

News on the Nineteenth

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WELCOME BACK - A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Welcome back to our children and their families. We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break together over the Summer.

It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school, looking so smart and enthusiastic about the year ahead.

We have a very exciting term of learning ahead with workshops, visits and visitors for our historical enquiries. This will culminate in a Living History Day on **Friday 20th October** when we will invite you into school first thing in the morning to visit each class' museum and information centre.



TOPICS

Y1 Walking With Dinosaurs, Y2 The Great Fire Of London, Y3 Ancient Egypt, Y4 Stone Age Britain, Y5 Ancient Greece and Y6 The Vikings.

If you have anything to contribute to these topics, please let us know. Your expertise is always welcome.

HALF TERM

Monday 23rd October
-
27th October

Children return to school on **Tuesday 31st October**

END OF TERM

Tuesday 19th December
1:30pm

Children return to school on **Monday 8th January**

TEA AND TOAST MORNING FOR PARENTS

Please join Mrs Harris and the SENCos for tea and toast to share your thoughts and ideas about our school and its development

Wednesday 4th October 9-10:30 am
in **Wormley Primary School Community Classroom**

Everyone welcome

This is an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and meet with other parents to think about our school.

To confirm your attendance please email

dharris@wormley.herts.sch.uk

or phone on **01992 303331**



MOVING ON TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

The online system to apply for a secondary place went live at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions on the 1st September 2017.

We advise Y6 parents to read the Moving On Booklet - a guide to admissions for 2018 secondary school entry - and carefully check the admission rules for schools you want to apply to (you can do this online). If a school receives more applications than there are places available, the admission rules will be used to determine who gets a place.

The deadline for applying is the 31st October 2017

TIMES OF THE SCHOOL DAY

for Y1-Y6
8:55 am -
3:15 pm



CLUBS

We will be running a great variety of clubs this term for the children:

Monday	Tuesday
YR/1/2/3 Dodgeball* Y4/5/6 Football*	All years Dance (lunchtime) Y1/2/3 Football*
Wednesday	Thursday
Y1/2/3 Table Tennis* Y3-6 Tennis	Tag Rugby* Y3-6
Friday	
YR-2 Multi-sports* YR - Y2 Tennis All ages Drama	

If children want to join clubs, please send in requests as quickly as possible.

*Clubs only £3

READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all those pupils who took part in the Summer Challenge - *Animal Agents* - at Hoddesdon Library. I received an email saying how many enthusiastic readers there were from Wormley Primary.

Hoddesdon Library hosts *Chatterbooks Reading Group* for 8-12 year olds once a month on Tuesdays from 4:15-5:15. Children meet to discuss the books they're reading. Whether your child is already an avid reader or needing some inspiration, joining Chatterbooks is a great way to encourage them to have fun with books. The online application process for Chatterbooks groups starting in October 2017 is now open.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/books-and-reading/childrens-library/chatterbooks-%E2%80%93-reading-groups-for-8-12-year-olds.aspx>

It's **free** to join and members receive an exclusive Chatterbooks pack and other book-related goodies. Chatterbooks membership lasts for 1 school year. Places are limited and priority will be given to children who have not previously attended a Chatterbooks



THE SCIENCE DOME

How do we know dinosaurs really lived?

Last Friday the Y1 children were treated to an experience of *Walking with Dinosaurs* in the 360 degree science dome. They learnt how the word dinosaur comes from the greek language meaning 'terrible lizard'.



Y3 and Y5 were introduced to the stars and constellations and the ancient stories of Greek and Egyptian gods and goddesses.

Y2 GREAT FIRE OF LONDON WORKSHOP

Whose fault was the Great Fire of London?

It is 1666 and London is bustling. Growth has been rampant, and closely built timber frame buildings filled crowd within the ancient city walls. Having come through an outbreak of bubonic plague in the previous year, the city's population is hopeful that the worst is over. But a fire has broken out in a bakery on Pudding Lane.



This is the enquiry for Y2 children this term. The workshop began to help the children find out about this period of history and this significant event.

The children started the morning by becoming apprentices on the streets of London, learning skills that would have been common for workers of the era. The activities included: Barber surgeon,

Apothecary, Leather worker, Chandler, Schoolhouse, Perfumer, Baker, Metal Worker, Seamstress and Weaving.



As the children learnt their trades, the fire spread. With the flames drawing closer, the children had to take action to try to stop it, including forming fire lines and tearing down local buildings. In the afternoon, the children helped excavate what was left of the charred city, looking for personal belongings and important legal documents that could help the city start the process of rebuilding.



WORMLEY PRESCHOOL

The wonderful, new Preschool is now open and able to offer 30 hours childcare for 3 and 4 year old children.



To find out more: <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

ROAD SAFETY



Thank you for not parking on the yellow lines outside of school. Parking is difficult, all schools have their problems, but children's safety is of the utmost importance. Walking to school is a far healthier/safer option if possible.

The car park is for STAFF only.

Y6 VIKING WORKSHOP

Were the Vikings invaders or traders?

The year is 878, and the Vikings under King Guthrum have taken over England. The Saxon King Alfred has gone into hiding and wants his kingdom back. Which side will prevail?

History Off the Page's Dark Ages Day puts the children in the midst of the action as Vikings. They took on everyday tasks in a 9th century village as rumours swirl of the coming battle between Alfred and Guthrum.



Activities on the day included: wise woman, rune-caster, weaver, scribe, illumination, potter, metal worker, amulet maker, candle maker.

In the afternoon the children looked at the Dark Ages from a historical perspective,

using archaeology to understand how we have learned about the historical tasks performed in the morning.



OUR VALUES THIS MONTH - BEAUTY AND CREATIVITY

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1.1

We will be exploring the creation and the beauty of the world in RE and Worship

HEALTHY SNACKS

Just a reminder that children in KS2 are allowed to bring a healthy snack - low in sugar and salt- to school for break. Fruit is a perfect option or a low sugar bar.

OUTDOOR PLAY

All children work extremely hard in lessons and at break times they will go outside to play, except in very bad weather. Please ensure that your child has a raincoat or waterproof jacket, clearly labelled, in school each day.



Children in YN, YR and Y1 will also need to keep wellies in school.

PUNCTUALITY

Thank you for arriving punctually to school in the mornings, this means lessons can start promptly. If you arrive late please take your child to the Reception to register them and explain the lateness.



Please let the office know if you are going to be late to pick up your child, since staff often attend meetings and training sessions after school and we must ensure the safety of your children.

Y4 CELTIC HARMONY CAMP TRIP

Who were the Celts?



Last Friday Y4 children visited the Celtic Harmony Camp nearby in Broxbourne Woods. They began the day in the Chieftain roundhouse where they learnt about the Celtic clans, where and how they lived and what happened to them.

They experienced a full range of Iron Age activities including grinding grain on quern



stones, baking bread on the hearth, carding & spinning wool, weaving cloth, dyeing yarn and trading at the market.

The day sparked an enquiry about Iron Age hill forts, tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture.



VOLUNTEERS - PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS

Would you like to get involved in your child's school more?

If so, please let us know, as we are desperately seeking volunteers to read with the children, help in Forest School sessions, look after the library, teach a skill such as knitting, supervise a home learning club before/after school and during lunch, be an extra pair of hands generally.

We already have a small army of volunteers that help regularly. If you would like to find out more please drop a letter into the school office requesting more information.

Y6 TRIP TO KINGSWOOD

Our Y6 children are away for a week in Kingswood in Ashford, Kent. They will experience a range of learning opportunities unique to outdoor experiential learning - high rope challenge, shelter building, team challenges, pond dipping etc.

The key aim is for the children to experience a sense of pride in what they are able to achieve being away from home and in a completely different learning environment.

Check out Wormley Facebook to see updates and photos

UNIFORM

Uniform can now be purchased online at Tesco. They offer fast UK delivery and Clubcard points on all purchases. Follow the link:

<http://www.clothingattesco.com/hertfordshire/wormley-primary-school/inv/117400>

Our Uniform policy requires children to have a pair of black **SHOES** for school. However, since Clarks shoes look like trainers we are willing to accept plain black trainers. Brightly coloured trainers are **not** appropriate for school. In the interests of Health and Safety girls shoes should be appropriate and not have a slippery sole.

We want our children to remain looking smart and so we will be encouraging correct uniform this term. The website is useful to check details.

ATTENDANCE

Research indicates that regular attendance leads to better academic achievement and social development.

USEFUL FACTS AND FIGURES LINKED TO ATTENDANCE

90% attendance

- ✓ $\frac{1}{2}$ a day of school missed every week
- ✓ 4 whole weeks of school missed in a year
- ✓ Over $\frac{1}{2}$ a year missed in total from Reception to year 6

80% attendance

- ✓ 1 day of school missed every week
- ✓ 8 whole weeks of school missed in a year
- ✓ Over 1 year missed in total from Reception to year 6

Attendance over 95%

- ✓ Improved SATs results at primary school
- ✓ Students achieve an average of 75% A*-C GCSE grades at secondary school

Attendance below 90%

- ✓ SATs results lower at primary school
- ✓ Students achieve an average of 25% A*-C GCSE grades at secondary school



At Wormley we expect a minimum of **96%** attendance. Although 90% might sound high, it is almost 4 weeks absence! *As with other schools, we do not authorise absence unless there are extenuating circumstances.*

HOW CAN PARENTS/CARERS HELP?

Unplanned absence: Call the school absence line before 9am. If we have not heard from you we will text/call and expect that you will reply. Unexplained absences will be followed-up.

Planned absence: Complete an absence request form (available at front reception) and return it to school at least 2 weeks prior to the absence. Medical evidence may be requested.

Medical appointments: Where possible, medical appointments should be made out of school hours. Children need to return after appointments if appropriate.

Holidays: Holidays in term time will not be authorised and should not be booked.

Lateness: Ensure the children are in school on time. If you are late, you must register the children at front reception. Persistent lateness is not fair on the child and negatively affects their learning.

If your child is experiencing any difficulties that are affecting their attendance please speak with the class teacher immediately. It is important that we work together to ensure your child is safe, happy and ready to learn!

Thank you for your support.

Y3 TRIP TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

How do we know what the tomb of a Pharaoh looked like?

Y3 begin their enquiries into Ancient Egyptian life and death on **Friday 22nd September** when they visit the mummies in the Egyptian rooms at the British museum.

Y5 ANCIENT GREECE WORKSHOP

How can the pots tell us that the Ancient Greeks were a civilized society?

Y5 begin their historical enquiry on **Friday 22nd September** with a workshop to investigate the pots from Ancient Greece

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival for Y1 - Y6 will be celebrated at St Augustine's Church on
Thursday 28th September.
YN and YR will celebrate Harvest Festival in school on
Tuesday 26th September



If you would like to donate food - cans and non-perishable items such as pasta, rice, tea, coffee, sugar etc. - for the local food bank, please send some in with your children on the day of the Harvest Festival. This will be collected by the church and will go to families who need some help at this time.

CHANGES TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS, ADDRESSES, EMAIL?



Have you changed your internet provider and have a new email address or have you moved house?

Please remember to update your details with the school office. We need to be able to contact you in the event of an accident, emergency or school closure. Please help us to help you! Thank you.

BRINGING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL EARLY

Please be aware that children left in the playground are unsupervised until **8.45 am**. The breakfast club was set up to support working parents who need to bring children to school before this time, but is open to anyone who would like to use this facility.

Please put your name down on the waiting list for a place if you would like to use this service. *More places will be made available in the next couple of weeks.*

MESSY CHURCH

Messy church returns on the **26th September**, 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.

Messy Church is a joint venture between the school and the Parish of Broxbourne and Wormley.

COMMUNICATION

It is always difficult in a large organisation to ensure everyone knows what is going on, so we are trialling different modes of communication.

Please be aware of them all:

Monthly newsletter sent on the 19th of each month by email (copies available in the Reception)

Email and text messages through School Gateway

Phone calls

Class/year group letters

Blogs - being trialled

Notices at key entrances/exits/noticeboards

Website (www.wormley.herts.sch.uk) - in process of development

Tapestry (YN and YR only)

Wormley School App (available free from the App Store)

Facebook

Twitter

Communication



It is your responsibility to check for updates and ensure that we have your correct details.