

# News on the Nineteenth

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## September 2019

### WELCOME BACK - A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

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

We extend a warm welcome new children and their 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 24th 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 Investigating the Great Fire Of London; Y3 What mummies tell us about Ancient Egypt; Y4 Finding out about who the Celts were; Y5 What the pots tell us about life in Ancient Greece; and Y6 The Vikings - raiders or traders?

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

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**INSET DAY**  
Friday 25th October

**HALF TERM**  
Monday 28th October  
-  
1st November

Children return to school on **Monday 4th November**

**END OF TERM**  
Friday 20th December  
1:30pm

Children return to school on **Tuesday 7th 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.

### INFLATABLE FUN DAY

Here at Wormley Primary School  
on **Sunday 22nd September**  
1pm - 5pm

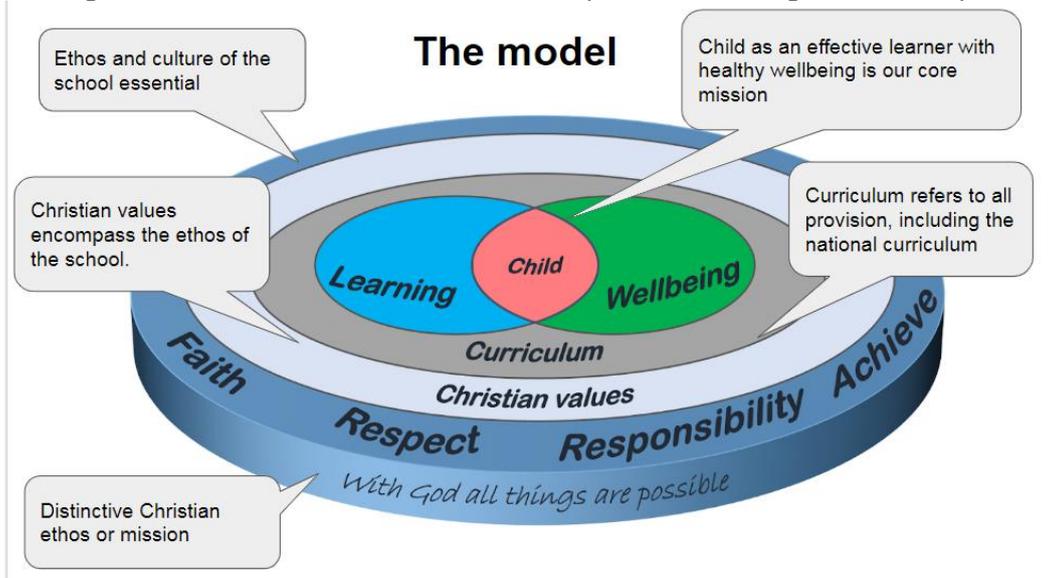


All day inflatable wristbands  
**Single £2:00**  
**Family £7:50**  
(2 adults/2 children)

Prebook at: [apex360co.uk/thebiglocal](http://apex360co.uk/thebiglocal)

## DEVELOPING CHARACTER AND EFFECTIVE LEARNERS

Looking ahead - our new model for Wormley Church of England Primary School



This model represents our school vision, ethos and aims for education.  
Learning and Well-being interlock



In order to achieve this, we are introducing a child-friendly framework through the introduction of *Agents*. Each agent has distinct characteristics - characteristics that are within us all. By learning each agent's story and knowing their *power* and *characteristics*, the children can learn to deploy them and become more effective learners - becoming super social learners!

Introducing 7 learning agents ...Agent Considerate, Agent Curious, Agent Resilient, Agent Creative, Agent Reflect, Agent Confident and Agent Strategy.



**Agent Considerate - the power of thoughtfulness**  
Agent Considerate is very **thoughtful** and thinks deeply. This agent enjoys **collaborating** with others and shows **courtesy** towards others' ideas, opinions and beliefs. Agent Considerate has **empathy** for people, shows **compassion** and can **forgive** them when things go wrong. Agent Considerate is a good **listener** and tries hard to be **friendly** and **inclusive** of everyone which makes for a very popular agent. (Thought bubble)

We began by introducing **Agent Considerate** with the **power of thoughtfulness** as the children came together in their new class.

You can watch the video linked to this through our Social Learning blog on the website <http://wormleyprimary.co.uk/our-blogs/>

Next we will introduce *Agent Curious* with the **power of wonder**.

This agent will support the children's historical enquiry as they start to investigate their historical questions.

We will keep you informed as we introduce all of the agents - but ask the children and see if they can remember their stories...

Look out too for the 4 well-being agents - Agent Lifestyle, Agent Mindset, Agent Kinetic and Agent Ninja

Calling all super social learners to deploy their agents now...

**Agent Curious - the power of wonder**  
Wondering about the world and asking questions is what Agent Curious does best. When faced with new and challenging tasks, this agent has an open-mind and explores solutions inquisitively. Agent Curious has a thirst for knowledge and enjoys engaging with other people's ideas and activities. (Magnifying glass)



**...deploy  
your  
agents!**

### DINOSAURS VISIT WORMLEY

*How do we know dinosaurs really lived?*

On **Wednesday 18th September** children from Nursery to Y2 were treated to an experience of *Walking with Dinosaurs*.



They learnt how the word dinosaur comes from greek language meaning 'terrible lizard'.

I can tell it's a T Rex by its teeth and its eyes

Wow! I loved that dinosaur!

After the amazing experience Y1 children had a Dino Dig workshop.



They had to use brushes to clear away the sand and discover fossils from the past - bones, teeth, skulls and imprints from dinosaurs that are now extinct.



It was a fantastic experience, enjoyed by everyone!

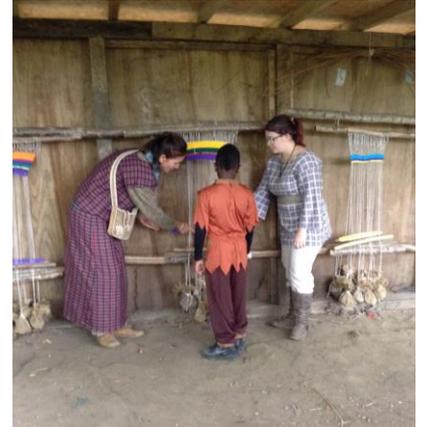
## Y4 CELTIC HARMONY CAMP TRIP



On **Friday 13th September** Y4 children had a fantastic day visiting the *Celtic Harmony Camp* nearby in Broxbourne Woods.

The day began 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 24th 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.



### 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 2019 is 'Light Up Tanzania'**

This year, the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal, Light Up Tanzania, is a project with the aims to bring off-grid renewable energy to more than 350 households. Solar panels are cheap to run and create clean, renewable energy.

They reduce greenhouse gas emissions (zero emissions) and therefore have a good impact on the environment. 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 by blog. We would love parents to join us in the walk to church.



## VALUE OF THE MONTH

The value we are exploring is **EQUALITY**.

Christians believe that God represents us all.

If we are made in the likeness of God we can be loving, forgiving, peaceful, powerful and compassionate too.

We are all equal in the eyes of God

*"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27*



## HEALTHY SCHOOL

We are committed at Wormley CofE 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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-eatwell-guide))

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



Only water will be allowed in drink bottles - 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 more 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, Y1 and Y2 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	Gymnastics 3:15-4:55 Football (Y1-3) 3:15-4:30 Team Football Training (Y5-6) 3:15-4:15
Tuesday	Friday
All years Dance - lunchtime (Y1-6) 12-12:30	Multi-sports (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.

### 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 10th October** 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 with a trip to the British Museum. **Whales** visit on **Friday 20th September** and **Dolphins** on **27th September** to investigate the pots from Ancient Greece

### Y2 GREAT FIRE OF LONDON WORKSHOP

Y2 start their investigations about who was responsible for the Great Fire of London in a workshop on **Tuesday 24th September**. Children can dress up in costumes from the year 1666.

### Y6 VIKING WORKSHOP

Y6 begin their investigation into whether the Vikings were raiders or traders with a workshop on **Wednesday 25th September**. Children can dress up in costumes worn by the Vikings

## ATTENDANCE

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

### USEFUL FACTS AND FIGURES LINKED TO ATTENDANCE

#### 90% attendance - equivalent of...

- ✓  $\frac{1}{2}$  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 - equivalent of...

- ✓ 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% 4-9 (A\*- C GCSE) grades at secondary school

#### Attendance below 90%

- ✓ SATs results lower at primary school
- ✓ Students achieve an average of 25% 4-9 (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. Parents should bring evidence of an appointment and 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](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions) on the **1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**.

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 **31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**



## 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 and change books, help in Forest School sessions, look after the library, teach a skill such as knitting, supervise a home learning club before and during lunch, be an extra pair of hands generally.

We already have a small army of dedicated volunteers that help regularly.

## 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](http://www.wormleyprimary.co.uk)
- 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.*

## FAMILIES FEELING SAFE - PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

A course for dads of children 4-16 years old

**Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life?**



- ♥ Build self-esteem and confidence
- ♥ Recognise Early Warning Signs
- ♥ Understand the link between Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour
- ♥ Manage a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries and make safe choices
- ♥ Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- ♥ Improve communication with your child and others
- ♥ Improve emotional well-being
- ♥ Develop strategies for feeling safe and problem-solving skills to use in a range of situations

*"I've got a whole set of approaches and practical ways to understand family life and Me!"*

*"I wish I had done the course sooner"*

**Wednesday evenings 7.00—9.00pm 18th September - 20th November 2019**

at

**The Community Room, Wormley Primary School, Cozens Lane East, Broxbourne. EN10 6QA**

For eligibility and to book your **FREE** place, please phone **01992 303331 ext 5**

**THANK YOU**

We look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming year to support your child in developing their potential