

# News on the Nineteenth

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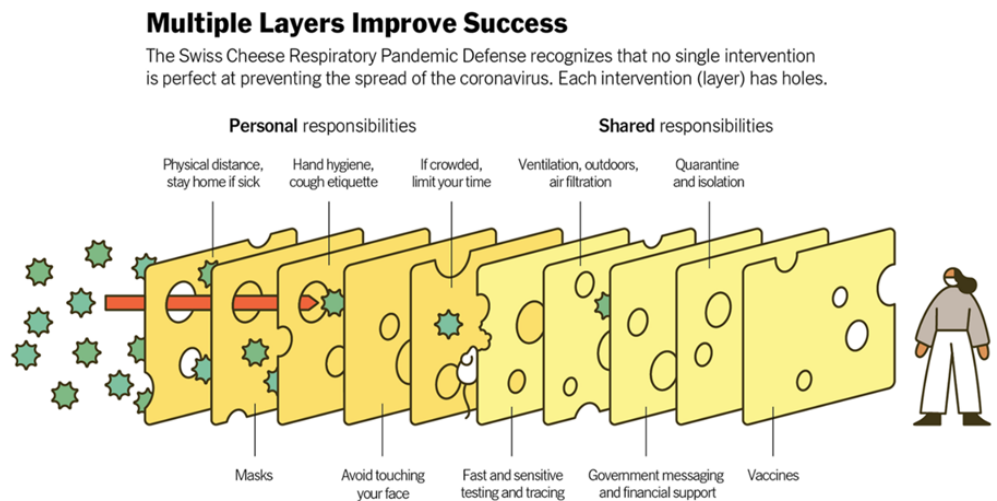
**December 2021**

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The Local Authority have asked us to share the following diagram with staff, students and parents and carers about ways of reducing the transmission of COVID-19. This is very important as cases are rising exponentially.

*Ventilation remains an important measure, and managing this in colder weather can still be achieved and includes regular window opening/partial window opening throughout the day, and fully opening all doors and windows at the end of the day or during room cleans.*

*Schools may also want to relax uniform/dress code allowing jackets or coats to be worn inside, using CO2 monitors to identify rooms with ventilation concerns and respond with specific actions to increase ventilation where possible.*



Source: Adapted from Ian M. Mackay ([virologydownunder.com](http://virologydownunder.com)) and James T. Reason. Illustration by Rose Wong

Wormley has received its delivery of CO2 monitors and we are using them in classrooms to help judge when the doors/windows need to be opened to improve air quality.

### Supermarket voucher scheme for children entitled to FSM this Christmas

We can confirm that county councillors have agreed that children in receipt of benefit related FSMs will receive a £50 digital supermarket voucher for the Christmas holiday period.

Schools will be helping with the ordering and distribution of the vouchers using the existing Edenred Hertfordshire portal.

### Outbreaks

We have had an outbreak in school this half term and it looks like we may have more (we are waiting on PCR results). Please act cautiously as we cannot operate safely if staff are affected and are isolating. This could lead to class closures. Thank you for your support during these difficult times.

Please do not send children back to nursery or school on **6th January** if they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). We want to keep our school open and rely on your help to do so.



## OFSTED INSPECTION

Last week on **Wednesday 8th** and **Thursday 9th December**, Wormley CofE Primary School was inspected by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors for the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (OFSTED). The inspector was looking at four Ofsted categories: quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development of pupils, leadership and management, as set out in their revised Education Inspection Framework (last updated in 2019). The inspector observed, looked at books and talked to a range of pupils, staff and governors about important aspects of the school's work. She also took into account external views of the school's performance. This included evaluations of the school's performance by the local authority. The report is being drafted and will be shared with all stakeholders in January. Thank you for your feedback and support.

## PANTOMIMES

The children will still have a wonderful time at the pantomime - even though it will be in school this year!

The performance is Aladdin.

We hope to be able to share it with families over Christmas too.



There will be lots of booing, cheering, singing and dancing!

Oh no, they didn't

Very traditional and so much fun!

Oh yes, they did!

## INSET DAY

is on **Wednesday 5th January**

Children return to school on

**Thursday 6th January**

## BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Booking on Arbor will be open from **27th December**.

Please do not leave sessions in a basket as they will be deleted, unless using Childcare Vouchers.

## NATIVITIES AND CONCERTS

We hope you enjoy the nativities and concerts performed by the children in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2. They were recorded so that you did not miss out on the typical Christmas traditions.

We hope that you enjoy watching the performances as much as the children enjoyed recording them.

A wonderful start to Christmas.

**Christingle Services** will take place at school on **Tuesday 21st December**.

It is really lovely to see some children making them at home.

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

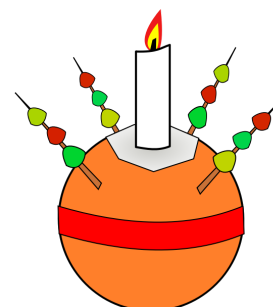
The **orange** represents the world

The **red ribbon** (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ

The **sweets and dried fruit** represent all of God's creations

The lit **candle** represents Jesus' light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Christians believe that the light of Jesus reminds us of hope for a brighter future.



## READING CHALLENGE TERM

Spring Term is **Reading Challenge Term**

Over the coming Spring Term, we will have an even greater focus on reading. Children will be encouraged to read as much as possible, wherever possible.

Unfortunately, as a result of the lockdowns, children missed out in developing their reading and have some catching up to do.



Here is a copy of the reading bands in Early Years and KS1. This will help you to track your child's progress.

### Book Band Reference Sheet

Band	Colour	School / Year Group Expectation
11	Lime	End of Year 2
10	White	
9	Gold	
8	Purple	End of Year 1
7	Turquoise	
6	Orange	
5	Green	End of Reception
4	Blue	
3	Yellow	
2	Red	
1B	Pink (dark)	
1A	Pink (light)	

At the start of each term, children in YR-Y2 have their reading and comprehension ages assessed.

We use a tool called  
**PM Benchmark.**

This helps us to guide children to appropriate levelled books to read at home.

Children work their way through the bands, building their fluency and learning new vocabulary.

At the start, all the books are phonically decodable. The children will have learnt the phonic sounds to be able to read the words in the book.

We like children to read the same book several times so that their fluency really develops. When they read fluently, they can understand more easily what they are reading. Reading a book with your child over and over will really help them. Then you can talk to them about the book to see if they have understood what it was about. Children need lots and lots of practice to become fluent.

We are currently looking to purchase a new reading scheme for our early years and KS1.

### Log In



Parents



Students & Educators

If they have access to a device, young children can enjoy e-books too.

**Epic!** is a great free site for e-books. Parents and children can login and choose from a range of books to read. Copy this link <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in> in your browser.

*There is a health warning as the audio books are narrated by American readers.*

Children in Reception recently enjoyed a trip to the local library in Hoddesdon. You can borrow up to 30 books at a time - no cost involved! A great family activity.

The children were desperate to bring books back to school.

In KS2, we have invested in **Star Reader** - a tool to assess children's reading age and comprehension. Children take an assessment every half term and this gives them a *Zone of Proximal Development* (ZPD). This identifies the zone in which they can read books *fluently* and *independently*. All of our school books have been given a ZPD so we know that children are reading books that are pitched just right for them. As soon as they finish a book, they can complete a quiz through the **Accelerated Reader** site. This checks their comprehension. Over time, children will increase in their fluency and comprehension and move to a higher ZPD. You can track your child's progress too.

We track each child's progress every 6 weeks. We can tell their scores in assessments and what aspects of reading they need to develop further.

In addition for children in Y3-6, we have invested in on-line reading materials. This means that children will be able to read appropriate texts whenever they wish to, wherever they wish to.

**MyOn** is a digital library with hundreds of e-books for children to choose from. These books are linked to your child's age and can be tailored to their interests. These digital books will allow you and your child to read books together at home.



The website allows your child to interact with books by highlighting sections, annotating with virtual post notes and listening to text.

We are able to track what children are reading, when they are reading and how often.

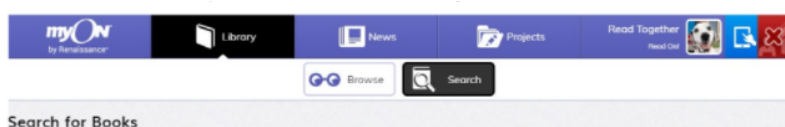
To enhance our home learning we will also be using **MyOn** to set reading and writing home learning for your child to complete. These tasks will help your child to engage with the digital library and deepen their understanding of the texts. Your child's teacher can view the books they have read and how long they have read for too. Our mission is that no child leaves our school without reaching their reading potential!

#### PARENT GUIDE FOR MYON

1. Enter the web address: <https://www.myon.co.uk/>
2. Select **Wormley Primary School**
3. Enter your child's username and password (these are case sensitive)
4. You are now in the digital library
5. Choose a book by browsing through the categories



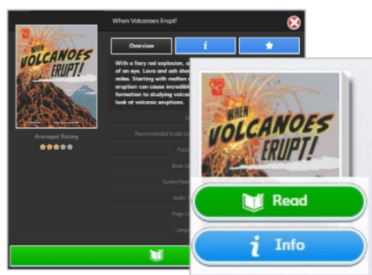
6. Or search for a specific book that fits your child's interests and/or ability



Filter by:



7. Read or listen to the book. Once you have chosen a book, simply hover over the book and click **read**



myON books offer audio narration - a great tool for younger readers or if children want to read a more challenging text, or just to relax!

8. Your child also has access to thousands of news articles on myON news, with 5 articles added daily. The articles are available in English, Spanish and French.

**We will be rewarding great reading habits with raffle tickets.**

Each week, children will be able to win books, comics or a rare 'Reader Bear'. At the end of the term. 4 winners will receive **family tickets to the cinema.**

If you have any problems logging into your child's account or navigating the site please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher for support.



## FRENCH LEARNING

*Joyeux Noel et une Meilleure Année 2022.*



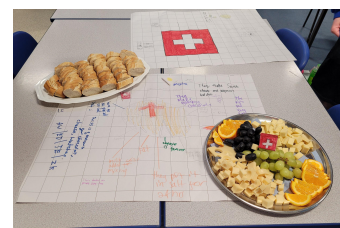
In French this term, we have given children the opportunity to travel to different continents of the world by studying other French speaking countries, such as the tropical island of La Reunion and The Seychelles in the Indian Ocean to Morocco en Afrique; and from Switzerland en Europe to Canada in Amerique du Nord.

As well as learning the geography of these different countries, the children have also learnt about their culture: from tasting Moroccan

mint tea to Swiss cheese making and tasting.

Year 5 learnt about giant tortoises in The Seychelles and produced some postcards, whilst Year 3 students learnt about the journey of the polar bear (l'ours polaire) in northern Canada. They also learnt about Canadian emblem - the maple leaf - and how maple syrup (sirop d'érable) is produced. They did some tasting too!

The children's learning has been fantastique this term and I wish you all a Joyeux Noel et Bonne Année 2022.



## DEADLINE FOR A RECEPTION PLACE

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to Reception is **15th January 2022**. Parents will need to make an application by the closing date to ensure their application is considered as on-time.



**An Under 11 s Leaflet for 2022** was sent in November to Hertfordshire residents whose children are born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018.

Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively if they cannot access the internet, they can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

### NURSERY PLACES

We are taking applications for Nursery places for **September 2022**. Application forms can be found on our website.

This school offers places for 30 hours provision.

### HOME LEARNING

During the Christmas holidays your teachers would like you to:

- *Spend time with the people that you care about*
- *Do the things that you enjoy*
- *Watch your favourite film*
- *Read your favourite book*
- *Make somebody laugh or smile*
- *Do something nice for someone else*
- *Play with your toys*
- *Visit a favourite place*
- *Enjoy a walk*



And finally, come back to school ready to learn again!

### HAPPY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES DURING CHRISTMAS

HAPPyHoliday Activities during Christmas can be booked from **6th December**

For more information and to book, visit: [www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking](http://www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking)

### GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Finally, we say goodbye to Mr Warne, our site manager and caretaker as he starts his retirement at the start of the new year. Mr Warne has been looking after the school since before Wormley CofE moved onto the Ley Park site. He has 'cared' for our school for many years which is why it is such a lovely place to learn and to work in. He will be greatly missed by all the children, staff, governors and families. We send him lots of love and hope he has plenty of time for fishing and doing the things that he loves. God bless Mr Warne.





## Mental Health Support Teams in Schools Broxbourne

### YOUNG PEOPLE WHO SELF HARM – A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

This one-off workshop is designed to support parents in their understanding of self-harm, how to have safe and open discussions and what they can do to support their child.

Sessions will take place at **10am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022** and **6pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

To book your session please go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/young-people-who-self-harm-a-guide-for-parents-tickets-217473738807>

Capacity will be set at 20 attendees. If we have more parents signing up we will create a waiting list and set dates for further sessions.

**Contact: Amy Dunne**  
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Office hours: 9am – 5pm



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### MANAGING YOUR CHILDS ANXIETY - PARENT PROGRAMME

This 5-week programme is designed for parents of children aged 4 – 11 whose child is experiencing symptoms of Anxiety. There are 5 sessions in total, attendance will be online using MS Teams, and you will be required to attend each session to experience the full benefit of the intervention.

Sessions will take place at **9.30am** on the following dates **Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jan, Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Jan & Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022.**

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### Riding the Wave of Emotion - A workshop for young people

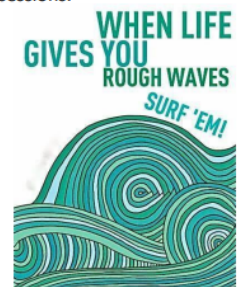
This one-off workshop is designed for young people aged 11-16 who are experiencing difficulties managing emotions and using unhealthy coping strategies. Attendance will be online using MS Teams, where you are welcome to attend anonymously with a hidden camera and unidentifiable name.

The session will take place at **5pm** on **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Jan and Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2022**

To book your session please go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/riding-the-wave-of-emotion-a-workshop-for-young-people-tickets-217467760927>

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## January 2022 Zoom Parent Network

Parent Network is open to ANY parent in the UK caring for a child with any Special Education Needs including those awaiting assessment or diagnosis.

*If you would like to join us, email [bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk](mailto:bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk) and we'll send you the Zoom codes*

zoom with Francine and Lesley	Monday January 10th 7-9pm	Understanding autism
Early Years zoom with Tracey and Georgie	Wednesday January 12th 9.30 - 11.30am	Catching up after Christmas and open forum
zoom with Siobhann	Monday January 17th 10am - 12pm	SEND support in schools
Teens 15+ zoom with Finola and Karen	Tuesday January 18th 7-9pm	EHCPs for post 16s With Helena Marks-Dwyer, Independent SEND Consultant
zoom with Vicky and Sharon	Wednesday January 19th 9.30-11.30am	Let's pop the kettle on - SEND chat, giggles and a cuppa
zoom with Siobhann and Tracey	Thursday January 27th 10am - 12pm	Sensory issues, helpful tips and ideas
zoom with Siobhann and Sharon	Thursday January 27th 7-9pm	EHCP - The first steps

Parents who have attended previous sessions will receive a text invitation to join the virtual meetings



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Facilitated by Lesley & Francine, experienced and accredited facilitators with 20+ years of experience supporting parents as well as personal experience of living in neurodiverse families. We are excellent active listeners and care passionately about bringing parents caring for children with Autism, ADHD and neurodevelopmental conditions and needs together and empowering parents to support their children to be their best self. Our courses are interactive, participatory and supportive.

#### Autism, ADHD & neurodevelopmental conditions/needs courses Spring 2022

<b>A Complete Guide to Parenting Children with SEND</b> For parents of children aged 4 years to 11 years with either a diagnosis or those awaiting assessments of Autism, ADHD & inclusive of all neurodevelopmental conditions/needs.	10 x Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am	<b>January</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>Feb</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>March</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup>
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<b>Handling anger in your child with Autism/ADHD</b> For parents of children aged 5 to 11 years with either a diagnosis or those awaiting assessments of Autism or ADHD	6 x Thursdays 9.30-11.30am	<b>January</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> <b>Feb</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>

Web: [www.familiesinfocus.co.uk](http://www.familiesinfocus.co.uk)

Email Francine and Lesley: [bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk](mailto:bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk)

#### FAMILIES FEELING SAFE

Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life?

This course can help you to:

- Understand the links between feelings, thoughts and behaviour
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe and have problem-solving skills for life



For eligibility and to book your FREE place

please email: [enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk) Tel: 07748 332606

#### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving Father,

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen



**May the Lord Bless You And Keep You**

**WISHING YOU A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
PLEASE STAY SAFE**