

News on the Nineteenth



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SCIENCE WEEK 20th - 24th March

Next week is Wormley Primary School's **Science Week**. The theme is **FORCES**. The **Science Boffins** will be visiting school to run workshops for the children on Monday and Tuesday.



Know Your Newton

Isaac Newton is one of the greatest scientists in human history and a father of physics. His investigations are brought to the classroom in an exciting workshop. Children will learn and test Newton's laws and see his experiments in practice. **Gravity, rockets, cannons and balloons galore!**

Children are invited to come to school for the week, dressed as scientists as they observe and investigate.

Y6 pupils will visit the Science Museum in London. Our inquisitive children can explore the main areas - construction, water, light and sound.

Whilst playing, they can find out about floating and sinking, shadows and reflections, and much more.



LEARNING CONSULTATION EVENINGS
22nd and 23rd March

EASTER BREAK
School finishes
Friday March 31st at 1.30pm

HOLIDAYS
3rd April - 17th April

Children return on
Tuesday 18th April

HALF TERM
Spring break
29th May - 2nd June
Children return 5th June

READING CHALLENGE TERM

The Spring Term Reading Challenge is nearly at an end.

How many books have children read so far this term? How many authors have they tried? We can see a very positive upward trend in the reading ages of our children, particularly those in KS2 who have developed really good daily reading habits.

We have given away all of our limited edition **Wormley Reader Bears** who were extremely popular this year. We still have lots of books and magazines for prizes.

At our Easter Service, we will be announcing three families who have won family tickets for the cinema



Don't forget to read with your child daily and to record reading together in the children's reading records as these are vital as evidence in assessing children's reading.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a fabulous day on World Book Day. The children (and staff) looked very relaxed in their PJs!. The author and her workshops were enjoyed by everyone and the children loved mixing with a different class to read with them.

Our Book Sale and Cake Sale was a great success and raised £400 for the PTA.

GOODBYE TO MRS GILPIN

It is with sadness, that we must tell you that Mrs Gilpin, our SENCo, will be stepping down from her role at the end of the term to spend more time with her family. She has been a consistent and reassuring leader in our school, supporting many children with educational needs and disabilities and their families. She is passionate about inclusion and ensuring all children have the right provision at the right time to be the best they can be. She will be greatly missed. I know you will join me in thanking her for her excellent care, advice and service to our school. THANK YOU!

EASTER SERVICE



On **Wednesday 29th March**, KS1 And KS2 will travel to St. Augustines Church for an Easter Service. The service will be linked to our value this half term - humility - knowing what it means to be humble rather than boastful. There will be drama, poetry, dance, singing and prayers as we celebrate the story of Easter.

If parents are available to help walk the children to church, you are welcome to join us.

SPRING 1: DREAMS AND GOALS



This half term, **Spring 2**, our Jigsaw unit has been 'Healthy Me'.



This unit focuses on: healthy lifestyle choices, being safe and keeping clean, road safety, healthy eating, exercise, respect for myself and others, healthy friendships, assertiveness and emotional and mental health.

This unit compliments our school's **Wellbeing Agents** and Science education.

Agent Lifestyle

- Sleep
- Balance
- Friendships
- Laughter



The agent, whose name was **Agent Lifestyle**, always had a good night's *sleep* to make sure that he woke each day in a positive mood. This helped him to prepare for the day and to build healthy *friendships* with others. He *laughed* a lot! He practised mindful breathing each day to clear his mind, to calm him and to achieve peace for the day. This helped him to *self-regulate*.

Agent Lifestyle wanted to meet like-minded agents to help him spread the message of wellbeing and decided to travel in his 'Mind- Mobile' in search of others with whom he could share his message.

Agent Life-style had met **Agent Nutrition** and he loved the way he could learn and improve his own life-style and *diet* even more with her help! He knew it would increase his *energy*. He asked her if she would help him teach others about nutrition and advising on what to eat to maintain their health, sharing a message of *diversity*. She agreed enthusiastically because she already knew of another who could help them further.

Agent Nutrition

- Mood
- Diversity
- Energy
- Diet



Agent Kinetic

- Endurance
- Stamina
- Agility
- Creative movement



This was **Agent Kinetic** who agreed to join the agents in their mission to spread the message amongst others. With his strong leadership skills, he set up routines for both Agent Life-style and Agent Nutrition to follow and endorse, in order to develop *stamina* and *endurance*.

Agent Kinetic knew of an agent called **Agent Mindfulness**. She had the amazing ability to empathise with others, always show positivity and understand her own and other's emotions. She helped others to control, regulate and understand their own feelings in order to achieve a sense of peacefulness. Agent Mindfulness had many friends and encouraged healthy relationships and friendships. She always looked on the bright side and was excellent at listening if others should need someone to talk to. She wanted to join the group and help everyone develop their agency. The wellbeing agents were now complete and their message could be shared!

Agent Mindfulness

- Peacefulness
- Positivity
- Regulation
- Listening



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING NATIONAL ASSESSMENT IN 2023

KEY STAGE 1

The **Y1 Phonic Screening** will take place in the week commencing **5th June**. Parents and carers can support their children by reading with them daily and practising the high frequency words (list at the end of the newsletter)

The **KS1 SATS** will be administered during **May**. Parents and carers can support their children by reading with them daily, practising their number bonds to 20 and encouraging them to practise their handwriting.

KEYSTAGE 2

The **Y4 multiplication tables check** will take place in the 3 weeks commencing **5th June**. Parents and carers can support their children by encouraging their children to practise their multiplication tables on TT Rockstars.

The **KS2 SATS** is timetabled from **9th- 12th May**. Parents and carers can support their children by encouraging them to read often and widely, use their SAT practice books to revise English and Maths and to practise areas of maths they find tricky on Freckle.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight: Monday 27 February - Sunday 12 March

We really enjoyed an assembly about Fairtrade, led by two of St Augustine's church members, to learn more about our neighbours - men and women around the world who provide our food, drink and clothing.

These people who are often exploited and underpaid.

However, the children learnt that we can help our neighbours by choosing products with the fairtrade logo. When we do this, we know that the provider will be paid a fair wage.



Through learning about how we are all connected through the things that we eat, drink and wear, our young people are now equipped with the knowledge and skills to take action for a **fairer, sustainable future** on the planet that we all share. We want to help our children to engage in social action and to be *courageous advocates* for change in their local, national and global communities.

FAREWELL TO REVEREND HUDSON

This term we sadly say goodbye to Revd Hudson who has been our shepherd for many years.

The Revd Canon Charles Hudson, who is presently the Rector of Broxbourne with Wormley in this diocese, has been appointed as Archdeacon of St Albans.

Revd Hudson has visited our school most weeks and the children have loved the collective worship that he has led. He is a great supporter of our school and chose to send his own children to Wormley CofE Primary School. He will be sadly missed.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

The Local Authority has recently reviewed our attendance figures. They noted that many children with low attendance were absent for one or two days at a time for minor ailments such as a tummy ache or a headache. Many such ailments can be treated with Calpol and do not require a day off school. We would send home a child who was too unwell to learn. If your child is often absent due to illness, you can expect to be asked for medical evidence (for example details of a medical appointment, prescription label and so on) before the absence is authorised.

Planned absences

If a child needs to be absent from school parents/carers will need to complete a *Leave of Absence Application* form or complete the google form, available via a link on the [website](#). For planned absences, parents/carers must provide the school with this form **at least 2 weeks in advance**.

Only exceptional reasons will be authorised. Exceptional reasons are those considered beyond reasonable control of the parents. If a request has been declined it is expected that the child should be in school. Unauthorised absences could lead to a penalty notice.

Examples of **authorised** absences:

- ✓ The pupil is absent with leave as agreed by the Senior Leadership team
- ✓ The pupil was ill and the headteacher is satisfied with the reasons for absence and the school have not asked for proof of absence to be provided
- ✓ There is a family bereavement.
- ✓ The pupil is attending an approved off-site activity or is receiving special off-site tuition.
- ✓ The pupil is participating in an approved public performance or sporting activity.
- ✓ The pupil has a music/dance exam.
- ✓ Unavoidable hospital/orthodontic appointments when a copy of the appointment is provided in advance.
- ✓ Days of religious observance
- ✓ The pupil is of Traveller heritage and their need to temporarily leave the area to work giving reasonable indication of their intention to return.

Absence will be **unauthorised** if:

- × No explanation is forthcoming
- × The school was not provided with suitable notice
- × The school is dissatisfied with the explanation
- × The pupil is absent for reasons that are not considered exceptional
- × Due to persistent absence, the Attendance Officer has instructed the school not to authorise any more absence

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Our Year 6 children have been allocated their Secondary School places. This year nearly all of our children secured a place from their choices of schools.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Pupil Parliament are organising an Easter Egg Hunt.

You can sign up for this on Arbor

EASTER RAFFLE

We have some lovely Easter Chocolate Hampers to raffle, so please buy a ticket

Tickets available via Arbor or cash £1 a ticket



HAPpy PROGRAMMES

Bookings are now open for Easter 2023 HAPpy Programmes (Hertfordshire's Holiday Activity Programme)!



Services for Young People are offering holiday activities (3rd - 7th April) at:

- Herts Young Mariners Base, 231 Windmill Lane, Cheshunt, EN8 9AJ (For young people aged 13-16)
- Hatfield Young People's Centre, Breaks Manor, Link Drive, Hatfield, AL10 8TP
- Bishop's Stortford Young People's Centre, 14 Northgate End, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2EU

Young people who are in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) can **meet other young people** and get involved with **fun and informal activities to help with a healthy lifestyle** including sports, arts and games. **A free and healthy meal will be provided at each session.**



To book a place:

Tel: 01992 588220 Text: 07860 065173 Email:

sfyp.broxbourne@hertfordshire.gov.uk

[@BroxbourneTeam](http://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org)

Parents/Guardians will need the FSM code sent to their child's school to book a place.

HABS FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES BASED AT WORMLEY

HABS (*Hoddesdon and Broxbourne Settings*) is a Local Schools Partnership that consists of 15 local primary and secondary schools.

We employ a team of highly trained Family Support workers, and counsellors, to support our local schools and the community offering a diverse package of support from counselling, to working on projects in the community to help improve the lives of families living within Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, Turnford and Wormley.

The support on offer is open to all families whose children attend the partnership schools, and range from parenting classes, holiday activity sessions and family support. This encompasses a wide range of issues including; mental health, domestic abuse, emotional well-being, debt, bereavement and loss, counselling, therapeutic coaching, financial support and other complex issues.



Please contact our team or your local school for more information via our Facebook page.

FAMILY COURSES

Please see some amazing, award winning courses to help parents/carers gain knowledge and sharpen their skills as parents



Handling Anger of children with ASD/ADHD (6 sessions)

Free places for parents of children 4 years old and under 11 years old. No diagnosis necessary,

- Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am starting **April 19th** for 6 sessions up to 2 hours online via Zoom.
- Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm starting **April 19th** for 6 sessions up to 2 hours online via Zoom.

Email Francine & Lesley: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk for details.

A complete guide to parenting children with SEND (10 sessions)

Free places for parents of children from 2 years old and under 11 years old. No diagnosis necessary and an excellent starter course for parents just beginning their involvement with Special Education Needs.

- Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm starting **April 18th** for 10 sessions up to 2 hours online via Zoom.

Email Francine & Lesley: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk for details.

Handling anger in your family (6 sessions)

Free places for parents of children who are not on assessment pathways and do not have SEND aged 4 to 11 years.

- Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am starting **April 20th** for 6 sessions online up to 2 hours online via Zoom.

More Handling anger of children with ASD/ADHD, Handling anger in your family and Sleep Solutions courses coming in June.

100 High Frequency Words

the	his	be	do	into	house
and	but	like	me	back	old
a	that	some	down	from	too
to	with	so	dad	children	by
said	all	not	big	him	day
in	we	then	when	Mr	made
he	can	were	it's	get	time
I	are	go	see	just	I'm
of	up	little	looked	now	if
it	had	as	very	came	help
was	my	no	look	oh	Mrs
you	her	mum	don't	about	called
they	what	one	come	got	here
on	there	them	will	their	off
she	out			people	asked
is	this			your	saw
for	have			put	make
at	went			could	an

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YEAR 1 HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS

This Joyous Time of Year

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

Amen

