

News on the Nineteenth

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SCHOOL PRIORITIES AND OUR DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019-2020

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

<p>Priority 1</p>	<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 continue to develop a mastery approach in Maths based on the principles of fluency, talk, CPA, using misconceptions, and application to improve children's ability to reason mathematically • To continue to develop children's love of reading and understanding of texts through access to a wide range of literature and regular reading • To continue 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 continue to develop teacher confidence in using the functions of Insight Tracker - to ensure we are rigorously monitoring attainment and progress across the curriculum
<p>Priority 2</p>	<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 attain Elklan Communication Friendly Setting (CFSc) accreditation in recognition of our development work • To introduce a mastery/enquiry approach to learning across the curriculum in order to foster engagement and deep learning • To embed a mastery/enquiry approach to learning across the curriculum in order to foster engagement and deep learning • To develop pupils as leaders
<p>Priority 3</p>	<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 continue to develop a values-based education to create a coherent community with a common language • To evaluate the impact of the curriculum • To foster self-regulation and positive behaviour for learning built upon the concepts of rights and responsibilities and restorative justice
<p>Priority 4</p>	<p>To foster self-regulation and positive behaviour for learning built upon the concepts of rights and responsibilities and restorative justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be familiar with, and develop understanding of the relevance of, the 7 strands of the SIAMS SEF • To ensure that the curriculum allows pupils to engage with spiritual and ethical issues, as well as difference and diversity (local, national and global) • To ensure pupils are involved in the planning, leading and evaluating of collective worship • To ensure that governors evaluate the school's vision through rigorous self-evaluation • In the light of the CofE Statement of Entitlement, RE is planned effectively through a coherent curriculum which allows pupils to develop an understanding of Christianity and other religions

To support your children in achieving their potential, please **read with them every night** - books and magazines - 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.*

MESSY CHURCH

Dates for Messy Church: **19th November, 10th 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.

TEA AND TOAST

On **Friday 15th November** four 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 and we need more support from parents.

If you want to **help** please speak to your class teacher, Mrs Gaiteri, or the office staff to pledge your support.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ODD SOCKS DAY

We are all unique and special - so say **NO** to bullying.



Remember **Agent Confident** and his 'Super Hero pose'



WORMLEY PUPIL PARLIAMENT AND UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

On **Tuesday 19th November**, members of Wormley Pupil Parliament gave a presentation about UK Parliament Week.

UK Parliament Week is an annual festival that engages people from across the UK with their UK Parliament, explores what it means to them and empowers them to get involved.

Our members, based on their research, explained where the word democracy comes from. It is derived from the Greek word 'demo' which means people and 'kratos' which means rule - people's rule. There are two chambers, one for the House of Lords and one for the House of Commons. Only members of the House of Commons are elected by the people. The children explained that there will be an election for new members of Parliament and a new government soon. They will be listening out for more information in the news.

All children were encouraged to express their ideas for developing our school through our Pupil Parliament. Please see our board at the front of the school to find out more about our members.

THE VALUE OF COMPASSION

This half term, we are exploring the value of compassion.

In Latin, 'compati' means "suffer with." Compassion means that someone else's heartbreak becomes your heartbreak. Another's suffering becomes your suffering.

True compassion changes the way we live.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 13:12

The children have been exploring the idea of compassion through music, listening to *A Bridge Over Troubled Water* - a link to the Grenfell Tower tragedy and *Bring Him Home* from the film *Les Misérables* - a link with war.



As part of Remembrance Day we held a service to remember those who have died or been involved with wars in the world.

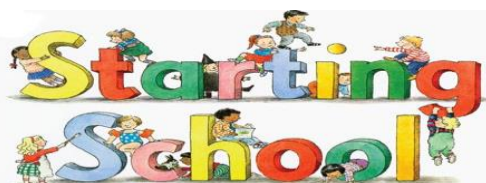
We made a pledge to try to bring peace to the world.



ATHLETE VISIT AND JUDO WORKSHOP

A reminder that **Kimberley Renicks**, a multiple British Judo Champion who has won over 15 World Cup medals, is leading workshops in school on **Friday 29th November**.

In return, she is looking for some sponsorship (a minimum of £1).
Please support our athletes if you can.



ADMISSION TO SCHOOL - RECEPTION YEAR

The application process for places at primary, junior and middle schools for September 2019 is open (from Monday 5 November 2019). This process is for children currently in nursery.

The closing date for the Under 11s application process for primary school is **15 January 2019**. To apply, go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. If you do not have access to a computer, or trouble in completing an application, please contact the school to use our IT facilities. If you do not have internet access, copies of the booklet, school directories and an application form can be requested by calling the Customer Service Centre.

Late applications are not dealt with until all on-time applications have been considered and therefore you will be much less likely to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late.

ADMISSION TO NURSERY

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

All children from the term after they are three are entitled to 570 hours of free early education per year until they start full-time school. This year, 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 in for an application or download one from the website. We are currently offering tours of the school and taking applications.

We have some Nursery places available in the afternoons

Please contact the school office to request a tour or an application form on 01992 303331

ANTI-BULLYING MONTH

Last week was national Anti-bullying Week (11th - 15th November 2019).
The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2019 was: ***'Change starts with us'***.



Small change. Big difference.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

Change starts here.

Change starts now.

Change starts with us.

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



FILMING DATE FOR CONCERTS/PLAYS

Thursday 5th December -

children will need all costumes by this date at the very latest.

ART/DT GIFT CLUB

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

There will be a few choices: a sweetie tree, a money box, a table decoration etc.

CHRISTMAS DISCOS ON FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Some changes - to allow for children in Reception to attend the disco, we have moved Y3 children into the KS2 disco slot

YR - Y2 Christmas disco 3:15 - 4:30pm

The EY/KS1 disco will be in the KS2 hall. Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be collected from their usual classrooms.

Y3 - Y6 Christmas disco 4:45 - 6:00pm.

The KS2 disco will be in the KS2 hall. Children should be brought to and collected from here.



Tickets cost **£5** and include a drink, a packet of crisps, a small bag of sweets and a glow stick wrist band.

Additional sweets and glow sticks can also be purchased at the disco - please bring change.



THE JUNIOR DRAGONS' APPRENTICE CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!

This year three 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 BREATHE EASY.

Breathe Easy is the only UK Charity claiming to look after the nation's air. Their aim is always to improve care - and to prevent, treat and cure lung diseases.

"With your support, we'll make sure that one day everyone breathes clean air with healthy lungs."

Look out for more information

WORMLEY SCHOOL CHOIR

We are starting a school choir for children in KS2. We meet every Tuesday lunchtime. We have been asked to sing at **Wollensbrook Cemetery** on **11th December** at **5:30** and at the **local care home** on **12th December** in the morning. I will be seeking permission soon for children to take part.

We also applied to be part of the **Hertfordshire Schools' Gala** on **Sunday 8th March 2020** at **1.45 - 3 pm** at the **Royal Albert Hall** - and were successful!

I will be drawing 20 names from a hat to see who can attend.



PANTOMIMES

It is time for the pantomime! 'Oh no, it isn't!' 'Oh yes, it is!'

On **Wednesday 18th December** children in Pre-school, Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be entertained by a panto at school -

The Wizard of Oz,

Ticket cost is subsidised at **£3:00** for the performance.

On **Wednesday 18th December**, children in Y3-6 will go to see a panto at the **Spotlight Theatre** in **Hoddesdon** - ***Aladdin.***

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

Ticket cost is heavily subsidised at **£7.00**. Payment should be made via **School Gateway**.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will be selling tickets for a great **CHRISTMAS** raffle to raise funds for school trips.

Any donations of Christmas foods and drinks welcomed.

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

Tickets will be drawn on **Thursday 19th December**.





SHINE STAR SHINE

RECEPTION AND NURSERY NATIVITY

On Wednesday 11th December you are invited to ANGELFISH class/Nursery morning class nativity at 10 am
or

STARFISH class/Nursery afternoon class nativity at 2 pm



A NOT SO SILENT NIGHT

YEAR 2 CAROL SERVICE

On Thursday 12th December at 6pm

Please join us for a concert of Christmas carols and songs.

Mince pies and hot drinks available.



A MIDWIFE CRISIS YEAR 1 NATIVITY

On Tuesday 10th December at 2pm and 5:30pm you are invited to join us for our nativity performance in the KS1 hall.

Hot drinks available.



Y6 CAROL CONCERT

This will be held at St Laurence's Church on Monday 16th December at 7pm.

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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Friday 13th December it is our school *Christmas Lunch* and *Christmas Jumper Day*.

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

Choose a traditional or vegetarian option through School Gateway.



ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Last week Y6 pupils took part in *Crucial Crew* - a workshop about staying safe in different situations.

During Road safety Week, I urge parents to talk to their children about staying safe near the road. Every 24 seconds someone is killed on a road. More than 1.3 million people die on the world's roads every year.

Remind them about not wearing headphones whilst crossing roads and of riding a bike safely.

PLEASE STAY SAFE

EYFS CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT WORMLEY FREE CHURCH

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.

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

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 20th 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 20th December at 1:30pm

START OF NEW TERM

We start the Spring Term on Tuesday 7th January

HALF TERM

17th February -21st 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.

ADD-vance WORKSHOPS

Please find attached details of a pay per seat workshops for parent/carers and school professionals delivered by our ADD-vance Specialist ADHD/Autism Trainers.

Wednesday 4th December - Hertfordshire Sports Village, Hatfield

9.30am - 12 noon:

Managing the transition from primary to secondary school for parents/carers

<https://add-vance-managing-secondary-transition-dec-19.eventbrite.co.uk>

1pm - 3.30pm: Understanding ADHD for school staff

<https://add-vance-understanding-adhd-school-staff-dec-19.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you have any queries regarding these workshops, please do contact us at tickets@add-vance.org.