

News on the Nineteenth

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school after the Easter break. I hope you all had a lovely time over the holiday and are enjoying this fantastic weather.



We are looking forward to an exciting time ahead with Geography Fieldwork starting next week to launch a term's focus on Geography and places around the world. In addition, we have planned the Opera Project in Y4, the Ballet Project in Y3, Sports Day and much, much more.

READING CHALLENGE TERM AND SPONSORED READ

Thank you to our community for supporting the Spring Reading Challenge Term and Sponsored Read. So many of our children have really tried hard to read every day and to extend their reading skills. Thank you to parents who make time to sit with their children and enjoy such a special time each day.

We raised just over £800 and this has enabled us to buy sets of books for the class libraries and whole class reading texts so that the children have their own book when reading together as a class.

Reading is **the key** to future success at school so **THANK YOU!**

Our visiting author, Karen McCombie, really enjoyed her time at Wormley, saying, "Thanks SO much for my visit - I really enjoyed it. And yes, I do tend to tell schools that I enjoyed my visit, but with Wormley I REALLY enjoyed it! What a lovely vibe the place has... the children were terrific! So relaxed and bubbly and interested. And thank to you for making everything go so smoothly."



We hope those who bought her books are enjoying reading them.

GREAT NEWS - **Neil Zetter** the poet who visited in the Autumn Term, enjoyed his time here so much that he has offered us 2 free workshops. He will be returning in June.

Please keep up daily reading with all children.

ATTENDANCE

Our school community's attendance continues to improve each year - **THANK YOU** but we are still below national expectation. Please make sure children attend every day unless they are unwell.

BOOSTER

Booster for our Y6 children starts again after school next week.

EASTER SERVICES

We enjoyed three Easter Services during Holy Week. Rev Quant came into school to lead the services for Early Years as the weather was too bad to walk to the church. He brought an amazing prop which told the story of Easter.



On **Thursday 29th March**, the sun came out for KS1 and KS2 children to walk to St Augustines Church. The Y4 children told the story of The Three Important Trees, Y3 sang and danced to Lord of The Dance and Y1 shared the Jellybean prayer. Rev. Malcolm talked about the symbol of Easter eggs. I hope you didn't eat too many!

PUFFINS GARDENS OF GETHSEMENE

As part of the RE scheme of learning about why Christians celebrate Easter, the children in Puffins made their own Gardens of Gethsemene.

They were really beautiful.

Each year group focussed on a different aspect of the Easter story and thought about what values they might learn from the story - such as having faith, courage and hope.



CREATIVE CHILDREN

We had some amazing entries for the Easter Creative Arts Competition - a favourite was a scene from I'm a Celebrity....



But there were many more....



MEGGhan Markle's wedding to Prince Harry and a Royal Beefeater!



EASTER HAMPERS

Thank you for buying tickets for the Easter Hampers. We raised £475! These funds will go towards projects for improving outdoor play on the field.

SATs AND WHOLE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT WEEKS

It is also a time for children to really focus in their learning as assessments of their attainment and progress take place this term, including national assessments - Y2 and Y6 SATs, Y1 Phonic Screening and end of EYFS assessment.

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th May, the **Year 6** children sit their national SATs tests.

Year 2 children will be assessed for the end of key stage achievement during the last few weeks of half term and the week following half term (beginning **21st May - 24th May**).

Year 1 children will have a Phonic Screening check during the week beginning **11th**

June.

Please ensure your children attend school during these important weeks and keep up the good practice of making sure your children have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. Thank you.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR Y6 WRITERS

Last term, three pieces of writing from our Y6 children were entered into The Rotary Club Writing competition for local schools.

The children were asked to write about what they wanted to be when they grew up.

Rhys wants to be a police officer, Milly wants to be an author (a world famous one!) and Georgie wants to be a gymnast.

Their writing was really entertaining and beautifully presented!

Milly was our school finalist and won a book token - special congratulations!

Well done to all the Y6 children for their great writing and congratulations to all three children whose writing represented Wormley Primary School.

OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS SERVICE

This term we are thinking about how we might give help to others - how we might use our talents to serve, with no strings attached.



The bible says that God expects those who love Him to provide service to others. By providing service to others, we become God's hands reaching out to others.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church is **24th April**. Please come and join us for arts, crafts and games.



Stay for dinner too.

SPORTS DAY

This year's Sports Day will be held on **Friday 25th May**.

The **KS2** events will take place during the morning from **10:00-11:30am** and the **KS1** events will take place in the afternoon from **1:30pm-2.30pm**. Reception and Nursery classes will also run their races on this day - 2 classes in the morning and 2 in the afternoon.

Please see the outline of the day below.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
9:30-10.00am	Reception (Miss Burling's class) and morning Nursery events
10.00-11.30am	Key Stage 2 events
12.00-1.00pm	Whole school picnic
1.00-1.30pm	Reception (Mrs Campkin's class) and afternoon Nursery events
1.30-2.30pm	KS1 events
2.30-3.00pm	Whole School Sprint Race

We will be holding a whole school picnic on the field that day. If your child has a school dinner, they will be provided with a yellow lunch on this day and eat with the rest of the school on the field.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to come along and encourage the children during the events. As all events will take place on the school field, please make your way straight to the field on arrival.

Children will need to wear their PE shorts/tracksuit bottoms, PE top and trainers (not plimsolls) for the day, and bring along water bottles and sun hats. If it is hot, sun cream should be applied in the morning. Children's t-shirts should be the colour of their house.

We look forward to an enjoyable day! Thank you for your support.



NURSERY PLACES

We still have a couple of spaces for our nursery classes in September, including 30 hours provision.

To visit or collect an application form, please contact admin@wormley.herts.sch.uk

PRESCHOOL PLACES

There are some additional Preschool places available also. To make further enquiries, ring **01992 303331 option 9**.