

News on the Nineteenth

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LEARNING CONSULTATION EVENINGS

It was lovely to see so many families at the consultation evenings.
Thank you for your continued support in helping your child reach their potential.

JIGSAW - PSHE AND RSE

The Department for Education (DfE) has published statutory guidance about how Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education should be implemented in all schools across England by 2020 (DfE, 2019a).
As a result, we are implementing a new curriculum which we are teaching through a scheme of learning called Jigsaw.
We have planned two information sessions for parents for the **26th March** to share the scheme with you. Look out for more information.

ENRICHMENT DAY

On Friday 14th February we had a very interesting Enrichment Day learning about how we might *love our neighbour* more.

We wanted the children to *make connections* between their actions and the impact of their actions. We wanted them to recognise their *responsibility* in ensuring a fairer world.

The children watched videos from the Fair Trade website

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

and learnt where some of our foods - chocolate, cotton, tea, bananas - come from.

They also learnt about who grew these foods and whether or not they got a fair price for doing so.

*Did you know that some farmers only gain 2% of the cost of an item?
Did you know that the children that harvest cocoa will never taste chocolate?*



We want to encourage our children to become courageous advocates of justice and fairness.

The children were asked to make a pledge to be more aware of where their food comes from, who grows it and if they get a fair price.

We had a fantastic assembly where each class presented their learning.



NURSERY ADMISSIONS



Admissions to nursery schools and nursery classes in schools are managed directly by the schools and not by Herts County Council.

If you wish your child to attend the nursery classes at Wormley, you need to fill in an application form at the school.

All applications should be handed in by **13th March**. Letters offering confirmed places will be sent out to parents in the week beginning **30th March**. You will have until **24th April** to accept or refuse the places you have been offered. Morning places will be offered first to families requesting 30 hours.

UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS

Please see the latest advice from the Department of Education regarding the Coronavirus. Yesterday, the Chief Medical Advisor for England, Chris Whitty updated advice for travellers returning to the UK from specific areas affected by COVID-19, which you can find at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

If you have returned from the following specific areas since 19th February, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy (see link to maps below)
- Special care zones in South Korea (see link to maps below)
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days - see link to maps below)

If you have returned from the following areas since 19 February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111:

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini - see link to maps below)
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

If you have a cough, or fever or shortness of breath and have visited any of the following areas in the last 14 days, stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of your recent travel:

- China, apart from Hubei province (see link to maps below)
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea, apart from special care zones (see link to maps below)
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

For more information, follow this link:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

In school we are promoting and practising typical good hygiene as follows:

- Washing hands frequently.
- Using a tissue, or coughing/sneezing into the arm, not the hand. Turning away from other people.
- Using single-use tissues. Disposing of the tissue immediately.
- Washing hands after coughing, sneezing or using tissues.
- Staying home if sick (so the illness is not spread to other people).

If in doubt, contact the NHS 111 to seek further guidance.

READING CHALLENGE TERM

Don't forget the Reading Challenge at Wormley School this term.

The government expectation is that children in **Year 2** can read **90** words a minute and children in **Year 6** can read **150** words per minute. They need to read with this fluency to cope with the tasks/tests and to access the full curriculum.

Daily practice is the only way to improve fluency.



We have just invested £9000 in new home reading books across the school so the children will have more choice in the books they take home to read. We have been advised to change books less frequently and encourage children to read and re-read the same book to develop greater fluency and deeper understanding.



We are able to tell which children are reading regularly by looking at their *reading records*. This helps us to decide who needs extra support. Please record in the reading records when you read each day.

Children can collect raffle tickets as rewards for reading at home and in school - in fact anywhere!

There is a prize draw each week on a Friday and a Grand Prize Draw at the end of term for

3 sets of family vouchers for a trip to the cinema!



FEBRUARY - MICHAEL MORPURGO MONTH

This February, we are celebrating some of Michael Morpurgo's unforgettable stories. Michael is a passionate advocate of encouraging children to read for pleasure, and his stories often deal with emotionally challenging events, but always with a message of hope and compassion.



WORLD BOOK DAY

5th March is *National World Book Day*.

If they would like to, children can dress as a character from a favourite book or alternatively dress as the book draw a front cover, write a blurb for the back cover, make a sandwich board and hook it over your head!

Don't make reading a chore - make sure it's an enjoyable experience. Save a 10 minute time slot each day to snuggle up with your child and share a book, poem or magazine. Take it in turn to read to each other. Choose books children enjoy. Praise them for their reading.



Please encourage and read *with* your child as much as possible, at least every day, whatever their age. This *will* make a difference and will support your child to achieve their potential.

Thank you

ATTENDANCE

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absence	Learning Hours Lost
EXCELLENT	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
GOOD	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
SATISFACTORY	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
CAUSE FOR CONCERN	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
	UNSATISFACTORY	86%	163 days	27
SERIOUS CAUSE FOR CONCERN	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
CRITICAL	80%	152 days	38	190

This is the latest guidance issued from Hertfordshire Local Authority about pupil attendance. We have been asked to share this with families.

Schools are expected to promote and ensure high attendance of pupils in school.

Without parental support, this is very difficult.

Please do not book holidays in term time as they cannot be authorised.

Children should be in school unless they are contagious or very unwell.

Parents will know if their children's attendance is a concern as they will be contacted by Mrs Harris, or Attendance Lead.

In some cases families will be fined/have to attend court for the low school attendance of their children.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This term, we are part of a Lent initiative with the Diocese of St Albans - *God In This Place*.

It is based upon the story of Jacob (Genesis) and focuses on journeying, dreams, faith and worship. The Worship Leaders will help deliver the initiative. Archdeacon Janet is visiting this week to be part of our collective worship.



On 26th February there will be two **Ash Wednesday Services** in school to mark the beginning of Lent.

As we draw towards the end of term, we will explore **Salvation** in preparation for Easter. The children will be learning that the Bible says that Jesus died on the cross so that anything that we might do wrong, might be forgiven - and this is what Christians believe and why they celebrate Easter.

BOOSTER CLASS

Booster Club has started for some of our Y6 pupils. If your child gets an invitation to come to the club, don't forget.

A special time for extra revision and help in areas you find tricky!

Be prepared for Secondary School



SMOKING/VAPING

A reminder - it is unlawful to smoke or vape on school grounds or just outside the gates. It is unhealthy for children to walk through smoke whilst coming and going to school.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2020

6th - 15th March

The week 6th - 15th March is National Science Week and the Science Team have planned a Wormley Science Week based on the theme of *George's Marvellous Medicine*. The week begins with an assembly and workshops from *Sublime Science*. The Spectacular Sublime Science Workshops were designed by 'Mad' Marc - best known as the man who made slime and fired smoke rings on Dragons' Den. He's been a Professional Science Communicator (maker of slime & launcher of rockets!) for close to a decade across the UK, Canada and Australia. 'Mad' Marc founded Sublime Science with the sole intention of showing children how much fun science can be. Sublime Science has inspired more than one million children and has even received a Queen's Award for Innovation from Her Majesty The Queen.

Learning includes:

- 'Magic' Tricks and Spectacular Experiments where the children's mouths will fall wide open with amazement! (And they'll be all about the scientific method too!)
- Sweet Making as a Science Experiment - Every single child will be grinning from ear to ear when they taste them! (As well as understand chemical reactions!)
- Spectacular Science - Bubbles, Smoke & Flying things where the children learn all about pressure, air & forces too!
- Goopy Slime Making - the children will make their own slime to take home & show their parents (and learn all about polymers too!)

The week will be based around experiments and investigations from *George's Marvellous Medicine Experiments*. In *George's Marvellous Medicine*, George Kranky created his own 'marvellous medicine' to deal with his grizzly old grunion of a Grandma. Children will be trying some of the some amazing science.

The children will be developing their scientific skills as they ask questions, observe closely, predict, investigate, research, measure, collect data, draw conclusions and classify.

GETTING ON WITH YOUR TEENS/PRE TEENS'

The course runs for 6 weeks starting at the end of February.

If any parents/carers think they would benefit from attending this course, please register yourself.



Visit the Parenting Directory <https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk/Categories/53> or contact Angela Shaw: via phone 01992 555029 (Internal: 25029), email angela.shaw@hertfordshire.gov.uk or mobile 07812322331.

ADD-VANCE

ADD-vance are pleased to be able to offer four **FREE** 6 week parent/carer courses starting in February 2020 with funding from Hertfordshire County Council.

Courses available:

Understanding Autism - daytime course in Welwyn Garden City - commencing on Monday 24th February 2020

<https://add-vance-understanding-autism-welwyn-spring-2020.eventbrite.co.uk>

Understanding ADHD - daytime course in Cheshunt - commencing on Tuesday 25th February 2020

<https://add-vance-understanding-adhd-cheshunt-spring-2020.eventbrite.co.uk>

Understanding ADHD - daytime course in Hertford - commencing on Wednesday 26th February 2020

<https://add-vance-understanding-adhd-hertford-spring-2020.eventbrite.co.uk>

Understanding Autism - evening course in Hemel Hempstead - commencing on Wednesday 26th February 2020

<https://add-vance-understanding-autism-dacorum-spring-2020.eventbrite.co.uk>

Understanding ADHD - evening course in Welwyn/Hatfield - Venue and dates to be confirmed

*** Priority will be given to parent/carers with a Families First Assessment, Child in Need Plan or Care Plan through Social Services. If you have any families that meet this criteria, please contact Andrea at bookings@add-vance.org or call on **01727 833963** ***

Please see attached flyers for more information.



Courses are open to residents of Hertfordshire only. Places are limited and offered on a first come first served basis, so early booking is essential

SPACE CONFERENCE WITH TONY ATTWOOD



BOOKING NOW OPEN



DR TONY ATTWOOD CONFERENCE - 5th JUNE 2020.

TIME: 8.30am arrival for a 9.00am start. 4.30pm finish.

Location: The Meadow Barn, Tewinbury Farm Hotel, Hertford Rd, Welwyn Garden City, Tewin,
Welwyn AL6 0JB

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

TICKET INFORMATION - This event is favourably priced in comparison to similar events.

Please note we are unable to accommodate babies/children/under 18's at this event.



EARLY BIRD TICKETS

PARENT/CARER



There are 50 early bird parent/carer tickets available at a cost of £55.00 per ticket (+£4.88 eventbrite booking fee)

!IMPORTANT NOTE - Please ensure if you are a professional you purchase a professional ticket In order to ensure that parent/carers can benefit from the parent/carer prices thank you!



FULL PRICE TICKETS



After the early bird tickets are sold the prices will revert to full price tickets.

PARENT/CARER

£70.00 per ticket (+£6.05 eventbrite booking fee)

The focus of the conference will be:-

Morning presentation: Autism and Cognitive Abilities: A Different Way Of Thinking And Learning Profile

This presentation will focus on the profile of cognitive abilities associated with ASD/Autism/Asperger's syndrome. There will be an emphasis on the distinct profile of intellectual abilities, problems with executive function, flexible thinking, coping with mistakes and weak central coherence. There will be strategies described that may help improve motivation, organisational skills and academic achievement.

Afternoon presentation: Adolescent issues for Autistic Teenagers

This presentation focuses on issues faced by teenagers on the Autistic Spectrum , which range from the physical aspects of puberty to changes in friendship, the development of sexuality, the change in academic expectations, emotion management, issues regarding self-esteem, and preparation for college and employment.

Please use this link to book your places <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dr-tony-attwood-conference-with-space-hertfordshire-tickets-89283612689>

FIT AND FED

Fit and Fed is a holiday activity programme, delivered by Broxbourne Council, that seeks to offer high quality activity sessions with 2 nutritious meals every day, free of charge. It is for children aged 8-16 that are eligible to receive free school meals.



The programme is taking place at **Isabella House Nursery, Longcroft Drive, Waltham Cross, EN8 7PZ** from **Monday 6 April** and **Thursday 16th April**.
Each session runs from **10am - 12.30pm**.

For more information, please email matthew.ridley@broxbourne.go.uk, or call **01992 785555**.