

News on the Nineteenth

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WELCOME BACK - A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR



Welcome back to our children and their families. Hopefully, you had a great summer break together.

It has been lovely to welcome new children and families too.

Everyone seems ready to learn and enthusiastic about the term ahead.

Autumn Term is our history term and we have planned many exciting learning activities with workshops, visits and visitors for our historical enquiries. This will culminate in a Living History Day on **Thursday 25th October** when we will invite you into school first thing in the morning to visit each class' museum gallery. Save the date!

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.

INSET DAY

Friday 26th October

HALF TERM

Monday 29th October

2nd November

Children return to school on **Monday 5th November**

END OF TERM

Friday 21st
December
1:30pm

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

ROAD SAFETY



Thank you for **not** parking on the yellow lines outside of school or in neighbouring roads. Parking is difficult, all schools have their problems, but the children's safety is of the utmost importance and we must be respectful of our community around the school.

Walking to school is a far healthier/safer option if possible.

THE SCIENCE DOME

How do we know dinosaurs really lived?

On **Thursday 13th September** 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 greek language meaning 'terrible lizard'.

Y3 and Y5 were introduced to the ancient stories of Greek and Egyption gods and goddesses as they gazed at the stars and constellations in the dome.



Y4 CELTIC HARMONY CAMP TRIP



On Friday 14th September Y4 children had a fantastic day visiting 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.



MESSY CHURCH

Messy church returns on **Tuesday 25th 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.

HEALTHY SNACKS
A reminder that KS2 children can bring a healthy snack - low in sugar and salt - for breaktime. Fruit is a perfect option or a low sugar bar. We have a Healthy Snack Shop on a Friday at breaktime.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Children in Y1-Y6 will celebrate *Harvest Festival* at **St Augustine Church** in Broxbourne on **Thursday 4th October**.

The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2018 is 'Give peas a chance'



Farming communities in rural southern Malawi have suffered severe hardship because of changing and unpredictable weather patterns. However, by starting to grow a drought-resistant and commercially valuable crop - the remarkable Pigeon Pea - people's lives are being transformed, bringing them new hope for the future.

You can help celebrate *Harvest* by **donating money** to this appeal or by **bringing in fresh and tinned foods** which can be shared in our community with those who need support.



The date for the **Early Years Harvest Festival** at **Wormley Free Church** is to be confirmed.

VALUE OF THE MONTH

The value we are exploring is **BELIEF**.
To believe is to think you know the truth.
Who do you believe in? What do you believe in?

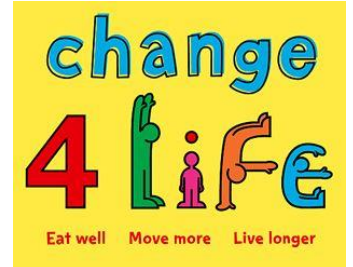


Jesus said to him, 'Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed' John 20:29

NATIONAL CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME

We are all aware of the campaign to reduce obesity and improve physical and emotional well-being in the country. The dangers of eating too much sugar, fat and salt are well documented and the value of physical activity are well promoted.

Since 2014, school nurses have been measuring the weight of children in Reception and Y6 to gather reliable data across the country.



2018 Summary results for Wormley Primary School

In our school, 97% of children in Reception and 88% of children in Year 6 were measured.

- Proportion of YR children who were obese 11%
- Proportion of YR children who were overweight 12%

The Proportion of YR children who were obese or overweight was 23%. Similar to other schools in England (22%)

- Proportion of Y6 children who were obese 20%
- Proportion of Y6 children who were overweight 15%

The Proportion of Y6 children who were obese or overweight was 36%. Similar to other schools in England (34%)

The percentages are worrying since it would be expected that only 10% of any population of children of all ages would be overweight and a further 5% obese. Current levels in England are far higher, indicating possible future poor health for many of our children.



Bearing this in mind, we are committed at Wormley Primary School to promoting healthy lifestyles. Therefore we will be ensuring that home packed lunches conform to the same nutritional standards of school lunches (www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-eatwell-guide)

We will also continue to promote The Daily Mile (www.thedailymile.co.uk) and engagement in weekly PE lessons, with correct PE attire (www.gov.uk/guidance/pe-and-sport-premium-for-primary-schools)



Only water will be encouraged - no sugary drinks. This will also help with good dental hygiene.

It is the responsibility of us all to keep our children as healthy as possible.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP WITH PGL

Our Y6 pupils are having a wonderful time in **Liddington**. Formerly a four star hotel, Liddington offers a unique adventure centre experience as there are over 150 acres of grounds to accommodate the latest and greatest range of activities!

For photos, link to Wormley School's Facebook ...

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 reason for being late.



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.

UNIFORM

We have so much uniform that is lost and unnamed! Please label all of your children's uniform **CLEARLY, IN BOLD PEN**

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.

CLUBS

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

For more information on times and costs, please contact Mrs Hodgson on 01992 303331

Monday	Thursday
Team Netball training (Y4-6) 3:15-4:15 Football* (Y4-6) 3:15-4:30	Gymnastics 3:15-4:55 Football* (Y1-3) 3:15-4:30 Team Football Training (Y5-6) 3:15-4:15
Tuesday	Friday
Dance - lunchtime (Y1-6) 12-12:30	Multisports* (YR-2) 3:15-4:30 Drama (YR-6) 3:15-4:20 Tennis (YR-2) 3:15-4:00
Wednesday	
Tennis (Y3-Y6) 3:15-4:00	

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

*Clubs led by GC Sports - only £3 a session

Y3 TRIP TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

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

Y3 began their enquiries into Ancient Egyptian life and death on **Thursday 20th 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 27th September** with a workshop to investigate the pots from Ancient Greece

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.

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 2018**.

We advise Y6 parents to read the Moving On Booklet - a guide to admissions for 2019 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 2018**



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.

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
- Notices at key entrances/exits/noticeboards
- Website (www.wormleyprimary.co.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.

Individual Photographs

Individual pupil photographs will take place during the school day on Thursday 18th October.

Please note if you would like children's family photographs, these will take place after school in KS1 hall from 3.15pm.