

# NEWS ON THE NINETEENTH

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*Have Faith, Show Respect, Take Responsibility and Achieve*

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## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

### Additional coronavirus (COVID-19) measures for all early-years settings and schools in Herts

You will be aware that nationally cases of COVID-19 are high, and Hertfordshire is no different with the highest number of cases in children and young people. As a result, Herts County Council are asking all schools and early-years settings to implement some additional public health measures. By acting quickly ahead of winter we can help reduce the spread of the virus and protect each other and the most vulnerable members of our communities.



It is recommended that in early years, primary and special schools, staff and visitors wear face coverings when interacting with other adults within the setting, except when:

- outside on school premises
- eating or drinking
- someone is exempt from wearing face coverings

COVID-19 has not gone away. While the NHS work hard to get as many people, who are eligible, vaccinated against the virus as soon as possible, there are things we can all do to play our part.

### Regular testing

In addition to wearing face coverings, testing can help to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Great Ormond Street Hospital advise that there are other symptoms of COVID.

Other symptoms include:

- Extreme Fatigue
- Myalgia (Muscle ache)
- Sore throat
- Shortness of Breath
- Severe persistent headache lasting >24 hours
- Diarrhoea

However, these are similar to lots of childhood illnesses. If you think your child is not well, it is best to monitor their symptoms or test them. We have done so far to keep infection down.

There have been cases of Chicken Pox in school too.

## MORNING START TIMES

8:45 - 8:55 YR, Y2, Y4 and Y6 (learning begins at 8:55)

8:55 - 9:05 Y1, Y3 and Y5 (learning begins at 9:05)

9:00 YN

If you arrive after your time slot, you should bring your child to the front

reception to explain why you are late. They will be marked on the register as late to school.



## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are hoping to raffle Christmas Hampers again. Any donations will be gratefully received.



## CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES AND CONCERTS

We will be recording Christmas nativities and concerts to share with

Look out for photos and ticket sales.



parents via Tapestry and the Google Classroom.

### WELCOME BACK AND GOODBYE

We welcome back **Mrs Plester** to Y5 this week as she returns from maternity leave.

We also say good bye (for a while) to **Mrs Harwood** and **Mrs Newland** as they leave to prepare for their babies' arrivals.



### END OF THE AUTUMN TERM

The Autumn Term ends on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.**

1:15 - YR, Y2, Y4 and Y6

1:25 - Y1, Y3 and Y5

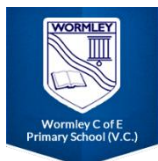
### START OF THE SPRING TERM

School begins on Thursday **6<sup>th</sup> January**



### SCHOOL PRIORITIES AND OUR DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020-2021

Please find on our website a plan of our priorities for developing and improving the school over this year.



To further support your children to achieve their potential, please **read with them every night**. We can teach your children to read but to become *fluent*, they need a lot of practise and this cannot be done in a packed timetable.

If you are unable to help your child practise, they will find it hard to keep up with those children who do.

Please encourage them to **practise their handwriting** for five minutes a day. Once again, we can teach them to form their letters correctly and practise for a short while each day but for writing to become *fluent* and *automatic*, children need lots of practise.

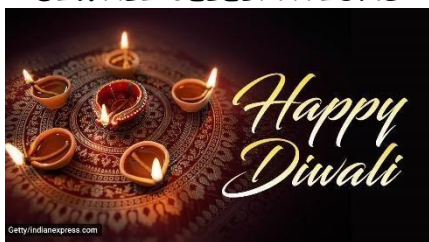
In terms of their maths, please help them to **learn their multiplication tables forwards, backwards and inside out** in fun ways with songs and poems; teach them to **tell the time**; give them actual **coins to spend** so they understand the idea of **money**.

Dedicate a little amount of time each day to talk to them about their learning, their strengths, and what they would like to improve further.

*We thank you for your continued support*



### DIWALI CELEBRATIONS



Wishing happiness to all our families who celebrated Diwali this month.

We have enjoyed hearing about celebrations in school.

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

We held a **Remembrance Service** in each class on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

This included a minutes silence to think about those who have been, and continue to be, affected by war around the world.

We prayed for **peace** and **equality** in the world.

Lots of the children created poppies in art, wrote prayers and reflected on their thoughts about Armistice Day.



### THE VALUE OF PEACE

This half term, we are exploring the value of **peace**



We are learning about the symbols that represent peace, thinking about what we mean by the saying 'peace on earth', and how we might act as 'peace makers' in the world.

We will hear stories about peace from the Bible and other sources as we approach Christmas.

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27*

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week is national Anti-bullying Week (15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> November).

The theme for 2021 is: **One Kind Word**

**Kindness** is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last eighteen months has underlined how little acts of kindness can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

The **Anti-Bullying Alliance** (which coordinates the campaign each year in England and Wales) asked over 400 young people, teachers, and parents, what they wanted from this year's Anti-Bullying Week. The response was that everyone wanted anti-bullying work to be about **hope** and the **positive** and **kind** things we can do to halt hurtful behaviour in its tracks.



- ❖ Ask if someone's OK. Say you're sorry if you've hurt someone. Just say hey.
- ❖ In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of **hope**. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.
- ❖ Best of all, one kind word leads to another. **Kindness fuels kindness**.

*So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. It starts with one kind word. It starts today.*

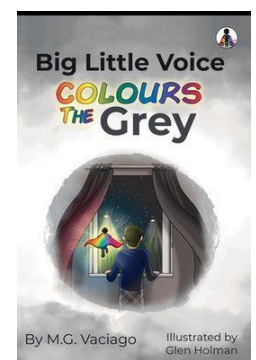
Our assemblies, Collective Worship and PSHE lessons will use the resources from the alliance to prompt children to think about how what bullying is and how they might put a stop to it.

We think about bullying as causing harm to another person **several times on purpose** -

**STOP** bullying

**Several Times On Purpose**

We invited in **MC Vaciago**, an author of a book about anti-bullying and wellbeing on the **18<sup>th</sup> November**. She gave a talk to children in KS1 and KS2 and led workshops for children in KS2. A signed copy of her book is available to purchase on Amazon for £7.99



### ODD SOCKS DAY

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November**, we encouraged children to wear their odd socks to school as a symbol of their **individuality** and **uniqueness**. It was great so see so much colour and variety!

**We are all the same but all different.**

This website is a useful source to follow up at home

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are delaying school photos until next term. This has been a very busy term with interruptions to learning required by health checks and immunisations. With a member of staff down in our admin team and trying to reduce movement around school for infection control, we have decided to postpone.

### PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE

Please **DO NOT** park over residents' driveways. We have received a complaint from a local resident who was blocked in by a parent who had parked over her driveway. This is very inconsiderate.



### MATHS ENGLAND WEEK

Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in Maths England Week - a times table competition on TT Rockstars against other primary schools across the country.

Well done to all those children who took part - not only did you contribute to the team score but you also built your own knowledge!

The winning class at Wormley is **WHALES** - congratulations to Mr Bruce and his class!

The three top-scoring children in school are:

**1st:** Dheemath Silva (Dolphins)

**2nd:** Ryan Opara (Sharks)

**3rd:** Ozan Sumbul (Stingrays)



### ACTIVE MATHS

Y5 have been having great fun in their maths learning last week: Measuring in wholes and parts



Active parts clarifies thinking of abstract ideas, such as decimals, fractions and percentages.

Don't forget to encourage your children to develop their maths fluency with **Numbots** (EY and KS1) and **TT Rockstars** (KS2). They can practise at home every night for a short while and this will help them with all mathematical concepts. If your child has forgotten their login, please ask their teacher.



### CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

We have booked a whole school virtual pantomime for our school to enjoy in our last week before Christmas.

If we are given permission to share the link with families over Christmas, we will.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December it is our school Christmas Lunch.

If your child does not usually have a dinner on this day, they may order a school Christmas dinner for £2.65



### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December we are celebrating Christmas Jumper Day.



Please pay via Arbor - selecting traditional or vegetarian option.

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers for a £1 donation for Save The Children.

### PREMISES MANAGER

It is with great sadness that we tell you that Mr Warne, our caretaker of the school, will be retiring at Christmas, after 22 years of service to the school.

If you would like to donate to a leaving gift, you can do so in the Reception office.

He will be greatly missed, particularly by the children.

We are currently advertising to fill this role if you know anyone that would be interested.

### ADMISSION TO NURSERY

- FREE EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

All children from the term after they turn three are entitled to 570 hours of free early education per year until they start full-time school.

Parents must apply directly to a school for a nursery school place as the Local Authority no longer processes nursery applications.

If you would like to request a nursery place at Wormley CofE Primary School, please call for an application or download one from the website.

We are currently able to offer tours with of our early years.

Please contact the school office to ask for information on 01992 303331



### FAMILIES FIRST PARTNERSHIP

#### Supporting Children with Additional Needs

Please find attached posters for some free events we are running for parents/carers of autistic children and children with ADHD.



### BEREAVEMENT AND LOSS FREE

#### WORKSHOP OVERVIEW: Workshop for Parents/Carers

This forum is designed for parents/carers of children displaying traits of ASD and/or ADHD.

**This online training aims to:**

- Enable parents/carers to develop their confidence in supporting their children with bereavement and loss
- Explore strategies to support their child/ren to discuss aspects of bereavement and loss, including divorce and separation
- Provide a space to look at and identify effective support and management for the whole family

**Date:** Monday 30th November 2021      **Time:** 1:00 - 2.30pm

**Venue:** Online. A link will be sent via email on the morning of the training.

**TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE VISIT:** [nessieined.com/events](https://nessieined.com/events)

**Cost:** FREE. Funded by Hertfordshire County Council.

### FAMILIES FIRST



## Free Workshop for Parents/Carers Supporting Children with Additional Needs

### RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY

**WORKSHOP OVERVIEW:** This forum is designed for parents/carers of children displaying traits of ASD and/or ADHD.

**This online training aims to:**

- Enable parents/carers to develop their own understanding of the support their child might need to recognise and develop positive relationships
- Explore strategies to support their child/ren to develop concepts of public and private, personal safety and consent.
- Provide a space to explore how to manage the pressures of supporting a child/ren with additional needs

**Date:** Monday 19th November 2021

**Time:** 7:30 - 9:00pm

**Venue:** Online. A link will be sent via email on the morning of the training.

**TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE VISIT:** [nessieined.com/events](http://nessieined.com/events)

**Cost:** FREE. Funded by Hertfordshire County Council.

### FAMILIES FIRST

North Herts Emotional Health in Schools Service are offering the following webinars for families



Date	Time	Title
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	1-2.30pm	<a href="#"><u>Supporting a Child with ASD/ADHD with Bereavement and Loss</u></a>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	7.30-9pm	<a href="#"><u>Girls and Women – Supporting Children with Additional Needs</u></a>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	1-2.30pm	<a href="#"><u>Supporting Siblings of Children with Additional Needs</u></a>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	1-2.30pm	<a href="#"><u>Supporting a Child with ASD/ADHD through Relationships and Sexuality</u></a>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	1-2.30pm	<a href="#"><u>Supporting a Child with ASD/ADHD with Bereavement and Loss</u></a>

To book a place, visit: [nessieined.com/events](http://nessieined.com/events)

### A PRAYER OF PEACE

Lead us from hate to love,  
from war to peace,  
Let peace fill our hearts,  
our world, our universe.  
Let us dream together, pray together, work together  
to build one world of peace and justice for all.  
Amen.