



WORPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

20th November 2020

Worple Newsletter

Enjoy, Learn, Grow

Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents

I hope that you have all had a good week. As we move into the festive period we have been planning behind the scenes to ensure that talk of COVID does not overshadow events that we would normally run around Christmas. In this edition of the newsletter we have outlined what we will be doing to celebrate at school, in a safe way.

The PTA have very much it the ground running this half term with a number of events they are asking all to support. Please do try and show your support however you can.

Our special thoughts this week Izzie's family and her many friends in school. We shared some lovely memories of Izzie this week in the school assembly and with her class. A very emotional day for all at school but lots of smiles thinking of the very special memories that many hold. We lit a candle in memory of Izzie yesterday and will continue to do this every year to mark this important day for our school.

Wishing you all a restful weekend

Best wishes

Marais Leenders

Executive headteacher



Home Learning arrangements

Weekly homework is set for your child on Google Classroom. We firstly want to reiterate the importance of homework and that there is an expectation that homework is completed. By using Google classroom, we hope to bring homework into the 21st century as well as reduce the need for children to bring in additional books from home, thus reducing the risk of contamination during the COvid-19 pandemic.

It is really important that your child is regularly accessing Google classroom as in the event of a bubble or school closure due to Covid-19 we will be moving all our learning online to this platform. If you require any help or support please contact your child's class teacher.

Christmas is coming!!

I'm sure it comes as no surprise to you that Christmas will be a little different this year at Worple! The staff have been planning behind the scenes making sure that all the children will enjoy as much of the usual fun as they would normally! Below are some key dates for your diaries of some of the events planned.

Date	Event
December 16 th	Christmas lunch
December 11 th	National Christmas Jumper day, wear a jumper and bring a £1 all proceeds go to Save The Children
December 14 th	Christmas Party Week!

Support for local families at Christmas

We have been approached by a small, local business who been donated gifts for children which are available for families who may be struggling this Christmas. If you would like to put your name forward please see attached letter for details!

Phonics Workshop

The EYFS phonics workshop will take place on Wednesday 25th November at 3:45pm. If you are interested in finding out more about what phonics is, how we teach phonics at school and how you can support your child at home then this is the workshop for you. A Zoom link will be sent out via Parent mail to all EYFS parents this week.



PTA news & updates

Thanks to everyone who bought a **Diwali curry** last Sunday - **a whopping £148 was made!** This will be used to buy new subscriptions for the library. And thank you to "Homemade Curries" for supporting the night.

Orders for **Christmas/New Year cards** are now closed. At last count there were 40 orders, **raising another £100!** Orders will be distributed via class teachers in the next couple of weeks.

Next up is the online **PTA Lockdown Quiz** on **Friday 27th November** from **7.30pm** (not 7pm as previously advertised). Buy a ticket for just **£2 per household** (a bargain!) at www.pta-events.co.uk/worpleprimaryschool. Please note: you are required to complete a one-time registration for this site, which requires approval, so don't leave it until the last minute. If you have a great voice and charismatic personality (or know anyone that has!) we'd love **volunteers for Quiz Master** - please get in touch on our email address below.

Remember you can now **raise money for our school whilst you shop online** - visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofworplepta/ to register, and participating retailers will donate while you do your shopping!

Finally, if you'd like to **volunteer as secretary**, the post is still open - so get in touch!

Have a great week everyone.

Alison and Katie on behalf of the PTA Team

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Can you help?

As winter descends on us we are looking for games and puzzles to add to our wet play boxes for the children to play with at play and lunchtimes if it is too wet to go outside. If you have any games or puzzles that you are able to donate we would be most appreciative. Please only donate games or puzzles that contain all the necessary parts to play and are in good condition – thank you. Please give donations to the class teacher.

Lost Property

We are beginning to see an increase in lost property around the school. In order to reduce the amount of lost property we have in school, we ask every item of your child's clothing is labelled. Thank you.

Flu Immunisation

We sent out an email earlier this week regarding the Flu Immunisation which is taking place at School on **Monday 7th December**.

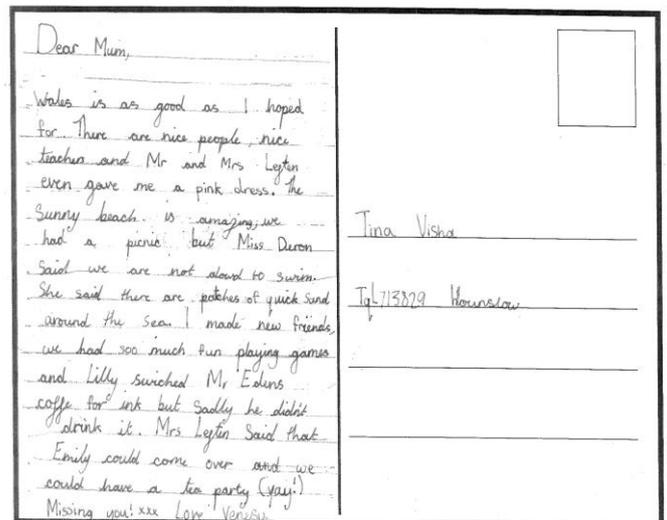
Today we have sent home a consent form with your child, so please keep an eye out for this.

We kindly ask that this is completed over the weekend and returned to school by Wednesday 25th November via the class teacher, as to avoid too much traffic through the main reception.

For further information on this, please do contact the school office.

Classroom Corner

This week Year 6 were whisked back to 1940 and 'evacuated' to the safe countryside. They learnt some steps from the amazing lindy hop dance, baked eggless cake and made WW2 medals. Finally, they had to write a letter home. We all agreed that the day was great fun but we're glad not to be sent away from our families.



Super Sentences!

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.

Bedtime Stories

Due to time restraints many families miss out on bedtime stories but the benefits are huge! Reading to your child for just 10 minutes a day/night can improve their vocabulary, encourage them to read independently and can also improve parent/child relationships. This is not just a



KS1 issue. Older children love a bedtime story too (even if they won't always admit it!) Bedtime stories can be whatever you and your child want to read together. (Extra tip – Do the voices! You can have a good giggle together at your brilliant/miserable attempts at doing various accents...) If you don't feel confident with your own storytelling abilities, there is always CBeebies bedtime story – but do this as a family activity rather than the children on their own, then you can all talk about the story afterwards.

Class	Merits
Nursery	Zain for being so brave this week.
Reception	Holly – for making a great start to her school life at Worple. Amaia – for working really hard with her phonics
Year 1	Ariyan – for fantastic reading Myla – trying so hard with her writing.
Year 2	Isadora: For always working so hard and being such a kind friend to everyone in Year 2. Well done Isadora! Max Mitchell: For working really hard this week and contributing fantastic ideas in Math's and English. Well done Max!
Year 3	Reece- for being so kind and polite at all times to staff and his class. Noah- for persevering with his handwriting.
Year 4	Audrey for practising her neat cursive handwriting at home on the weekend and now using it in school. Katherine for using neat joined up handwriting in her work and taking extra care with her presentation.
Year 5	Pixie for being really engaged in lessons this week and trying hard in her writing. Well done! Lollie for really focussing in English this week and writing some great dialogue-well done!
Year 6	Aicha- for being motivated to work really hard on her writing and remembering useful grammatical language. Well done! Katra- for being ready for the future! She challenges herself every day, is motivated to work hard and shows resilience when things get tough.
Lunchtime Awards	Zain- Year 4 for being a good friend and including everyone during playtime Juno- Year 1 for always being on her best behaviour in the hall.

Key Dates

	Academic Year 2020-21
Wednesday 25 th November	EYFS Phonics workshop for parents at 3:45pm (held virtually)
Monday 7 th December	Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 8 th December	Open afternoon for prospective parents (held virtually)
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas