in school for lengthy periods, their attitude to learning has been incredibly positive. We will be working over the term to build back in any learning which has been lost, so that we can ensure that all of the children will have made good progress by the end of the academic year. Please do not be alarmed if we ask to speak to you about your child's progress, it is critical that home and school work together to ensure every child achieves their own '**personal best**'.

I know how difficult it is to maintain regular reading with children and when they are able to, get them reading to themselves! I cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading for pleasure. **Good literacy is the basis for everything.** Children who read regularly are more successful across the board and this is a fact. At secondary level, motivating children to read regularly becomes even more of a challenge and with the increase in screen usage over the last year, this has become incredibly difficult.

Please do your very best at home to encourage reading with your children. I know it isn't easy and often the best way to show our own children, is to model it ourselves! 10-15 minutes a day in the house with the whole family reading can really help to promote the importance of reading for pleasure. We are in the process of establishing some new reading for pleasure groups at school.

The school nursery admissions process closes **today**. We have been inundated with applications and these will be processed over the next few weeks. All parents will be informed of the outcome of their applications by the **25th of May**. Our Reception class is now full for September and we also have a wait list. I know some of our Nursery parents have been disappointed that they have not received a place moving into reception. The local authority and Pan London manage school admissions and there is a clear set of criteria borough wide which they adhere to.

We always do our very best to try and hold on to all of our children in the nursery, but, this in a year when we are heavily oversubscribed can be difficult. If you have not been offered a place in our Reception class, we will of course do our very best to help you find a suitable alternative.

Enjoy the weekend when it arrives,

Best wishes

Marais Leenders

Executive Headteacher

PTA News and Updates

Don't miss out on the chance to save £££

Project Uni-cycle is going strong and we have lots of school uniform available on the [pta events website](#) - sweatshirts and cardigans, polo shirts, plimsolls, trousers, dresses and much more! Everything is in good condition and, with the exception of one or two 'prize items', can be bought for **£2 or less**. Donations are also still being collected if you have quality items to re-home - look out for us, or the uni-cycle box in the playground.



SUMMER FAIR new date: Saturday 17th July.

How can you help?

Do you want to help **shape the event**?

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

Do you run a **local business** that might benefit from

some promotion in the community?

[Get in touch!](#)



Finally, make sure to join the **Worple PTA Facebook group** to keep in touch and up to date - ask your class rep for further information.

Have a great weekend.

From Katie and the PTA Team.
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Parent Corner

P.E Kit Policy

At Worple we recognised Physical Education (PE) as a key area of learning within the National Curriculum. Physical activity is integral to the good health of our children and thus, suitable PE kit is essential in ensuring that children can participate safely and comfortably in the lessons. We believe that a uniform kit encourages our children to have a sense of belonging to a community and promotes a feeling of pride and equality.

ALL pupils should be wearing their PE kit to class even if they are not going to be actively involved as a performer. If a pupil is injured or unwell, please make the office or the class teacher aware in the morning.

Worple PE Kit is compulsory and consists of:

PE Kit:

- White round neck T-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Black plimsolls or trainers
- Black or grey jogging bottoms (no logos)
- Worple Sweatshirt

Pupils who fail to wear the correct PE kit will be sent home with a slip.

Thank you as always for your support with this.



School Uniform

At Worples, we believe uniform is a really important part of our school identity. We take uniform very seriously and our headteacher regularly carries out uniform checks. As always, school uniform can be purchased through your ParentPay account. Alternatively, please see the PTA section above for further information on Project uni-cycle which is a really great scheme!

We love uniform because:

- “Uniform stops children from being pressurised or feeling different because they do not have a certain label or brand to wear. It is a social equaliser!”
- “It is easy for parents in the morning – there is no argument about what to wear!”
- “It helps identify children quickly when they are out of school, specifically on trips and days out. This helps our teachers find us quickly – so helps to keep us safe!”



Curriculum Overviews

The Summer 2021 Curriculum Overviews have now been added to the website. Please see link below to find them on the website. We have also included these below.

<https://www.worple.hounslow.sch.uk/index.php/curriculum-overviews>



Nursery Admissions

Nursery admissions for September close today.

We are delighted by the overwhelming number of applicants we have received this year.

If you have been accepted for a place in our Nursery class, you will receive an offer letter from us on **Wednesday 26th May**. Parent/Carers need to accept their offer by **Wednesday 9th June**.

If you have been unsuccessful in your application, you will also receive a letter from us on Wednesday 26th May.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Walk to School Week

Get moving and encourage kids to be more active during **Walk to School Week 2021**. The 5-day challenge takes place from **May 17th to May 21st** and is designed to help children reach their minimum 60 minutes of exercise per day.

How can I get involved in Walk to School Week?

The week-long challenge is not just about walking. Any type of exercise is encouraged, including cycling, riding your scooter or even running!

Although it may not be possible for every child to walk the distance from their house to their school, parents are encouraged to 'drive and stride,' parking further than they normally would and walking the rest of the way.

This also means that traffic congestion and pollution is reduced around school gates. To get involved, simply leave your car at home (or a few streets away from school) and get your walking boots on. **All you've got to do is walk!**

Attendance

Worple primary school now work closely with the local authority Education Welfare Officer. The current threshold for attendance across the Hounslow borough is 96%. Due to the second lockdown and children only returning on the 8th March, the monitoring period for this percentage has been over a shorter period of time and would have resulted in parents receiving letters for children who may have had very few days off. With so many children having had to be out of school over the last year, attendance is a government driven focus and one that we intend to adhere to. 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.

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.

Did you know? Arriving to School 5 minutes late every day adds up to over **3 days** lost each year.

Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for **2 weeks a year** and finally, arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for **19 days a year!**

Year Group	Overall Class attendance for this week
Nursery	96.4
Reception	92.6
Year 1	95.1
Year 2	95.2
Year 3	97.4
Year 4	98
Year 5	97.6
Year 6	97.9

Total attendance for the whole school this week is 96%.

Reading Corner

Choosing books to share/read with/to children

Consider:

- The theme and the content of the book: does it look interesting/fun?
- The length of the book: is it compatible with your child's concentration span? Will you/they be able to read the whole story?
- The illustrations: are the illustrations exciting and attractive? How do they complement or add to the text?
- Has the book the potential to be read over and over again (the sign of a good choice)?
- Have you read other books by the same author? Have your friends told you about a particular book they have enjoyed? Ask your teacher/librarian which books they would recommend.
- Take time to look at the titles on both the longlists (as well as the shortlists) from children's book awards (for example the UKLA Book Awards); there are some excellent books that don't necessarily win awards.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 2021



Through the week, pupils will be introduced to the Walking Superpowers who will teach them all about these benefits and reinforce the power of walking, superhero style!

Welcome to the five-day Walking Challenge 2021: **WALKING SUPERPOWERS**

This year's challenge will focus on the walking superpowers that benefit individuals, communities and the planet.

Each day pupils will be introduced to a brand new 'Walking Superpower' taking the form of a fun **comic-book inspired design**.

Walking has so many benefits from physical to mental wellbeing; aiding concentration and creativity and creating safer, less polluted and more welcoming streets. All that makes for a happy, healthy child set up for success in and out of the classroom.



Walking, cycling and scooting to school will all be encouraged in Walk to School Week. Check your bike or scooter each day to see if you are the 'Mystery Winner'. If your bike or scooter has a bike lock on it, tell your teacher to receive your reward!

Class Merits

Class	
Nursery	<i>Dejson</i> for always being so polite.
Reception	<i>Ajay</i> for showing much more confidence in all areas of learning. <i>Alex</i> for great engagement in maths and ordering the Number blocks.
Year 1	<i>Muhamad</i> for being a superstar with his counting. <i>Alana</i> : Her excellent work ethic. Alana always tries her best and takes great pride in the presentation of her work and for doing so well while she was at home.
Year 2	<i>Eriana</i> for having a brilliant attitude towards learning and always helping others. Well done Eriana! <i>Paighton</i> for working really hard on her handwriting and always being resilient. Well done Paighton!
Year 3	<i>Luke</i> for being kind and helpful in class. <i>Mary</i> for being so lovely and thoughtful all the time.
Year 4	All of year 4 for creating some beautiful horizons in art this week using oil pastels. Everyone used their creativity to make their horizons unique to them. Well done!
Year 5	<i>Rahil</i> for always being engaged in her lessons and trying her best- keep up the great work! <i>Emaan</i> for persevering with her maths and always trying her best with everything- keep up the great work!
Year 6	<i>Samiir</i> and <i>Alfie S</i> for working so hard on their writing and making really good progress.

Key Dates

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

Pro Soccer Are Back....



VENUE :

ISLEWORTH &
Syon School
RIDGEWAY ROAD,
ISLEWORTH,
TW7 5LJ

*Outdoors on astroturf

EVERY
MONDAY !!

£6.50 per session
**payable 4 weekly*

DATE:

MONDAY 17TH
MAY

TIME:

REC & YR 1: PITCH 1: 6-7PM
YR 2 & YR 3: PITCH 2: 6-7PM

YR 4 & YR 5: PITCH 1: 7-8PM
YR 6 & YR 7: PITCH 2: 7-8PM

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