



WORPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

10th July 2020

Worple Newsletter

Enjoy, Learn, Grow

Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the school year....and what a year it has been! It is almost a year since I joined this wonderful school community, initially only staying for a year. However, given how charming and adorable the children are, how committed and dedicated the staff are and how supportive you are as a parent group.....who would ever want to leave! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time getting to know the Worple community and am dedicated to continuing my partnership with the school. Thank you for making me feel so welcome over the last year.

Life at Worple has been transformed over the last term and it has been fantastic having more of our children back over the last half term, but we are all craving a return to more normal times when all of the children will be in school full time.

Over the last week we have been planning, and reviewing the government guidance on school reopening's against our own risk assessment. We are finally delighted to be able to tell you that we intend to open 'full time' in September for all of our children. The logistics of reopening the school fully are certainly not straightforward, given the health and safety requirements that will need to be fulfilled. The new arrangements for schools reopening will take some time to organise at the end of this term and the start of the next. As a consequence, the start of term for all children will be on the **7th of September**. This will allow us to prepare the school fully for the start of the new school year. There will be some changes to the start and end of the school day, although these will be minimal, as well as some reconfiguring of the school day to allow for the full curriculum to be taught in a safe and controlled way. The government's current advice is that schools must continue to follow the hierarchy of controls, with handwashing, increased ventilation and cleaning,

and the continued focus on the 'catch it, kill it bin it' approach, and as a consequence these will all be essential aspects of school life. Of course, children or staff displaying symptoms must be tested and should remain at home until a test result is received, as has been the case throughout.

Our approach in September will be to return the school to as 'normal as possible' as we can make this for the children and staff, without compromising on safety. We will be reviewing our curriculum and pastoral care systems in order to support the children effectively when they do return to school. We appreciate that you and your child/children may be feeling anxious about returning and we intend to ensure that all of our children are well supported and nurtured back into school life, given the huge emotional and educational challenges that many of them will have faced during this time.

A detailed letter explaining all of the arrangements for school next term will be sent to you next week. It is important that you do read this letter carefully and talk through the arrangements with your child. There may be questions that you have regarding the provision and we are keen to hear from you if you do have any feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

We assure you that we will do everything possible to get the children back into school safely in September. However, as we have seen in other parts of the country and abroad, the situation can change very quickly if there is another outbreak or spike. We will continue to follow the situation very carefully over the summer period and will of course be in touch if anything changes.

It is finally, great to be ending this newsletter with some really positive news about September. On behalf of the school community can I thank you for

all of the schooling and support you have provided for your son/daughter over the last few months.

With best wishes

Marais Leenders

Executive Head teacher

Transition Session

We had a fantastic turn out for our transition session today for our current Nursery, Year 3s, 4s and 5s today. We hope the children enjoyed coming back into school and enjoyed seeing their teachers and peers.

Reports

Reports have been posted out to you this week. If you have not received your child's school report by Monday 13th July, please get in touch with the school office.

If you would like to discuss your child's report with the class teacher, we ask that you email the year group email address and express that you would like a telephone call to go through the report. The class teacher will then arrange a mutually convenient time to call you.

Summer Homework

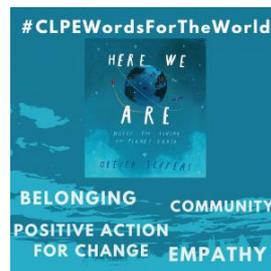
Teachers will be setting homework for children to complete over the summer holiday. This will include a suggested reading list, useful online resources and some tasks for your child to do at home.

The work will be posted on Google Classroom, however please note that Google classroom will effectively be 'paused' during the summer holidays. This means that teachers will not be looking at work and children will not be able to comment on the stream. Children can however, look back at previous lessons and resources and complete these at their own leisure.

Google Classrooms will resume in September and will be an integral part of how we set homework going forward.

Recovery Curriculum

We understand that returning to school in the Autumn term will be a challenging time for some children. The loss of friendship and social interaction will have been difficult for some, and equally returning to a social scene on a large scale may be hard to manage. School routine and structure have been replaced by different schedules and procedures. Although many children will be keen to get back to some kind of 'normal,' others will be feeling anxious for a whole range of reasons.



To help, we are planning to begin the year with a whole school unit of work developed by the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE). The programme covers work from Early Years through to Year 6. We hope to

encourage a sense of community across the entire school, to reflect on the last few months, and also help everyone look forward to the future in a positive way.

We will use the book *Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth* by Oliver Jeffers because it is perfect for children of all ages and the unit will help engage the whole community with literacy learning. At the end of the unit, we have planned an activity where pupils, staff and even parents can share their own notes for living on Planet Earth, supporting everyone to move forward positively.

From the beginning of term we will be offering a full education experience for all, with a focus on igniting children's passion for learning. The topics will remain the same and, broadly speaking, curriculum overviews will not change much. In maths and English lessons, each class will work on the learning objectives for their own year group, alongside revisiting key objectives from the previous year. Following careful assessment, targeted interventions, to support those children who need extra help, will be put into place. Our intention is to quickly establish robust routines and build a strong work ethic so that we can maximize time in school.

Alongside all of this, we are ever mindful of the fact that children will need time and space to assimilate and process their recent experiences. All staff have

attended training sessions to raise awareness of issues that children may present, and we have specialist staff members allocated to support those who may be struggling with their emotions.

In contrast, we are aware that many Worple children have thrived whilst at home, with numerous families maximising the learning opportunities afforded by the extra time together. We appreciate all you do from home and fully intend to build on and make connections with children's experiences outside of school.

Uniform and PE Kit

Please follow the link below that will take you to our website and our school uniform list.

From September, we will be asking children to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. Because the children will be wearing their kits all day, we ask that they wear plain trainers and not plimsolls.

<https://www.worple.hounslow.sch.uk/index.php/statutory-documents>

Year 6 Graduation Day

On Friday July the 17th we will say farewell to our Class of 2020. As is our Worple tradition, we will have a Leavers assembly- but with a difference. Because we are not able to have our parents in school, the assembly will be streamed live to the families of our year 6's. Afterwards the children will celebrate on our school field with an ice-cream van, pizzas and some fun 'socially distanced' games. We are looking forward to seeing them all and celebrating their final day at Worple with them.



Reading Corner

Applying VIPERS to an image



- V – Can you find synonyms for the word ship?
I – Are the men peaceful? How do you know?
P – Where do you think the men are going? Why do you think they are going there?
E – Why do you think the sky is dark and stormy?
E – Can you say how the two boats are similar? Why is this?
R – Approximately how many men are on each ship? What power does the ship use?
S – Summarise what you can see on the ships.

Summer support

The summer holidays can seem very long especially after months of lock down. There are many places that you can seek help or advice should you need it. The Early Help team, see link below, is an excellent starting point should you need some advice or support.

Earlier this week we sent out information offering families the opportunity to sign up to an online 6 week course which will support you in getting children back to school. If you have not already, read through the information on the next page and consider whether it is something you may be interested in.

www.hounslow.gov.uk/earlyhelpoffer

Or you can get in touch with the Council's children's service team on 0208 583 6600.



Getting ready to go back to school



West London
NHS Trust

We are running an **online group** for **parents of children in primary school** who have a history of difficulties with school attendance and are **likely to struggle to return to school in September**.

We know that sometimes children find going back to school difficult. We also know that the return might be particularly hard after such a long time away from school.

Over **six weekly sessions** we will share a **range of strategies** that will help your child return to school more easily. We will also do **two extra personalised check-ins** to help you make the strategies work for you.

Who are we?

We are the Hounslow Mental Health Support Team and we support the wellbeing of children and young people in education settings.

Who is this group for?

This group is for parents from different primary schools in Hounslow.

Details

This group will run for 6 weeks from the beginning of August to the middle of September.

It will be delivered through video link, which can be accessed by computer, phone or tablet.

Interested?

If you are interested, please email the Hounslow Mental Health Support Team at:
victoria.lehmani@westlondon.nhs.uk

Nasir (aged 9) used to say he hates schools, he has no friends there and he wants to stay with Dad. Sometimes Dad would let him stay home.

Lily (aged 6) before lockdown used to often complain of feeling sick. Mum and Dad would sometimes keep Lily home from school.



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Class	Merits
Nursery	Imran for amazing phonics work.
Reception	Agnes for enthusiastically embracing new learning experiences and relishing in challenges. Cienna - for being an inspiring learning who is always eager to aim high.
Year 1	Bubble A for being amazing throughout this time, being really positive when coming into school and for working really hard throughout.
Year 2	Cai and Bella for working hard in the Google Classroom.
Year 3	Trystan for completing work on google classroom and showing enthusiasm in our class google meets. Katherine for engaging in our google meets every week and working hard at home.
Year 4	Ruby for some great creativity in English this week and for always trying hard at her Google classroom lessons- well done! Freddie for some great creativity in English this week and for always working hard at his Google classroom lessons- well done! Roo for writing a great poem in English this week and creating an interesting menu- well done!
Year 5	Jack for putting in effort with his home-school work and remembering to ask for more! Marius for working hard on his home-school pack and remembering to ask for more!
Year 6	Eva for her constant calmness and kindness towards everyone and everything- such an incredible role model to her peers! Berilda for her utter commitment to everything she does from PE to art to maths! Just brilliant!
Cluster	Mohammad for trying really hard with his number work.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Year	Most Coins	Most Improved	Fastest
Year 1 & 2	Anesu	Anesu	Anesu
Year 3 & 4	Aleena	Aleena	Aleena
Year 5 & 6	Ruhe	Ruhe	Marwa

Key Dates

Monday 13 th July	New EYFS children 'Meet the Teacher' session at 3:30 via Zoom
W/C Monday 13 th July	Report surgery
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term Year 6 Graduation
	Academic Year 2020-21
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET for staff (school closed to children)
Thursday 3 rd September	INSET for staff (school closed to children)
Friday 4 th September	Transition sessions for vulnerable/identified children (individual parents to be contacted)
Monday 7 th September	Children in Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 return to school
W/C Monday 14 th September	Staggered start for EYFS children. Individual letters confirming your child's start date will be with you soon.