



WORPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

# Worple Newsletter

Enjoy, Learn, Grow

## Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a good week. This week's parents' evenings have begun in earnest and the feedback has been generally, very positive. Of course they will never replace the value of face to face interaction, but for some of you it's been much easier, not having to find childcare or juggle work commitments. With the continued focus on safety and restrictions we will be continuing in this way for the foreseeable future. Next week's PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9:30am on zoom, we hope following this that we will be able to share with you a list of exciting projects that we can all get involved in over the coming half term.

You may have noticed over the last few weeks that Mrs Finch has been 'glowing slightly!' A huge congratulations to Mrs Finch as she is expecting her second baby. Mrs Finch will be going on maternity leave in the middle of next term, so no need for goodbyes yet, but we do wish her good luck with her pregnancy.

As a team of governors, we have been discussing our priorities as a school this year. We are keen to continue our focus from last year, trying to ensure that all of our children achieve their potential regardless of their starting points. Over the coming year we will be focusing on running a variety of projects and intervention groups where we will be looking at the different ways we can support the children in their learning. We know that some children will benefit from sessions outside of the classroom in a small group intervention whilst others benefit from remaining in the class. Please be aware, that where this does happen, this will not always be because your child is struggling, but may be because they are very capable and need

something more specific to ensure they achieve 'greater depth' in their learning.

As we move towards the final week of this half term, can I thank you for your support with ensuring that your son/daughter has returned to school with real positivity and a willingness to adapt quickly back into school life. I know that it would not have been an easy term for the children (or parents) but we have all got this far, the school has remained open and most people have been well! So all in all a very successful half term!

Let's keep up our positive track record for the last week of half term.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Marais Leenders

Executive Headteacher



# PTA

**Ideas & Inspiration** - Join us on Wednesday morning for the launch of Worple PTA 2020!

This is your chance to say what you want for our school and how you think we can make it happen. You can listen-in or pipe-up, the choice is yours, but the more of us that dial in, the better it will be.

**Meeting Time: Wednesday Oct 21, 2020**  
**09:30 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84099638954?pwd=TIo3ZFFiNVBIWmlMYlhGYjOyZEFtOT09>

Meeting ID: [840 9963 8954](#)  
Passcode: 3u2iik

**Christmas & New Year cards** - The countdown has begun! Can you believe it is now only 70 days until Christmas and 76 until the New Year!

This year, after producing your stunning artwork and bringing it back in to school, you and your families can place your orders and pay online, still raising money for Worple PTA. Full details to follow.

## Clubs

Club letters were sent out on Wednesday of this week. Please note that clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for returning your child's club slip is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Did you know if your child is 'Pupil Premium', your child is entitled to one free club a term?

You may be entitled to pupil premium funding if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Universal Credit (income dependant)

If you are not sure if you are entitled to receive pupil premium funding for your child, please speak to the school office who will be happy to help you.

Pupil premium funding gets paid directly to the school and is used to support families and improve the quality of education for your child.

## School Photos

Individual school photos will be taking place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform. If your child usually has PE on this day, please do not send your child into school in their PE kit. Thank you.

## Secondary School Transfer

We are fast approaching the deadline for secondary school applications. If you are still unsure how to do this get in touch and we can help. Submitting a late application greatly reduces the chance of your child getting a place at one of their preferred schools. Late applications will only be processed after the first allocation of places to on-time applicants on 1 March 2021.

**Closing date for applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> October, midnight**

## Theme Days

Not being able to take the children on school trips this term has been disappointing for the children and for the staff. There is nothing quite like a day out in London and there is no doubt that we are extremely lucky to have museums, galleries and the River Thames on our doorstep. We have been thinking of ways that will enable us to provide the excitement and enrichment that a good day out from school always gives. Throughout the year class teachers will be organising 'Themed Days'. Children will be immersed into a day of discovery, investigation and be given the opportunity to travel into the world of their topic!

Next week Year 2 will be travelling back to Tudor times and learning all about the Fire of London. Ancient Egypt is Year 3's destination!



## School Meals

We are delighted to be able to offer hot meals again from after the October half term. New menus will be going live from next week for you to make your meal selections for your child/ren. Please remember meals must be ordered at least two weeks before.

## Can you help?

We are collecting games and puzzles for our class wet play boxes. If you have any board games or jigsaws that you would like to donate, please pass them along to your child's class teacher. Please ensure that they are in good condition and contain all the necessary parts – thank you.

## Classroom Corner

Year 3 had an extremely exciting week last week. We learned about fossils and how they formed by creating our very own, we moulded and created Egyptian clay Jewelry and we even had a crime scene. Year 3 used their communication and problem solving skills to uncover the mystery of the missing Tutankhamun statue. Thankfully, the criminal left clues related to their Egyptian topic so they managed to solve the crime and find the culprit, who was...Mrs Hurn.



## Super Sentences!

Each week we will be sharing with you a sample sentence to practise writing with your child. Encourage them to say it, write it, use it alongside other sentences, and find examples in their reading. It's a great way to develop and improve writing.

**4A Sentences**  
(A sentence with two adjectives before the first noun and two after it)  
It was an *old, dusty* house with an *overgrown, weedy* garden.

## Reading Corner

**GRESSIDA COWELL'S**  
**Waterstones**  
**Children's**  
**Laureate**  
**Charter**



**Every child has the right to...**

1. Read for the joy of it
2. Access NEW books in schools, libraries and bookshops
3. Have advice from a trained librarian or bookseller
4. Own their OWN book
5. See themselves reflected in a book
6. Be read aloud to
7. Have some choice in what they read
8. Be creative for at least fifteen minutes a week
9. See an author event at least ONCE
10. Have a planet to read on

  
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Class	Merits
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Eliana</b> for being such a kind friend.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Zak</b> for making a fantastic start to Worple. <b>Juniper</b> for finding wonderful ways to put the dog skeleton together and making his strange bark.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Michael</b> – His great work in maths. Michael is a great problem solver. Keep up the super effort Michel! <b>Direla</b> – for being a motivated and independent student with great love of learning. Well done Direla!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Raiya</b> – for working really hard on her spellings this week and always contributing in class. Well done! <b>Finley</b> - for always working so hard, being kind to everyone and joining in with class discussions. Well done!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>All of Year 3</b> for trying their best and persevering with their Ancient Egyptian song.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Ada</b> for always showing motivation in class and for always producing high quality work. <b>Toby</b> for using his integrity and always doing the right thing without being asked.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Mollymay</b> for showing real insight and empathy in class discussions and for working really hard on her handwriting and presentation. Well done! <b>Freddie</b> for persevering with his work and rising to challenges, particularly in maths - well done!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Huw</b> - for rising to the <u>challenge</u> of sharing his phenomenal coding knowledge with his classmates and being so encouraging to everyone. <b>Georgia</b> - for working hard at everything, and supporting her classmates so well. She demonstrates integrity and <u>challenge</u> every day.
<b>Lunchtime Awards</b>	<b>KS1/EYSF – Amelia</b> in Reception for her wonderful manners! <b>KS2- Cai</b> in Year 3, always remembering to use his manners and being really helpful @ lunchtime

Year	Most Coins	Most Improved	Fastest
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b>			
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b>			

## Attendance and Punctuality

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

## Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to the children below who have been recognised for earning the most coins, improving on the number of correct answers achieved and improving on their time taken to answer times tables questions over the course of the week.

## Key Dates

	<b>Academic Year 2020-21</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual school photos Open Morning for prospective parents - Please contact the school office for more information
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 3 Egyptian Day Cross Country event for Years 4, 5 and 6 – Please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 2 Great Fire of London day Break up for Half Term
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school