

News on the Nineteenth

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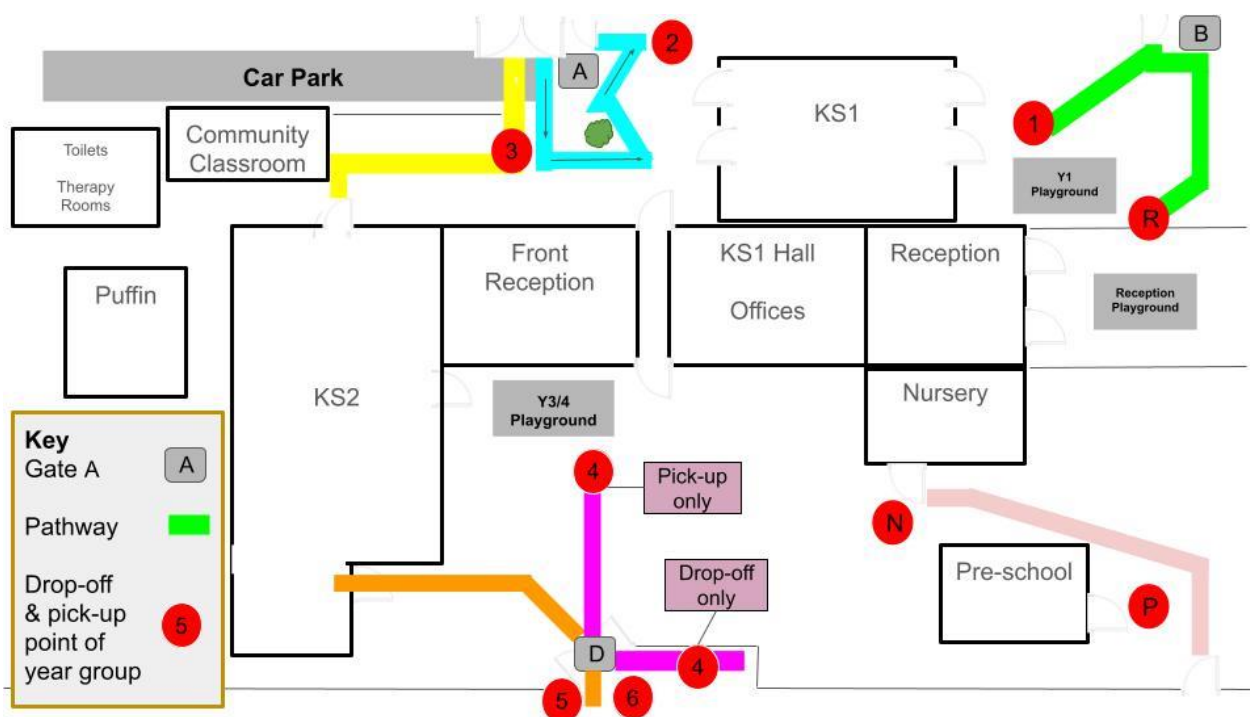
CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

When we return to school in the Autumn Term, we will have entered **Step 4** of the government's roadmap. Guidance regarding management of the pandemic will have changed significantly. There will be no requirement for children to be in bubbles, for staggered start and finish times and staggered lunches. There will be no social distancing or wearing of face masks. Children will not need to isolate if they have been in contact with someone with the virus.

However, some of the changes last year have been appreciated by children, staff and families and we have chosen to keep some of our new practices.

Beginning and end of the day

Entrance	Location of gate	Year Group
Entrance A	Front gate	Y2, Y3
Entrance B	Gate to KS1 playground	YR, Y1
Entrance C	Gate next to Preschool	Preschool, YN
Entrance D	Back gate	Y4, Y5, Y6



There will still be staggered start and finish times and a *soft start* for each class to allow for children to enter the classroom and to wash their hands before settling to a learning task.

At the end of the day, parents will collect their children from the same entrance as the one they dropped them to.

School will have four start and finish times

Year group	Start time	Finish time
YR, Y2, Y4, Y6 (even numbers)	8:45	3:10
Y1, Y3, Y5 (odd numbers)	8:55	3:20
Preschool, YN mornings	9:00	12:00
YN afternoons	12:30	3:30

Morning registers will close at **9:10 am** - after this point your child will be marked as late.

Playtimes and lunchtimes

Playtimes will still be staggered so that children have more space to play on the playground/field.

Snacks are provided in Early Years and KS1. Children may bring a healthy snack in KS2 (fruit/vegetable).

Children will continue to have lunchtime slots for eating their lunch in our dining areas but children will be able to mix in the playgrounds.

Good Hygiene Practices



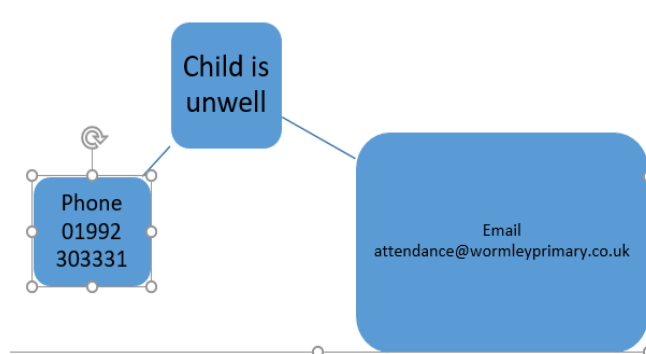
Children will be asked to practice good hygiene including frequent handwashing and using a tissue when sneezing or blowing their nose. Children suffering from eczema can bring their own hand soap or cream if it is clearly labelled.

CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT.

We have lots of *social stories* to help children with this.

Attendance

Attendance is compulsory if children are well. If children are not well, they should not attend. It is essential that parents make the school aware of the reason for any pupil absence before the start of the day by emailing attendance@wormleyprimary.co.uk.



If parents do not let us know why their child is absent, a member of the school admin team will have to phone the family of every child who is not in school.

As winter approaches, your child may experience symptoms such as a cough or a temperature. To rule out COVID, please test your child before they return to school to keep the spread of the virus low.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear our school uniform when they return in September. Please see the website if you need to clarify what children should wear to school and for PE.

PE kits should be worn all day on the day children have PE.

Payments via Arbor

Payments for school meals, Breakfast and After School Club (BASC), resources etc. should continue to be made via online payments using Arbor. There is also a post box in front of reception.

Healthy Home Packed Lunches and Water Bottles

A reminder that home packed lunches must be healthy and meet all nutritional expectations for meals consumed in school. Water bottles - marked with children's names - are essential.

Breakfast and After School Club (BASC)

Breakfast and After School Club can be booked via Arbor for the Autumn Term.

Trips, Visits and Visitors

We have already booked history workshops and visits for the Autumn Term. Please check the website for dates on the calendar.

We will also be using the local environment for local History studies.

Home Learning and Remote Learning

In preparation for any possible isolation periods (due to having contracted COVID), and for setting home learning, we will continue to use *Tapestry* for Preschool, YN and YR and the *Google Classroom* for Y1- Y6. Please ensure you have access to these platforms.

When to isolate or take a test

Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. Children and adults should not come to school if **they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19** (for example, if they are required to quarantine).

If anyone in our school should develop COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, we would send them home and public health advice must then be followed.

From **16 August 2021**, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

All individuals must take a PCR test if advised to do so before returning to school.

SUMMER CONCERT

The theme is colours

I know many of you are disappointed that you won't be able to attend the summer concert this year. I do understand this. It's such a lovely occasion and we have all missed out on so much! However, we are not prepared to take the risk with infection rates rising and having such large numbers attending, just as we are about to break for the summer.

We will video the dances and post photos of the event.

The children will have a wonderful time.



WELCOME TO ALL NEW NURSERY AND RECEPTION FAMILIES

We welcome our new families who will start with us in September.

We look forward to seeing you on your visit dates - **Thursday 2nd** and **Friday 3rd September**.

Your children will then start with us on **Monday 6th September**.

IMPORTANT DATES

Return to school

Thursday 2nd September

INSET Day

Monday 1st November

Return to school

Tuesday 2nd November



OUR VALUE OF THE HALF TERM

This half term's value has been thankfulness. We have counted our blessings and thought about all of those we are thankful for. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of you for coping so well with the past year. Thank you for helping us to teach your children in lockdown, for navigating all the changes to the day and for your cheery 'Good mornings' at the gates.

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"
1 Chronicles 16:34

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR Y6 CHILDREN

This week, we say goodbye to our children in Y6. It was sad that they missed out on some of the Y6 traditions but we did manage to organise a day out at Lee Valley Regional Park involving white water activities.



They have a Leavers' Service planned for tomorrow on the school field.

We are confident that they are ready to start a new exciting adventure in their secondary schools.

We will miss you all but know that you are ready!

Good Luck!

THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge is **"Wild World Heroes"** celebrating the WWF and encouraging and inspiring young readers to stand up for our planet! Something our children are passionate about.

This is a national initiative organised by **The Reading Agency** to keep children reading during the summer holidays. Besides promoting reading for pleasure, the challenge helps to maintain your child's reading levels so that they return to school in the autumn ready to pick up where they left off at the end of the summer term - which is even more important after a disruptive 18 months.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

They challenge children to read 6 library books between July and September and visit the library to tell us about them. In return they provide incentives including a folder, stickers and lots more. Children who successfully complete the challenge receive a medal, bookmark and certificate.

This is completely FREE

They have produced a video to promote this years challenge please click on the link https://youtu.be/dyULyEVg_NO

SCHOOLREADERS BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION

Schoolreaders
improving literacy • increasing life chances

Schoolreaders are delighted to be launching its Summertime Book Review Competition for the 2nd year. We aim to encourage children to read over the summer holidays by sending us a book review. We had some fantastic entries last year and would love it if your children would like to get involved!



The prizes are books for the winner and their school's library; and also a video call for the whole class with award-winning children's author **M G Leonard**.



M. G. Leonard says: "books are the best!"

"Reading can take you to every imaginable place in time and space. Books fill your head with friends, your mind with questions and your heart with feelings. They'll help you decide what kind of grown-up you want to be and see the wonder of the world around you. Reading is magic".

What could you win?

Two winners will get the chance, along with their class, to take part in a virtual video chat with award-winning author M. G. Leonard who wrote 'Beetle Boy' and 'Twitch!'.

These two winners will also win £100-worth of books each for their school libraries, and £25-worth of books each for themselves.

Four runners up will win £15-worth of books each. All book prizes have been kindly supplied by Scholastic.

The winners' book reviews will be featured on the Schoolreaders website.

To find out more follow the link <https://www.schoolreaders.org/bookreview>

The competition is open until the **30th September**.

ROCK ON WITH ROCK STEADY LESSONS IN SCHOOL

It's a delight to share that Rocksteady lessons are really helping to support children's wellbeing during these difficult times.

In a recent survey by Rocksteady:

- 90% of parents questioned said Rocksteady helped their child adjust back to school life
- 90% reported that Rocksteady lessons boosted their child's wellbeing
- 80% of parents said lessons help their child's confidence



As we break for Summer, Rocksteady have some information. For almost three years they have managed to freeze the price parents pay for Rocksteady lessons.

With effect from 1st September 2021, the price will change by a total of £3.60 per month including VAT. They are committed to delivering great value and have some exciting things planned for the year ahead, including the introduction of regular notifications to keep parents up to date with their child's lessons and additional ways to celebrate their child's achievements.

If your child would like to join a rock band, please contact them by phone **0330 113 0401**, or email schools@rocksteadymusicschool.com.

ARTS WEEK

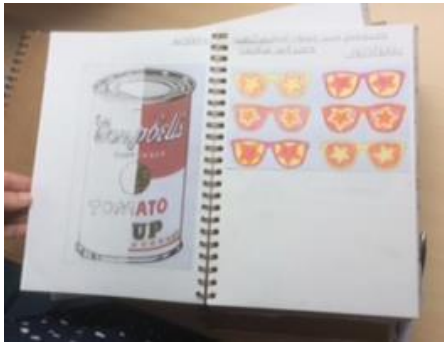
The children have really enjoyed our Arts Week.

In Art, they have been studying artists, trialling their techniques and evaluating their own responses. They have been experimenting with different mediums such as clay, paint, pastels and watercolour.

In DT, many year groups have been cooking and we were invited to try some homemade pizza, homemade flat breads and tasty dips. Mmmmm!

In Reception, they have been trying some weaving, sewing and woodwork.

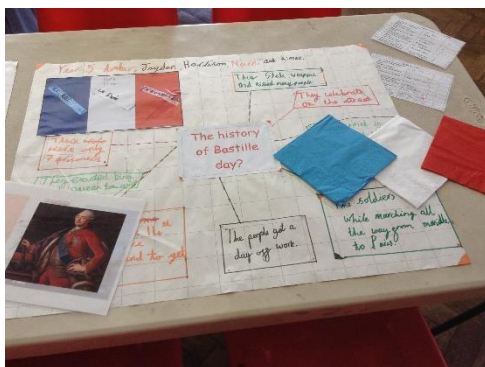
In Music, Y6 have had our music specialist who has been using piano, voice, glockenspiels and djembe drums to teach pulse, rhythm and pitch. Whilst different genres have been learnt in different year groups, including reggae, pop and motown.



FRENCH UPDATE

It has been a different year for us all. I wish la classe six bonne chance in their new school et bonnes vacances d'été.

To complete our French learning this term the children learnt so much about a small part of French History - from Louis XIV to Napoleon Bonaparte.



La classe cinq (Y5) learnt about La Révolution Française la prise de la Bastille en 1789 et la fête National le 14 juillet.



The classe six (Y6) shared so much understanding of la Première Guerre Mondiale (WWI) fought in the trenches en 1914-1918

Un grand merci à tous for some amazing learning in our French lesson!

A bientôt et bonnes vacances.
Madame Richards



PRESCHOOL/NURSEY PLACES

There are still some limited places in **Preschool** and **Nursery** afternoons for September 2021. Please email admin@wormleyprimary.co.uk if you are interested in a place here at Wormley.

END OF TERM

Term finishes on
Wednesday 21st July
at **1:20 (Y1, Y3, Y5)**
and **1:30 (YR, Y2, Y4, Y6)**



FAMILY LIVES

Family Lives are delivering 2 parenting groups, funded by Herts County Council, in the Autumn term for targeted parents/carers.



Getting on with your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks)

Tuesday 14th September to 19th October 7pm - 9pm

This group is aimed at families with a FFA, CIN, CP or Youth Justice Plan but places are also available for parents wanting to gain an understanding of the feelings & needs underlying teenager behaviour and knowledge and skills to develop a more positive relationship.

Course content may vary depending on needs of the group.

- * Risky behaviour online through social media
- * Attraction to or involvement in gangs
- * Alcohol and/or drugs, early sex, self-harming, crime and anti-social behaviour, aggressive and challenging behaviour

Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with ADHD/ASD (6 weeks)

Thursday 16th September to 21st October 9.30am to 11.30am

This programme provides support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential.

Sessions will cover :

- * ADHD - a whole-family issue
- * Understanding your child's behaviour
- * Helping your child manage their feelings and outbursts
- * Balancing support of siblings
- * Learning new parenting strategies to address challenging behaviour and to make a difference in your family life

Free confidential helpline on **0808 800 2222**

Email us for support at askus@familylives.org.uk

Talk to us online via our [Live Chat](#) service

Online advice, peer support and information on all aspects of family life
at www.familylives.org.uk

Find us on social media @FamilyLives @BullyingUK

Louise Voyce | Senior Services Administrator (London & Home Counties)

Direct: 0204 522 8700

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00 - 5.30 & Wednesday 9.00-11.30

IF HOME ISN'T SAFE, SEEK HELP

No one should suffer abuse from another person.

No child should witness abuse of a parent.

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing domestic abuse, call
0300 7906772 for advice and support,

In an emergency, always call **999**. If you are afraid to speak, call
999 from a mobile and press **5, 5**.

For more information, go to hertssunflower.org



This number operates 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
Calls outside of these hours may be diverted to a national helpdesk.

INVITATION TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE

As part of the Public Health Nursing (PHN) 5-19 service, we offer year 6 children that attend primary schools the opportunity to complete an online health and well-being questionnaire called The Lancaster Model (TLM). This is completed in their school setting.



Your child will have had the opportunity to complete this health questionnaire recently in year 6. We are currently reviewing the delivery of this model and as part of that review we are gathering information and views from parents/carers, school staff and our own staff on how we implement this moving forward.

Therefore, we would like invite you to complete a questionnaire to give you the opportunity to express your views on how you found the TLM process for your child. The data will then be compiled, analysed and used to enhance the delivery of the TLM questionnaire to year 6 children in school.

Please click on the link to access the questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LZ839VL>

The closing date for completion is the **23rd July 2021**. If you have any queries please contact Amanda Evans, Clinical Lead on 07827230878 or Lynda Edwards, Clinical Lead on 07880782363.

STAYING SAFE ON LINE - LIVE STREAMING WITH TIK TOK

No doubt over the past few months you've heard children (and maybe a few adults) talk about the latest **Tik Tok** challenges or their favourite celebrity's lockdown live stream. There is a lot of fun to be had but there are dangers with live streaming too.

Primary aged children are not old enough to have their own account and should share an adult account so it can be checked regularly.



Below are links to activity packs for parents and carers to share with their children exploring how children and young people can stay safe whilst live streaming:

Ages 4-5: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/early-years/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969

Ages 5-7: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/5-7s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969

Ages 8-10: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/8-10s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969

Ages 11-13: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/11-13s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=d422803b43-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_16_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-d422803b43-64896969

DATES TO NOTICE

- Y4 trip to the Celtic Harmony Camp - Friday 10th September
- Y6 Viking History Off The Page Workshop - Monday 13th September
- Y3 Egyptian History Off The Page Workshop - 14th September
- Y5 Ancient Greece History Off The Page Workshop - Thursday 23rd September
- Y2 Great Fire of London History Off The Page Workshop - Thursday 30th September

Costumes for the workshops and visits are optional but would be lovely to help make the day special.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY SUMMER BREAK

We wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

Please keep the children reading and practising their tables and enjoying playing outdoors.

See you all in September. God Bless.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."