

News on the Nineteenth

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SCHOOL PRIORITIES AND OUR DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2019

Please find below a summary of our priorities for developing and improving the school this year.
A full version is available on the website.

Priority 1	<p>To raise the achievement of all children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils attain in line and above with national averages • Pupils make progress that is in line and above national averages • To develop a mastery approach in Maths based on the principles of fluency, talk, CPA approach, using misconceptions, and application to improve children's ability to reason mathematically • To develop children's love of reading and understanding through access to a wide range of literature • To build all pupils vocabulary and narrow the language gaps of disadvantaged pupils • To further develop children's writing through the Primary Writing Project (PWP) • To use strategies to ensure pupils with spelling difficulties can meet age related expectations • To develop teacher confidence in using the functions of Insight Tracker - to ensure we are rigorously monitoring attainment and progress across the curriculum
Priority 2	<p>To develop the professionalism of staff and distribute leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To plan for high quality professional development to enable all staff to lead school development and improvement • To improve well-being and self-efficacy for the community • To introduce a mastery/enquiry approach to learning across the curriculum in order to foster engagement and deep learning • To develop pupils as leaders
Priority 3	<p>To make visible the social aspects of children's learning in order to maximize individual learning potential, accelerate progress and raise attainment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring together academic research and practical innovation to build understanding about learning and improve learning outcomes • To further develop a values-based education to create a coherent community with a common language • To inform school policy and practice based on evidence through Collaborative Research Groups (CRGs) • To foster self-regulation and positive behaviour for learning built upon the concepts of rights and responsibilities and restorative justice

To further support your children achieve their potential, please **read with them every night** - a range of books and magazines as well as school books - and **discuss the stories and articles** that interest them; encourage them to **practise their handwriting** for five minutes a day; 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** and dedicate a little amount of time each day to talk to them about their learning, their strengths and what they want to improve.

We thank you for your continued support



TEA AND TOAST

On **Thursday 8th November** three parents joined us in the Community Classroom at 9 am for our first **PTA/FOWS** meeting of the year.

We have planned some social and fund raising activities for this term but we need more support from parents.

If you want to **help** please speak to Mrs Harris, Mrs Gaiteri, Mrs Jones or Ms Cohen to pledge your support.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MESSY HAIR DAY

What a creative bunch of families - great designs!



WORMLEY PUPIL PARLIAMENT VISIT THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

We hope that the children are still buzzing after our wonderful trip to the Houses of Parliament which marked the beginning of Parliament Week. The trip was organised by Wormley and Turnford Big Local and was attended by 34 residents. The aim was to 'connect' with the democratic process and to realise that we all have a voice in the running of our country and that our voice matters.

The 'civic adventure' enabled us to learn how the Parliament works and find out more about its function and role in today's society.

The tour of the Houses of Parliament was an amazing history lesson. We also had an opportunity to meet with and ask questions of our local MP, Charles Walker. The children had prepared really good questions about a lack of leisure facilities in our area, the prospect of an incinerator being built nearby, thoughts about Brexit and questions about the role of an MP.



The whole experience was a really important element of helping us to build our 'democratic confidence'.



We hope that the children feel inspired to have a voice in the running of our school as a result.

They were excellent ambassadors of Wormley CofE School. Well done!

A special thank you to Michal Siewniak, Community Development Manager for the Wormley & Turnford Big Local for organising the trip.

MESSY CHURCH

Dates for Messy Church: **20th November, 11th December** straight after school (**3:15-5:15**), the KS2 hall

FREE FOR EVERYONE

Messy Church is a way of 'being church' for families, involving lots of fun! It starts with a time of crafts, games, sports and other activities to try out for both children and their parents & carers. We then enjoy singing some songs and explore together Jesus' love for us through an interactive Bible story. To top it all off we finish with a wonderful meal together.



ANTI-BULLYING MONTH

Last week was national Anti-bullying week (12th - 16th November 2017).



The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 was: *'Choose Respect'*. Following a consultation with over 800 children, teachers and members of the Anti-Bullying Alliance, it emerged that a top priority was showing that *bullying is a behaviour choice*, and that children and young people can set a positive example by opting to *respect* each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online.

The aims of our anti-bullying week are to support children, school staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online

We are selling anti-bullying wristbands to show that we identify with making the right choices.

The website is a useful source to follow up at home, www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk



THE JUNIOR DRAGONS' APPRENTICE CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!

This year two teams of children from Year 5 & 6 have been selected to participate in the competition. They are developing their business plans and are ready to start fundraising.

Our charity this year is Herts Vision Loss.

Vision Loss is a county-wide organisation which provides help and support for visually impaired people and their carers. The purpose of our **charity** is to increase independence and reduce social isolation in the community. Our outreach service helps alleviate feelings of loneliness and isolation for people with **sight loss** whilst increasing social networks and independence with daily living tasks.



Look out for more information

ALBATROSS/PUFFIN CINEMA TRIP

On **Friday 23rd November** Puffins and albatross will visit Harlow Cineworld to see Captain Underpants.

Their literacy will link to the film.

ART/DT GIFT CLUB

Look out for a letter advertising an art/DT club for children to make Christmas gifts.

There will be 3 choices: a sweetie tree, a plate for Santa, a table decoration etc.



EYFS VISIT LOWEWOOD MUSEUM

Over the past few weeks children in Reception have taken a visit to our local museum LOWEWOOD, in Hoddesdon. They had a story telling workshop - The Tiger Who Came To Tea - with the resident, friendly tiger. They also learnt about the history of Polly Put The Kettle On.

The children really enjoyed their visit and there will be lots of events there over Christmas - so keep a look out.

<https://www.broxbourne.gov.uk/leisure-lowewood-museum/landing/lowewood-museum>

PANTOMIMES

On **Monday 17th December** children in Pre-school and EYFS will be entertained by a Panto, The greatest fairy-tale ever told at school, Ticket cost is subsidised at £3:00 for the performance.



On **Monday 17th December**, children in Y3-6 will go to see Dick Whittington at the Spotlight.

Children should be dropped there at **9:30** and we will all walk back to school at the end.

On **Tuesday 18th December**, children in Y1-Y2 will go to see Dick Whittington at the Spotlight.

Children will walk there and should be collected from there at 3:30
Ticket cost is highly subsidised at £6.00

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will be selling tickets for a great raffle feast.

Each year group will prepare a hamper (with your help please) of food and drinks from one particular part of the world: India, Mexico, France, Africa, Italy etc.

The staff will be making up a Christmas hamper.

This will give us at least 9 hampers



Please buy some and perhaps sell some to family and friends - that would be fabulous!

Tickets will be drawn on **Wednesday 19th December** at our Christmas Fayre.

IT'S A BABY RECEPTION AND NURSERY NATIVITY



On **Wednesday 12th December** you are invited to **STARFISH class/Nursery morning class** nativity at 10 am

or

ANGELFISH class/Nursery afternoon nursery class nativity at 2 pm

Y2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

On **Monday 10th December** at 2pm and 6:30pm

Please join us for a performance of the Christmas story



Y6 CAROL CONCERT



This will be held at St Laurence's Church on **Monday 17th December at 7pm.**

We hope parents of Y6 will be able to come and join us for this special service.



Y1 CAROL SERVICE

On **Tuesday 11th December** at **5:30pm** you are invited to join us for carols in the KS1 hall.

CHRISTMAS DISCOS ON FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

YR - Y2 Christmas disco 3:30 - 4:45pm

Y3 - Y6 Christmas disco 5:00 - 6:30pm.

Tickets cost £5 and include a glow stick wrist band.

KS2 hall

Sweets, drinks, crisps and additional glow sticks can also be purchased at the disco - please bring change.

Children can come to school in Christmas party wear for a donation towards the Bottle Tombola or gift stall.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 19th 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.

Send £2.45 in a marked envelope with your child's name - selecting traditional or vegetarian option.

MESSY CHURCH

Join us for our last Messy Church of the year on Tuesday 11th December, after school in the KS2 hall. All free and all welcome.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On Wednesday 19th December, we are planning a Christmas Bazaar for after school in the KS2 hall.

There will be lots of 20p and 50p activities such as Ice A Biscuit, Lucky Squares, Christmas Tattoos, Lucky Dip, Pin The Nose On Rudolph.....

Children will be able to purchase some Christmas gifts for their family. In addition, you can visit Father Christmas or another character visiting from Disney.

There will be refreshments such as hot dogs, mince pies and mulled wine, teas and coffees. Wormley Choir will sing too.

Come straight to the KS2 hall after school.

ALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED



EYFS CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT WORMLEY FREE CHURCH

Wednesday 19th December, children in Nursery and Reception will join Rev. Quant at Wormley Free Church for a Christmas service. Please come along to help with the walking bus.



STARFISH class/Nursery morning class

leave school around 9:15

and

ANGELFISH class/Nursery afternoon nursery class

leave school around 1:15

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

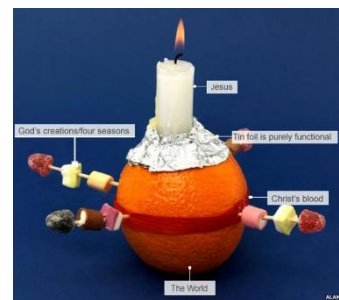
On Friday 21st December there will be two Christingle Services in school led by Rev. Quant.

YR-Y2 9:15am Y3-Y6 10am

Children can purchase a Christingle pack from the Reception containing the pieces they need to add to an orange to make their own Christingle.

(Instructions at the end of this letter)

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers for the day



END OF TERM

We finish term on Friday 21st December at 1:30pm

START OF NEW TERM

We start the Spring Term on Tuesday 8th January

HALF TERM

18th February -22nd February

MAKING A CHRISTINGLE

You will need:

- 1 orange
- 1 small candle (a birthday cake candle will be fine)
- enough red ribbon to go round an orange with a small overlap (or a bit more for a bow like ours)

- 4 cocktail sticks
- a few sweets or some dried fruit such as raisins or sultanas
- small piece of foil measuring about 4cm by 4cm
- pencil to make a hole in the orange
- a foil covered dish to put your Christingle in

What you do:

1. Carefully push the pencil into the top of the orange to make a small hole.
2. Put about 3 sweets or dried fruit onto the cocktail sticks and push the cocktail sticks into the orange in four different directions slightly above the fattest part of the orange and pointing slightly upwards.
3. Take the foil and gently wrap it around the candle at the bottom before firmly wedging the candle into the hole that you had made in the orange. Once in position mould the foil into a shallow cup shape to catch any drips of candle wax.
4. Tie the ribbon round the orange and fasten with a bow, or just overlap the two ends, and secure with a pin to keep it in place.
5. Place Christingle in foil covered dish.

