



Dear Parents and Children,

I am writing to you at the end of my first week at your wonderful school. Thank you so much for making me feel so very welcome in your school community. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and staff and meeting some of the families. I know that our partnership will continue to grow and flourish.

My vision for the school, working with the staff, is to ensure that we continue to build on the enormous strengths of the school, the strong sense of community, the nurturing environment, and ensure that the children make strong academic progress as well as developing into confident, inquisitive, and happy young people.

I am excited about our partnership and hope that we as schools can learn much from each other as well as provide the children of Worple with new experiences and access to a wider range of resources. I feel incredibly humbled to have been invited to take up the headship of your fantastic school and look forward to working and learning with you all over the coming year. Please do come up and introduce yourself if I haven't met you already, as I will be around in the school playground during the mornings.

With very best wishes

Marais Leenders
Executive Headteacher

Vision and values

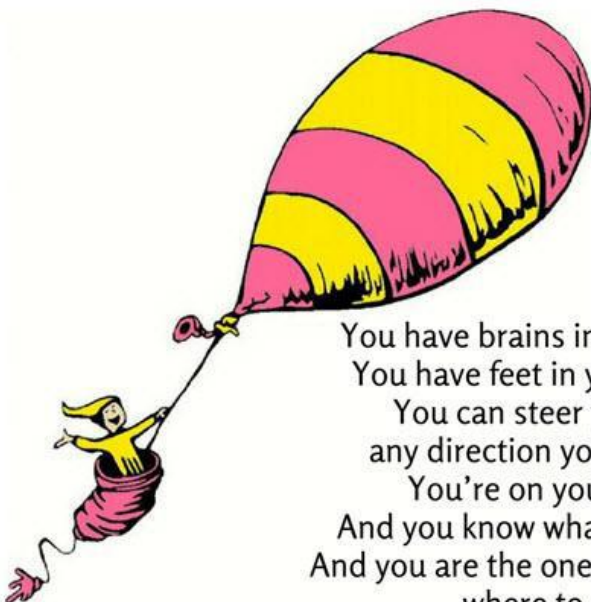
Our Values:

Challenge
Motivation
Integrity
Resilience
Curiosity

Our Vision:

At Worple...
we believe in ourselves
we have the confidence to try
new things
we love to learn
we care for each other and the
environment
we are ready for the future

Enjoy, Learn, Grow



You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
And you are the one who'll decide
where to go.

Dr. Seuss
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Feedback from Coffee with Miss Leenders

Thank you to all of the parents who joined me for coffee on Thursday morning. It was great to meet with you and get your feedback about the school, which we have shared below. We will be reflecting on your feedback and will ensure that your comments are reflected in our work.

What I love about this school	What I would change about this school
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - My child is learning and happy - I love the school community - Single form small school community - Good access to staff if any concerns - Small community which is good - The relationships between teacher and child - Very diverse community – multi cultural - Committed teachers - Good learning without unnecessary pressure - Teachers are so kind! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More focus in Y5 – Y6 on preparing for secondary school and workload - More opportunity to learn music instruments - I would like to see more P.E. activities. More activities would be good considering there is a national issue on obesity - New and exciting homework every week would be nice - Encouragement from teachers to eat school dinners and not to just bin it or bring packed lunch if school dinners are not preferred (my child loves having cheese sandwich everyday) - Stability of leadership - More external workshops/productions visiting the school e.g. science labs/plays etc. - School meal ordering system is poor. - More opportunities for parents to meet and engage - Greater focus on arts and creativity - Clearer roles and expectations of parent reps, PTA - More strict on punctuality and better communication - Recycling? Possibly an 'eco council' + gardening in the raised beds?

Diary Dates

Monday 9 th September	1 st day of Reception class for children new to Worple
Wednesday 11 th September	1 st day of Reception class for children from Worple Nursery
Monday 16 th September	Tea with the Teacher this week. 9:10am in the hall. Monday – Y1; Tuesday – Y2; Wednesday – Y3; Thursday – Y4 Friday – Y5
Monday 23 rd September	Y6 Tea with the Teacher 9:10am in the hall
Tuesday 24 th September	Year 5 to visit Harry Potter Studios
Wednesday 25 th September	Year 4 First Swimming Session
Thursday 26 th September	Year 2 visit to Museum of London Year 6 First Swimming taster session
Tuesday 8 th October	Year 5 Visit to Science Museum
Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October	Half Term Break
Monday 11 th November	KS1 War Memorial Visit
Thursday 21 st November	Year 6 Class assembly 9:15am
Thursday 19th December	Last Day of Autumn Term – school closes at 2pm

Merits

Year 1	Olive for settling in so well and having a positive attitude to learning.
Year 2	Well done for resilience and enthusiasm during pop-corn maths. A great start to the year!
Year 3	Marlie for settling in really well into Year 3. She has worked hard and has showed kindness to the class. Harrison for great concentration in our topic lesson on Thursday afternoon. Really focused on the task and produced an excellent piece of work.
Year 4	All of Year 4 for settling in so well and having such a positive attitude to their learning.
Year 5	Ruhe for being patient, kind and calm. A great role model!
Year 6	All of Year 6 for settling in so well at the top of the school.

Attendance and Punctuality

	Attendance	Punctuality
Year 1	91%	1
Year 2	88%	0
Year 3	98%	1
Year 4	83%	0
Year 5	88%	0
Year 6	97%	1

Congratulations to years 2, 4 and 5 for having no lateness. They will be receiving their punctuality reward next week.





Term and Holiday Dates 2019-2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019		
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd September	Closed
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 rd September	Closed
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th September	Open
Half Term Break	Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October	Closed
Return to School	Monday 28 th October	Open
Last Day of Term	Thursday 19 th December - school closes at 2pm	Open
Christmas Break – Friday 20th December to Friday 3rd January		Closed
SPRING TERM 2020		
Inset Day	Monday 6 th January 2020	Closed
First Day of Term	Tuesday 7 th January	Open
Half Term Break	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February	Closed
Return to School	Monday 24 th February	Open
Last Day of Term	Thursday 2nd April - school closes at 2pm	Open
Inset Day	Friday 3 rd April (C8 inset day)	Closed
Spring Holiday Break – Monday 6th to Friday 17th April		Closed
SUMMER TERM <u>2020</u>		
First Day of Term	Monday 20 th April	Open
May Day	Friday 8th May (please note the change)	Closed
Half Term Break	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May <u>2020</u>	Closed
Return to School	Monday 1 st June	Open
Inset Day	Friday 12 th June	Closed
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 21st July 2020 - school closes at 2pm	Open

Please note:

On the last day of each term (19th Dec, 2nd April, and 21st July) school closes at 2pm.

Please remember to book your holidays during school holidays. Term time holidays are not authorised.

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