



WORPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

# Worple Newsletter

Enjoy, Learn, Grow

## Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents,

I do hope that you are managing to settle back into some kind of routine following the return to school. The children are still very buoyant although we have noticed that some have been a little tired during the afternoons. We are hoping as they get more used to the routine and the changes that more of them will find afternoons less exhausting. Teachers are factoring this into their planning for afternoon teaching sessions, sadly this does not mean an afternoon 'nap', but more of a focus on calming and creative topics and subjects.

Thank you all for your support in trying to ensure that the playground area at drop off and pick up is less busy this week, it really has helped. Just a reminder that if you are dropping two children in the morning into the separate bubbles, Key Stage 1 and 2, please do try to drop off closer to the later time of 9am. If you are picking up in KS2 in the afternoon, you must also stay in the upper playground until 3:10 when KS2 can be collected.

Across the borough schools have been busy fielding questions about coughs and colds that the children have picked up. It is inevitable, that following the return to schools opening, the children may well pick up the usual coughs and colds. These will not all be COVID related. We have raised concerns as a group of heads that the testing capacity locally is incredibly poor and that this must be improved, so that anyone who has symptoms can be tested quickly in order to prevent large numbers of children and families being at home for no reason, especially when tests are coming back negative. Hounslow do have a mobile testing unit and we will publish any information we get about testing centres in the newsletter, so please always check here for information. We have also this week adapted our 'what to do if you are

Concerned and think your child has symptoms' information, following discussions this week with local health professionals. Again, please do read through this information in the newsletter carefully.

The new rules around groups of 6 and the guidance on the way schools must run published by the DFE, will mean that we continue with events /communication with parents being virtual sadly. This week we started our annual 'Meet the Teacher' events which I hope you found useful. We continue with these next week. We are continuing to look at creative ways we can meet virtually and keep our community very much 'alive', and are keen to set up our first PTA virtual meeting over the next few weeks. We will of course keep you posted. In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Marais Leenders

Executive Headteacher

## Welcome to our new families

This week we welcomed our new children into Nursery and Reception. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into our school community, we hope to get you know you better over the coming weeks.

Please do come and introduce yourself to one of the members of the Senior Leadership Team who can be found on the playground both before and after school.

## Tea with the Teacher

Thank you to all the Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 parents who joined us this week for our Tea with the Teacher talks. We hope you found them useful and informative.

Next week Year 6 and Reception and Nursery will be holding their meetings on the following days:

Year 6 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Reception – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Nursery – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

All meetings will start at 3:45 via Zoom. A link will be sent via Parentmail.



## Clubs

We are not currently offering clubs this half term due to Corona Virus. We are hoping to be able to offer a small selection of clubs after the October half term. Where possible staff from school will be running the clubs to enable us to reduce the numbers of visitors on site. We will let you know as soon as possible what clubs we are able to offer and when.

## Covid-19 Update

We are aware of national issues with people being unable to book tests using the portal/dialling 119. We appreciate this is incredibly frustrating and comes at a time when demand on testing has increased substantially.

There will be a Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) in the London Borough of Hounslow on the following days, so if you or a member of your family need Covid-19 testing please take note of the following dates;

- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September (Syon Park)
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September (Syon Park)
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September (Syon Park)
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September (Hanworth Road)

Registration opens for each testing day at 6pm the day before e.g. for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, registration opens on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm.

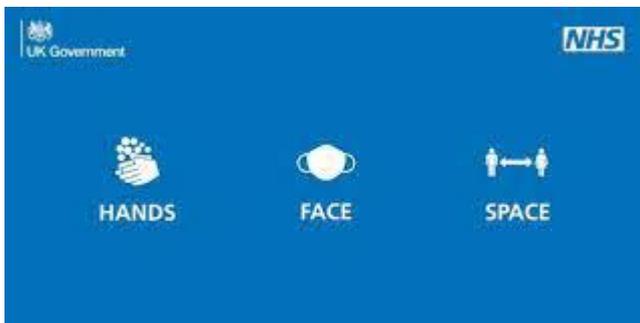
## What to do if you are concerned and think your child has symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal The majority of people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

### **If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:**

Please refer to our updated 'What to Do If...' It's a handy guide put together to guide you in the steps you need to take should your child or a family member develop COVID symptoms. Please see attached to this letter new updated information.



And finally, please continue to work with us to keep our school community safe. Remember to social distance when in the playground. We do have some very vulnerable families in our school, please be mindful of them and avoid congregating in groups in the playground or around classroom doors. Thank you all for your continued support.

## Swimming

I am certain it comes as no surprise to you all that the swimming programme will not begin this term. Currently, the pool remains closed and we are continuing to risk assess which activities can go ahead and which will not. We will keep you updated.

## Trips

Due to the current climate all trips are on hold. Travelling outside of school and using public transport is just not safe for large groups at the moment and many venues are closed to school groups and running virtual trips. We are looking into which of these could work for our children and will keep you posted of any developments

## Reading Corner

The Wonderful Worple Library will be open to pupils again next week! You can find out your 'library day' at the Tea with the Teacher meeting. Your child will bring home a book of their choice to keep for a week.

Often these will be books suitable for you to read to, or with, your child. This is a great

opportunity to develop some 'book talk'. Try some of these, next time you read together:

- *I really liked the bit when...*
- *This reminds me of...*
- *Tell me about...*
- *I wonder why...*
- *I'm not sure about...*

Remember, all comments are valid!

## Back to School with Ellie in Year 6

Being back at school is really exciting for many reasons: seeing friends and teachers again after a long time of being at home. Getting back into a routine and starting our new learning. The work we have been doing has been lots of fun. The whole school has been looking at a book called *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers. It is about living on planet Earth and notes that may help us. We have made collages, water colour painting about our special place and the sky, written poems about our special place and wrote letters to someone special.

The classrooms looked at bit strange at first but we have gotten used to the way it looks. The good things about the new layout of the classrooms are that we are all facing the front and can all see the board. Around the school is different too as we are all in our own bubbles. I can't wait till next week!

## Family Project!

This week KS2 homework is something for the whole family. In a post Lockdown world write your own notes on how to survive and thrive in our new world! See Google Classroom for details.

Get Involved, Be Creative!!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Merits</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	All of our nursery children who have settled in so well! We are all super proud of you.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>All of Reception</b> for making such a great start to your school life at Worple.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Sara</b> – for trying so hard with her writing. Well done Sara. <b>Cienna</b> - being actively involved in all our learning experiences. You are amazing Cienna.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Eriana</b> for being really helpful in class and being such a great listener <b>Islay</b> being really kind and caring to all the members of year 2
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Abi</b> for showing motivation in our English 'Here We Are' topic to refine and perfect her work to the best that it can be <b>Vincenzo</b> - for persevering during maths when representing numbers to 1000
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Rabiyah</b> for using her integrity and making all positive choices. <b>Constantin</b> for challenging himself and writing a lovely poem in English.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Roo</b> for having such a positive attitude to school and engaging in everything with so much enthusiasm! Well Done! <b>Katerina</b> for showing resilience and enthusiasm for her learning. Well Done!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Muhadisa</b> for settling back into school life so quickly and showing resilience in unfamiliar situations. <b>Jake</b> for showing integrity in all his choices and approaching school in a positive way.

## Attendance and Punctuality

We anticipate bringing back our attendance and punctuality section of the newsletter after the October half term.

## Times Tables Rock Stars

Times Table Rock Stars will be back soon. Over the next couple of week classes will complete their times table baseline which is used to calculate each children's individual progress. In the meantime, you can still login and practice those tables!

## Key Dates

	<b>Academic Year 2020-21</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 6 Tea with the Teacher at 3:45 via Zoom
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Reception Tea with the Teacher at 3:45 via Zoom
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Nursery Tea with the Teacher at 3:45 via Zoom
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 6:30am via Zoom
W/C Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evenings