



WORPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

23rd October 2020

Worple Newsletter

Enjoy, Learn, Grow

Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents

What a half term it has been!!! It really has been fantastic having the children all back in school and although we have had to work very differently, the children have embraced this and have adapted well to the 'new normal'. We have also been fortunate to have remained open for all of our children and have not been hit significantly by families having to isolate due to illness or the restrictions. Thank you to all of you for helping to support and maintain a safe school.

Across the country things are becoming more challenging in terms of Covid and we will continue next half term to follow and implement all of our safety procedures. We are all desperately keen to embrace some of the usual festive activities next half term, albeit in a very different way. We know how important it is to keep our children, staff and families safe, but the children still need to experience excitement and celebrate those special times of year in schools which bring the whole community together. Further details of our plans for the festive season will be shared with you early next half term.

There are still plenty of fun things to do over the half term break. I visited London over the weekend and it was empty, so would say this is a good chance to take advantage of the museums, galleries and parks. It certainly felt very safe with museums etc. all having very strict hygiene systems and procedures.

Whatever you do over the half term break, do look after yourselves and make sure that you and your son/daughter do get a rest. The children have been amazing this half term, and they all deserve to be congratulated for how well they have

managed the return to school. Can I also thank the staff who are genuinely so committed to our school, nothing is ever too much trouble for them and I feel privileged to work with such a great group of hardworking people

Thank you for all of your support this half term. Enjoy the half term break.

Best wishes

Marais Leenders

Executive Headteacher



Clubs

If you are interested in your child doing an after school club at Worple, we still have spaces in the following clubs:

Monday PMs – Music Club for KS1 children

Wednesday PMs – Art Club for KS2 children

Thursday PMs – Rugby Club for KS2 children

Please contact the school office directly to book your child's space.

Halloween

Hounslow Council is encouraging local residents to celebrate Halloween safely this year, to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We are reminding children and their families to follow the rule of six outside, wear a face covering and keep a safe distance from others.



PTA

GET ARTY - You should have received details on how to design your own Christmas cards in your child's book bag this week. Each order raises money for PTA initiatives at our school. You can use the forms to design cards for New Year or Hanukah, not just Christmas! The deadline for artwork is after half term (6th November).

School Meals

Hot School meals will be returning after the half term break. You will have been notified to book your meals by 12:00 today and you can book for the whole term in advance, should you want to. As always, the cut off point for ordering is two weeks in advance so please bare this in mind if you want to book lunches for your son/daughter.

If you have any issues with ordering, or need assistance please contact the office and they will be happy to help you.

HOPE

We are thrilled to be able to share with you news of our new Inclusion Umbrella, HOPE (Helping to offer positive experiences). Please visit the new section on our school website '**support**', launched this week. Take some time to explore the different links to see what is available to you and your family. You will see that there are a number of external agency links that should you need to allow you self-refer

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

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 31st October, midnight

School Photos

This week we had our school photographer in to take our pupil photos. Unfortunately, due to the separation of bubbles, we were unable to have sibling pictures taken on this occasion.

Each child was given a slip with their name on and their individual QR code. With this slip, you can log on to the website to view and order any photos if you wish to. Please speak to the office if you need any assistance with this.

PE Days

PE days may change for your child after the October half term. Please look carefully at when your child's PE days are and remember to send your child to school in their PE on those days.

Please also remember PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or a grey or black jogging bottom and trainers. NO leggings or printed t-shirts please.

Reception - Tuesdays

Year 1 – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Year 2 – Thursday and Fridays

Year 3 – Thursdays and Fridays

Year 4 – Thursdays and Fridays

Year 5 – Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 6 – Tuesdays and Fridays

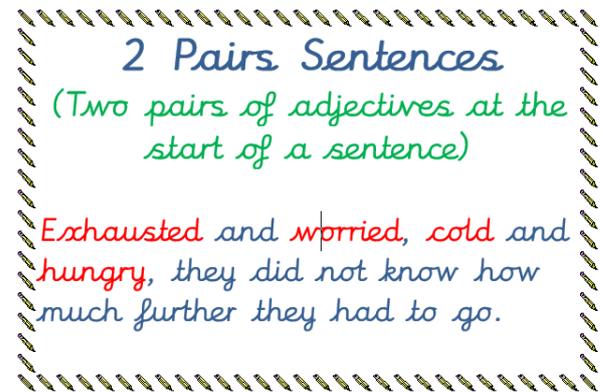
Classroom Corner

On Thursday Year 3 ventured back to Ancient Egypt and immersed themselves in the culture and customs of the time. They enjoyed making ancient Egyptian flatbread which we all feasted on in the afternoon. They wrote their names and created maths questions in hieroglyphics and did some brilliant Egyptian dancing. We even turned ourselves into mummies using toilet roll. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their immersion day and bringing all their knowledge from the topic together.

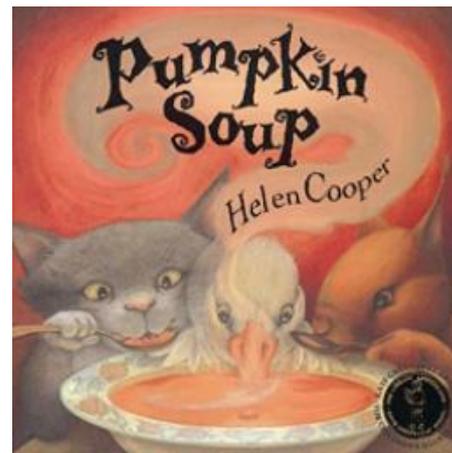


Super Sentences!

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.



Reading Corner



An old favourite for the Halloween season.....

Deep in the woods in an old white cabin, three friends make their pumpkin soup the same way every day. The Cat slices up the pumpkin, the Squirrel stirs in the water, and the Duck tips in just enough salt. But one day the Duck wants to stir instead, and then there is a horrible squabble, and he leaves the cabin in a huff. It isn't long before the Cat and the Squirrel start to worry about him and begin a search for their friend. Rendered in pictures richly evoking autumn, Helen Cooper's delightful story will resonate for a child who has known the difficulties that come with friendship. Included at the end is a recipe for delicious pumpkin soup

Class	Merits
Nursery	Archie- for always helping his friends
Reception	Imran and Jacob for great number counting and group recognition when independently playing the maths sorting game.
Year 1	Matteo- for his superb writing! Well done Matteo! Selim- for his consistent effort that he has put into all classroom activities.
Year 2	All of Year 2 for having such a great first half term back at school and for always being kind, resilient, and ready to learn!
Year 3	Cheyenne- for going above and beyond my expectations on Egyptian day and making a fantastic Anubis costume. Olenka- for her perseverance in Maths All of year 3- special thanks for all their amazing effort they put in today.
Year 4	Aleena for always showing great integrity and for receiving her handwriting pen this week. Harrison for his excellent work on Buddhist festivals – great focus.
Year 5	Anastasia for really persevering in maths this week – well done! Kenzie for persevering in maths this week, and for showing understanding and focus in our Whole Class Reading. Well done
Year 6	Alfie G- for rising to the huge <u>challenge</u> of taking part in the cross country run, and showing so much <u>resilience</u> when things got tough. Well run Alfie! David- for excellent investigative work in maths using factors in division. You demonstrated <u>challenge</u> and <u>curiosity</u> .
Lunchtime Awards	Rose in Year 2 for always doing the right thing at lunch time. All of Year 6- being excellent role models to the younger children at lunchtime and including everyone in their games

Attendance and Punctuation

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

Key Dates

	Academic Year 2020-21
Monday 26th October – Tuesday 3rd November	HALF TERM
Wednesday 4 th November	Children return to school
W/C Monday 9 th November	Clubs begin
Wednesday 11 th November	EYFS Phonics workshop for parents at 3:45pm (held virtually)
Monday 16 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents at 9:15am
W/C 7 th December	Last week of clubs
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays at 1:30pm

