

# News On the Nineteenth

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## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The pandemic has not gone away yet. We continue to remain cautious and vigilant to any outbreaks in the virus. Some primary schools in the area have extremely high numbers of cases in their school. Please remind yourselves of the following:

### Common Symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### What to do if you or your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) as soon as possible: [Get a PCR test to check for COVID-19 on GOV.UK](#)
2. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get a negative test result - they can only leave home to have the test. Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate. [Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate](#)

### Contact Tracing

If a child tests positive for COVID-19, NHS Test and Trace will now contact close contacts directly, replacing communications from the school.

If your child is going to be absent from school it is essential that parents/carers email [attendance@wormleyprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@wormleyprimary.co.uk) or telephone the school, stating the reason for the absence.

Please do not email teachers directly.

## HELLO YELLOW DAY - PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING



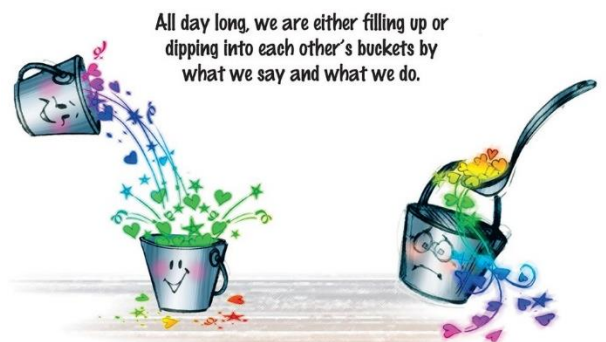
On Friday 8th October we celebrated **#Hellow Yellow Day**.

This year, we used Hello Yellow Day to promote **positive mindset** and our **Wellbeing Agents**. If you click [here](#), you will be taken to the story of the Wellbeing Agents, available to everyone on the school website.

We began by thinking of the story 'Have You Filled A Bucket Today?'

The children were encouraged to think about all the positive things about themselves and their positive actions to make the world a better place.

On World Mental Health Day, thousands of schools, offices, companies and community groups wear **yellow** to raise vital funds for Young Minds. Thank you for your support with this important message.



Try to fill a bucket and see what happens.

## SOCIAL LEARNING – DEVELOPING A GREATER AWARENESS OF OURSELVES

To learn more about the agents and to watch the movies check out our social learning page on the website: [http:// wormleyprimary.co.uk/social-learning/](http://wormleyprimary.co.uk/social-learning/)

### Agent Mindfulness

- Peacefulness
- Positivity
- Regulation
- Listening



### Agent Lifestyle

- Sleep
- Balance
- Friendships
- Laughter



### Agent Nutrition

- Mood
- Diversity
- Energy
- Diet



### Agent Kinetic

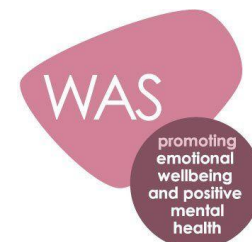
- Endurance
- Stamina
- Agility
- Creative movement



## ROLE MODELS FOR OUR CHILDREN

Our school has worked hard to develop a very nurturing, non-threatening environment within school for our young, innocent and impressionable pupils.

This is recognised by our **Wellbeing Award** - which we are very proud of.



We do not believe in exposing children to situations which cause fear and trauma. This is very damaging to young minds.

It is essential that the environment just outside of school is the same, yet in the past few weeks, we have received reports of inappropriate language being used in front of children, unacceptable racist language and physical disputes between adults.

All parents and carers must take responsibility for ensuring that the children who attend our school have excellent role models for behaviour when they are here to drop off and pick up children who attend this school. This is essential to our home school agreement.

Any further incidences will be investigated and reported to the police.

## WORMLEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CoFE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES BEHAVIOUR POLICY

We have recently reviewed our Class and Playtime Charters in line with our Rights and Responsibilities Policy.

**All the children have 3 rights:**

*To be safe and healthy    To be respected and treated equally    To learn and achieve*

These rights are in line with the rights of UNICEF.

For each right, the children have identified their **responsibilities** and the **positive choices** they must make to protect everyone's rights.

These are on display in the classrooms, corridors and playgrounds, and the children are held accountable to them.

A copy of the policy is published on the website.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL THANK YOU

In **October**, Y1-6 celebrated Harvest Festival at St Augustines Church in Broxbourne. We were so excited to be returning and it felt very emotional to be back, together as a community, inside our local church.

We enjoyed the walk to and from the church - in the lovely sunshine.

Unfortunately, the technology in the church would not work for us but our amazing children ensured 'that the show must go on'.

We had a silent dance and had to project our voices to be heard but we were able to think about the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal 2021

*Water Is Life*

This term, the value we have been exploring is *Justice*, so we thought about the following 2 questions:

*Is the world a fair and just place?*

*What do you think needs to change in the world to make it a better place for all?*

We learnt that around the world, there are many who live in poverty. Poverty means living without life's essentials such as food, clean water, clothes and shelter.

For example, if the world had only 100 people in it:

- 87 have access to clean water, 13 do not
- 77 have shelter, 23 don't
- 86 can read and write, 14 can't
- 15 make less than £1.50 a day, 83 make between £1.50 and £65, one makes more

Out of those 100 people, one would control 50% of all the money in the world.

We also learnt that the *Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)* is the second largest country in Africa

- The country has the third largest population of the poor in the world - an estimated 73% of the Congolese population - roughly 60 million people - live on less than £1.38 a day (the international poverty rate);
- Many of those living rurally use unsafe drinking water. It's all they have for drinking, cooking and washing. An estimated 5 million people a year are at risk of cholera

The bible explains how Jesus really cares for those in need. In his teaching and his action, he encourages all to offer their time, talents and treasure to help others, including those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

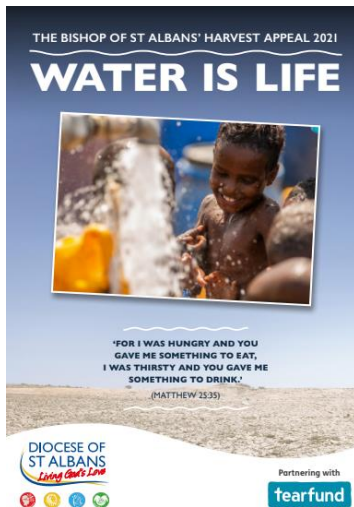
Once, Jesus told the story of a king who was pleased with those who had chosen to help others. The King was delighted with those who:

Gave those who were hungry, something to eat

Gave those who were thirsty, something to drink

Gave those who needed it, clothes to keep warm

Gave those who were ill, medicine and care





The King said, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25: 40)

We would like to thank all of our families for your help for those who are hungry and thirsty. You gave so many gifts which will be so gratefully received. Our donation to the foodbank weighed **228kg!**

THANK YOU



### Individual donations

An **individual** wishing to give to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal can use the online giving facility

[www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/bishop-s-annual-harvest-appeal/](http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/bishop-s-annual-harvest-appeal/)

The appeal partner, Tearfund, will collect the Gift Aid on these donations.

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

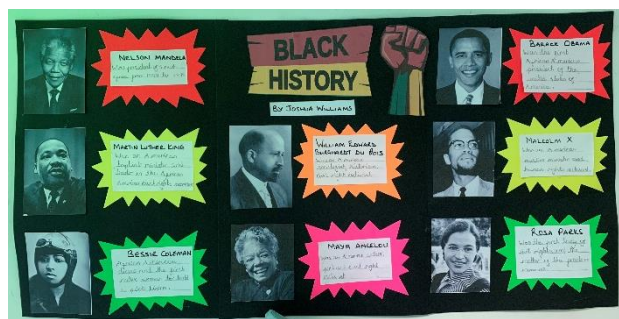
As part of our celebrations of Black History, we were delighted to offer a wonderful experience to pupils in Y6. They attended weekly sessions funded by the **Windrush Foundation**. As part of the sessions, the children were taught learnt about the heritage of the steel pans and how to play them, and they learnt about the Windrush Generation.

They were taught the song '**London Is The Place For Me**', a 1948 Trinidadian, calypso song by Aldwyn Roberts, which links it all together.



To find out more about Windrush Day, click [here](#).

We know many of our children have been really engaged with home learning linked to the celebration of Black History month.



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2021 is: **One Kind Word**

Anti-Bullying Week takes place during the week **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> it will be **Odd Socks Day.**

This is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



We also have an author in to run some workshops in KS2 about anti-bullying.

## OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS JUSTICE

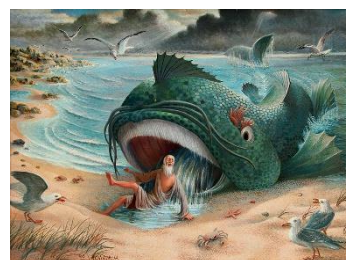
This term we have been thinking about justice for the world.

We considered what justice means, where there are injustices in our world, and what we might do to make the world a fairer, more just world. We used stories from the bible to help us to be courageous advocates for those who need more justice.

This week's story was about Jonah and the whale.

You can watch the story on Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uffMjgYhvlM>





## LIVING HISTORY

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**, our school became a museum of world history for the morning as our children took on the role of educators, set up the classrooms as museum galleries and taught their peers about their historical learning from the term.

In Y2, children stepped back in time to 1666, to learn about life in that time and how people coped with the *plague* and the *Great Fire in London*. They recreated the streets of London and retold the story of the great fire as documented by Samuel Pepys.



In Y3, children stepped back in time by 4000 years to learn about what the *tombs* and the *pyramids* tell us about the lives and beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians. They shared the code for understanding *hieroglyphics* using the *Rosetta Stone*.



In Y4, children stepped back in time to 750 years BC to when the Celts were the most powerful people in central and northern Europe. They shared how the Celts made bread, cooked on an open fire, took part in ancient crafts and battled with other clans.



In Y5, children stepped back in time to 500 years BC. They learned that they could use the *Greek pots* - with their pictures and stories - to learn about life in Ancient Greece. The children tasted some traditional Greek foods, made masks from the *theatre* and learned about *Athens* and *Sparta*.



In Y6, children stepped back in time to 800 AD when the Vikings began landing in the British Isles. They learned about the Viking longboats, their settlements here in the UK, their traditions and wondered about why they came to settle here. Some of the children performed from the epic poem of Beowulf.

The children really enjoyed the morning and certainly showed us their *Agent Strategy* with the way they organised learning for their peers.

We hope you enjoyed seeing the photos and videos on our school Facebook account.



## PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

Our Consultation Evenings are taking place this week - **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**



Our school has introduced an intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking system, known as SchoolCloud. You login using this address: <https://wormley.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

You will have received a *letter* and a *parent guide* inviting you to sign up for a virtual meet through SchoolCloud. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and then you receive an email confirming your appointments. You are then able to meet with your child's teacher from work, home or wherever you are.

If you have had trouble booking an appointment or would prefer a telephone appointment, please contact the school office and someone will help you.

Our aim is about helping our children to gain greater awareness of themselves and to develop as life-long learners with a language to talk about themselves as learners and citizens.

Positive Home School Partnerships make a **HUGE** difference to a child's development and their progress. We need strong home school teamwork.

To further develop your child's learning 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 **number bonds** and **multiplication tables** in fun ways with songs and poems; teach them to **tell the time** 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.*

### HEALTHY EATING

Wormley Church of England Primary School is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles, including healthy eating, exercise and well-being. We thank parents for their support with healthy packed lunches and we will continue to promote this with the children. As part of the launch of the 'Well-being Agents' with the children and to support this we have an updated message on **snacks** in school.



We have been promoting a healthy snack at break times too. Snacks should be **FRUIT** or **VEGETABLES** ONLY.

For further information on food in school please follow this

link <http://wormleyprimary.co.uk/lunch/>

### MOBILE PHONES

Pupils are **not** permitted to have mobile phones in school.



The parents of any year 6 pupils, who are walking to or from school without an adult, can request that their child bring a phone into school. A request form will be sent home. There are strict requirements for the children to follow. Once the request form has been completed and returned, a child can bring their phone to school, however it must be handed in at the start of the day and collected again once school has finished. The phones **must not** be used on the school premises which includes the playground before and after school.

**Any phones being misused will be confiscated.**



## SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**. We would recommend that parents complete it by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) Alternatively, a printed version of the website information and application can be requested from the Admissions and Transport Team by contacting your Process Admissions Officer (contact details below).

Any applications received after **31<sup>st</sup> October** will be considered as 'LATE' applications and are considered after all of the on time applications.

**Admissions & Transport – Central Team**

Postal Point CHR102

Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN t: 01992 555840



## THIS MONTH'S WELLBEING CALENDER

**Optimistic October 2021**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	
4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today	8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished this week
11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society
18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you	22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently
25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities this week?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS** **Happier · Kinder · Together**

## BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PROVISION

You can book a place on line via the Arbor App.

Please note:

There is a charge for late collections after the session booked time.

### END OF TERM

School term ends YR, Y2, Y4, Y6 at 1.20pm  
and Y1, Y3, Y5 at 1.30pm on  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

### RETURN TO SCHOOL

Children return to school on  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

## ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

### Morning registers

All children should arrive at school within their allocated time slot

**YR, Y2, Y4, Y6 : 8.45 - 8.55**

**Y1, Y3, Y5: 8.55 - 9.00**

Children arriving after their allotted window will be marked as late. Thank you for helping us ensure that learning can start promptly in the morning.

### Absence

Absence from school is only authorised in exceptional circumstances (for example illness, medical appointment, religious observance, music / dance exams) and planned absence should be requested at least 2 weeks in advance. Holiday in term time is not authorised.

## NURSERY / RECEPTION TOURS

If you are looking for a place in Wormley Primary School's Nursery or Reception, there is a virtual tour on the website and actual planned for next half term. Please contact the office for more details.

### FAMILY LIVES

Worried about your child?

Join our online group and get support to help your child feel more confident and happier. This is an online group and will be delivered

**When:** Every Thursday, 11th November - 16th December via MS Teams.

**Time:** 7.00pm - 9.00pm

For more information, contact Louise on  
**0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email**  
[services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk)

Find us on Facebook

@FamilyLivesHertsandBeds



**Bringing up confident children for parents of children with ADHD/ASD (online group)**

Worried about your child? Join our online group and get support to help your child feel more confident and happier. This is an online group and will be delivered via MS Teams.

### FAMILY LIVES

This online course 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 and needs underlying teenager behaviour and knowledge and skills to develop a more positive relationship. Course content may vary depending on needs of the attendees.

**When:** Tuesday 28th September - 9th November 2021

**Time:** 7pm - 9pm



**Getting on with your pre-teen or teenager**

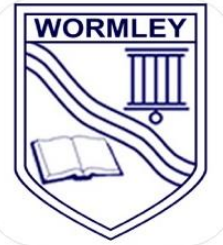




### HALF TERM

We wish you all a wonderful half term.  
We hope you get to enjoy some lovely Autumn walks -  
just as the conkers are falling.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**



### STAY IN TOUCH

Please make sure you have:

- downloaded the **Wormley APP** to receive class blogs
  - accepted **Tapestry** (YN-Y1)
- joined Wormley's **Twitter/Facebook** group
  - visited the **school website**

