



WORPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

17th July 2020

Worple Newsletter

Enjoy, Learn, Grow

Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents,

As this is our final newsletter of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for all of your support over the last term and throughout this challenging time. We have received lots of correspondence from you, in the form of positive feedback, reflections on how your child has been doing, what has gone well and what has not. Since sending out our letter regarding school reopening and the changes, we have also received feedback from you regarding our plans. Thank you for this and we do appreciate that the changes may affect you in different ways, which we will continue to consider. Our plans are currently only for the first term, as we have been told only to plan until then in regards to school reopening. I have no doubt that we will hear at some point next term whether these will need to remain for the foreseeable future or not.

I would like to thank the staff for all that they have done over the last few months. Setting work for the children, keeping in touch with families through emails, Google Meets, phone calls home and all of the work that they have done maintaining relationships and supporting the children with their education and wellbeing. It has been a tough time for everyone, and I know that the staff will be delighted to see September return to some kind of 'normal'. The staff are exhausted; it is certainly not easier working from home for staff or pupils. When we break up next Tuesday following our inset days on Monday and Tuesday, the staff will need a well-deserved rest before they return in September.

Over the summer holidays, staff will not be contactable by email and I would ask that if you do have a query or concern over the summer, that you contact the main office by email or telephone. Emails will be collected during the summer and a member of the senior leadership team will make

contact with you if you do need to speak to someone. We will of course be keeping a close eye on developments in relation to COVID over the summer break and if any of our plans regarding September opening change, we will inform you of this in the usual way, by email or letter. We are hopeful that this will not happen.

This week we say goodbye to year 6. It has not been an easy time for them having missed so much of that end of primary school activity that marks the finish of one journey and the beginning of a new one! Our celebration of that journey takes place today, Friday the 17th of July, and although we are having to host the event virtually for parents sadly, we hope that the children will have a memorable day together to celebrate their time at Worple. Secondary schools are well prepared for the new year 7's and have been planning in their recovery curriculum, for the fact that the children may have missed much of this fun and some closure. I have no doubt that transition programs in schools will cater well for bridging any gaps with our year 6 children.

We will make contact with you again, week beginning the 1st of September, to confirm our plans and remind you of the key dates identified in our letter regarding school reopening the week of the 7th of September.

At the end of a school year, it is always helpful to reflect on what has gone and what we can take forward into the next! There is certainly lots that I think we would all want to leave behind! The absence of school, the closure of Worple, certainly makes you realise that school is more than just a place to educate our children. It is a community of people, many with shared interests and commitments, friendships and partnerships. Worple is a fantastic community and being without it certainly leaves a gap for all of us: staff, children and families. We are all looking forward to

returning in September and hope that next year's journey will be slightly less eventful than this one!!!!

With best wishes from all of the staff at Worple Primary School. Wishing you a very restful and safe summer holiday.

Marais Leenders

Executive Head teacher

Goodbye to Miss McArdle

A huge thank you to Miss McArdle for all of her hard work and dedication to Worple. Over the past four years, she has built up some excellent relationships with the children, their families and staff and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Goodbye to Mrs Millward

You may remember that Mrs Millward went on maternity leave earlier this year. While being on leave she has relocated to York and has settled with her new young family. A huge thank you to her for her commitment and devotion to the children and families during her 7 years at Worple. She has shared so much with us including her Early Years expertise and her work with our SEN children. We wish her all the very best in her new ventures- she will be missed.

Goodbye to Year 6

I have always considered it a real privilege to be a year 6 teacher, and this year more than ever I have cherished my role! Being part of the team that gets to go on that final journey through primary school with 30 young individuals is one I look forward to every year; each journey is different and each class brings with it its own unique story. Back in September 2019 who could have predicted this Year 6's story?! 2019-20 has certainly been a year like no other. This year will definitely be one for the history books!

There can be no doubt that this Year 6's journey has been extraordinary. The class of 2012 have been a pretty special group from the moment they arrived into Reception in September 2012; 2 sets of twins and a set of triplets I think that's got to be a record! Not just that but families from 12 different parts of the world with 8 different mother tongues.

Over the last 11 months I have watched this class grow and mature in ways that we would never have imagined and I am overwhelmed by pride when I see how far they have come. I have seen in each and every one of them an inner strength that has shown itself in so many different ways. The ability to adapt and try new things, to smile and laugh when there wasn't much to smile about, being brave when things were really tough or lonely. Before lockdown, (Yes there was that time!) this bunch had been well on their way to achieving record SATs results! They have found ways to connect and support each other against the odds and their bond is stronger than ever because of this. They have all, across the course of the last 11 months, grown into young adults - ready for a new chapter in their lives.

We wish them all the very best in all they do and will of course miss them enormously next year!

It has been a pleasure year 6, you have been brilliant.

Visitors on School Site in Autumn Term

Please support us in our efforts to keep Worple safe. Should you need to contact the school for any reason please phone or email us first.

Contact details from September

Telephone: 0208 321 8100

Email: office@worple.hounslow.sch.uk

Uniform for September

Please ensure that you take time over the summer to remind yourself of our school uniform expectations.

Children will be able to wear their PE kits to school on the days that they have PE. Children will find out their PE days on their return in September. As the children will be in PE kits for the full day, we are allowing plain trainers to be worn rather than plimsolls.

<https://www.worple.hounslow.sch.uk/index.php/school-uniform>

Year 5 Transition to Secondary School

A reminder to our Year 5 parents that your child will be transferring to Secondary School in September 2021. You must apply by 31st October. For more information, please visit:

www.hounslow.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Year 6 Secondary School transition

As we say goodbye to our Year 6's this week we wish them all the very best in their transition to secondary school. Due to school closures, our Year 6 children have missed the opportunity to attend a transition session at their new school; however, most local schools have worked hard to prepare some form of transition document/video to prepare your child for their start in September. Please see the links below:

Bolder -

<https://meet.google.com/linkredirect?authuser=0&dest=https%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fbolderacademy.co.uk%2Fyear6transition%2Fhome%3Fauthuser%3D0>

Brentford School for Girls -

<https://www.brentford.hounslow.sch.uk/transition>

The Green School for Boys -

<http://www.tgsboys.com/Secondary-Transition-202021-18062020154606/>

The Green School for Girls -

<https://www.tgsgirls.com/Parents/SECONDARY-TRANSITION-2020-21/>

Gumley House -

<https://www.gumleyhouse.com/Transition/>
<https://www.gumleyhouse.com/Transitionportal/>

Isleworth & Syon -

<https://www.isleworthsyon.org/parents/transition/remoteinduction/>

Lampton -

<https://www.lampton.org.uk/374/primary-transition>

Free School Meals over the Summer Holidays

For those families in receipt of FSM vouchers, these will continue to be issued throughout the summer holidays. You will receive the usual voucher code sent to your email, however instead of receiving them weekly they will be sent 3 weeks apart and will be to the value of £45. The first voucher will be issued on the week commencing July 20th and the second will be issued on the week commencing August 10th.

Should you experience any difficulties with the vouchers during the holidays, please contact Customer Care, details below, who will be able to review the voucher process and resend where appropriate.

Parents can email customersupport@sodexo.com or contact 01908 303 420

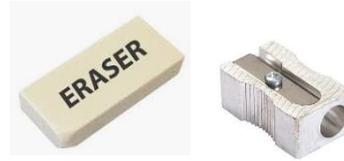
Pencil Cases and Stationery

For your child to arrive at school ready to learn, it helps to have the correct equipment. In light of Covid 19 and our new health and safety procedures, we would like all children to bring their own pencil case with a few basic items to school. By not sharing these types of resources with others, we hope to significantly reduce the chances of possible infection in the school. These should be kept in a clear pencil case, with a name label. We will provide a pencil for your child to keep in their pencil case. Please see below the items that you will need to organise for your child for September.

- Clear plastic pencil case
- Frixion pen and refills- for **all of Year 6** and any other child who has **earned a pen licence**
- Small pencil sharpener and rubber
- 30 cm ruler
- Colouring pencils

If your child wishes to bring felt tip pens to school this is **optional**.

Thank you for working with us to help keep your children safe at school.



Class	Merits
Nursery	The whole class for an amazing year in Nursery 😊
Reception	To all of Reception, what a brilliant year we have had! Have a lovely summer and see you all in September.
Year 1	To the whole of Year 1 for having a great year and working hard at home and at school I am so proud of you all and will miss you next year.
Year 2	To the whole of Year 2 for being a fantastic class and engaging well in the google Classroom activities. Well done!
Year 3	To all of Year 3 for their hard work and enthusiasm with their home learning during this challenging time. I am very proud of all of you.
Year 4	The whole class for being resilient and resourceful over the last few months; engaging with so well with Google Classroom and adapting so well to a new way of learning. You have been amazing and we look forward to working with you again in September! Mrs Ahmad and Miss O'Shea.
Year 5	To the whole class for working so hard, being motivated and resilient and finding new ways to work. We can't wait to see you again in September! Mrs Whittaker and Miss Blanks.
Year 6	All of the super stars that are our Year 6's. We have loved having you as part of our school community. It's been an absolute pleasure and we will miss your smiling faces next year. Good Luck in your new schools!!

Times Tables Rock Stars

Well done to all the children who have been logging onto Time Table Rock Stars over the last year. Here are the winners for this YEAR!!!!!!

Year	Most Coins	Most Improved	Fastest
Year 1 & 2	Anesu	Apolline	Anesu
Year 3 & 4	Freddie	Manal	Samuel
Year 5 & 6	Dylan	Georgia	Samim

Key Dates

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.

Proposed Term Dates for the Academic Year 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020:

Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 18th December

INSET day - Wednesday 2nd September

INSET day – Thursday 3rd September

Transition sessions for identified children – Friday 4th September

Pupils Return – Monday 7th September 2020

Half Term - Monday 26th October - Tuesday 3rd November

Pupils return - Wednesday 4th November 2020

Last day of term – Friday 18th December / 1:30

Christmas Holidays - Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January

Spring Term 2021:

Monday 4th January – Wednesday 31st March

School Returns - Monday 4th January

Half Term: Monday 15th - Friday 19th February

Pupils return – Monday 22nd February 2021

Last day of term – Wednesday 31st March / 1:30

Easter Holidays – Thursday 1st April – Friday 16th April

Summer Term 2021:

Monday 19th April - Friday 23rd July

School returns - Monday 19th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

Half term - Monday 31st - Friday 4th June

School returns – Monday 7th June

Last day of term - Friday 23rd July / 1:30

Further INSET Days will be confirmed in the Autumn Term.

Early Help – Fuel Vouchers

Let's reduce London's energy debt!



Green Doctor Fuel Vouchers

We're working with the Fuel Bank Foundation to provide Green Doctor Fuel Vouchers for households struggling with energy bills.

To be eligible, households must:

- Have a prepayment meter
- Be responsible for paying their electric and/or gas bills
- Be close to or already using the emergency credit facility on their meter OR have self-disconnected

Up to 3 Fuel Vouchers are available per household.

Contact us to refer someone for a fuel voucher. You can also refer someone for a free Green Doctor telephone consultation to help them save money on their energy bills and stay out of debt.

Visit greendoctors-london.org or call 0300 365 3005 to find out more.

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