

# News on the Nineteenth

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## September 2022

### OUR MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II - REST IN PEACE - GOD BLESS



We hope that you were able to watch the funeral of her dear queen yesterday on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The processions and the two services were great spectacles of tradition, celebrating the outstanding service, dedication, and loyalty of her majesty.

Ironically, on the day we heard of her death, we received a letter and photograph of her majesty thanking us for the cards the children in our school sent to her for her jubilee.



Our Nursery children also made a card for her last week. Each child had drawn a picture of the queen. It was lovely! Our Nursery Team took it to Green Park and placed it with the other tributes there.

In school, we had a special service remembering the life of our queen. Your majesty, we thank you for being a wonderful role model to us all.

Rest in Peace and God Bless.



### WELCOME

We would like to welcome all the **new families** who have joined Wormley CofE Primary School this term.

We hope this will be the start of an amazing learning journey for all the children.

We are very proud of how our youngest starters in Nursery and Reception have settled so well.

We would also like to welcome **new members of staff**: Miss O'Dowd - teaching in Y1, Mr Cox - teaching in Y2, Miss Jones - teaching in Y3, and Mrs Jones and Mrs Johnson - teaching in Y4. I hope you were all able to come and meet your child's teacher last week. It is important to build home school partnerships to support the children's development.

### TERM DATES

Half Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

INSET DAY

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Return to school

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

### PRESCHOOL/NURSEY PLACES

There are still some limited places in **Preschool** and **Nursery** mornings.

Please email [admin@wormleyprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@wormleyprimary.co.uk) if you are interested in a place here at Wormley.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL

Please see a reminder of important information regarding the return to school.

### School will have three start and finish times

Year group	Start time	Finish time
YR, Y2, Y4, Y6 (even numbers)	8:45	3:15
Y1, Y3, Y5 (odd numbers)	8:50	3:20
Preschool, YN mornings	9:00	12:00

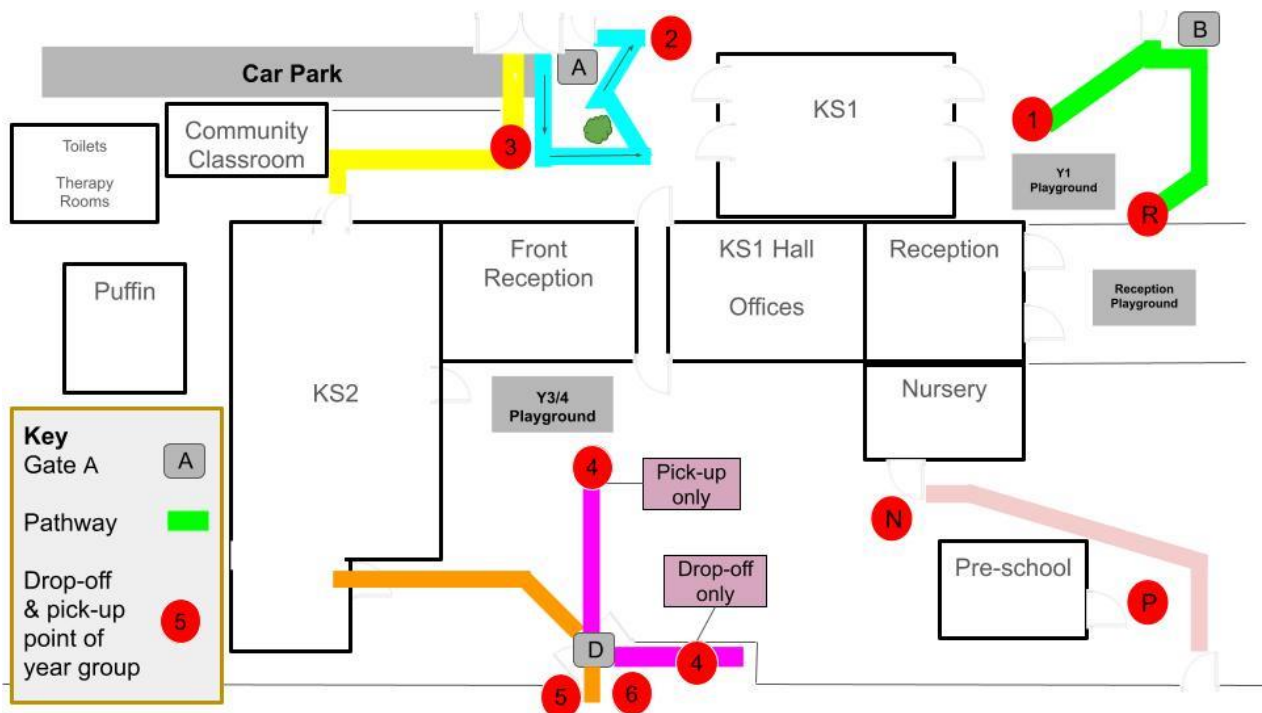
There is a staggered start and finish time and a *soft start* for each class to allow for children to enter the classroom and to wash their hands before settling to a learning task.

At the end of the day, parents will collect their children from the same entrance as the one they dropped them to in the morning.

Morning registers will close at **8:55 / 9:00 am** - after this point your child will be marked as late unless they attend Nursery.

### Beginning and end of the day

Entrance	Location of gate	Year Group
Entrance A	Front gate	Y2, Y3
Entrance B	Gate to KS1 playground	YR, Y1
Entrance C	Gate next to Preschool	Preschool, YN
Entrance D	Back gate	Y4, Y5, Y6

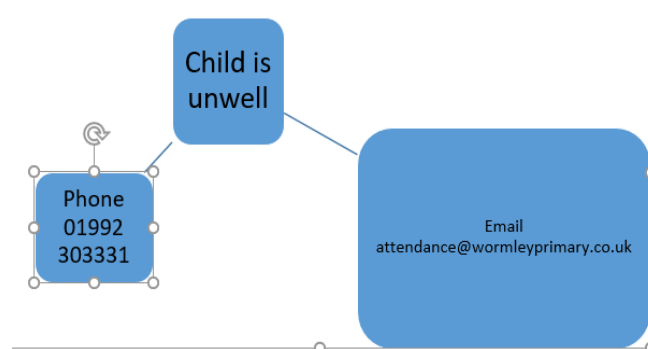


## Attendance

Attendance is compulsory if children are well. If children are not well, they should not attend. It is essential that parents make the school aware of the reason for any pupil absence before the start of the day by emailing [attendance@wormleyprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@wormleyprimary.co.uk).

If parents do not let us know why their child is absent, a member of the school admin team will have to phone the family of every child who is not in school.

As winter approaches, your child may experience symptoms such as a cough or a temperature. To rule out COVID, please test your child to keep the spread of the virus low. Children are only required to stay at home for 3 days if they are feeling unwell.



## Uniform

Children are expected to wear our school uniform to school. Please see the website if you need to clarify what children should wear to school and for PE.

We have preloved uniform for sale - 50p an item. Please ask in the reception.

**PE kits should be worn all day on the day children have PE.**

## Payments via Arbor

Payments for school meals, Breakfast and After School Club (BASC), trips, resources etc. should continue to be made via online payments using Arbor. There is also a post box in front of reception.

## Healthy Home Packed Lunches and Water Bottles

A reminder that home-packed lunches must be **healthy** and meet all nutritional expectations for meals consumed in school. Items such as crisps, donuts, chocolates, sweets and other snacks high in salt and sugar are not appropriate. Water bottles - marked with children's names - are essential please.

## Breakfast and After School Club (BASC)

Breakfast and After School Club can be booked via Arbor for the Autumn Term.

## Trips, Visits and Visitors

We have already booked history workshops and visits for the Autumn Term. Please check the website for dates already in the school calendar for 2022-2023. We will also be using the local environment for local History and Geography studies.

## Home Learning and Remote Learning

For setting home learning, sharing information and in preparation for any possible isolation periods (due to having contracted COVID), we will continue to use *Tapestry* for Preschool, YN and YR and the *Google Classroom* for Y1- Y6. Please ensure you have access to these platforms in the Autumn Term.

They are all set up. If you cannot access them, please ask your child's class teacher for help.

## Good Hygiene Practices

We continue to practice and encourage good hygiene practices to keep all germs at bay.

Please promote this at home too. Thank you.

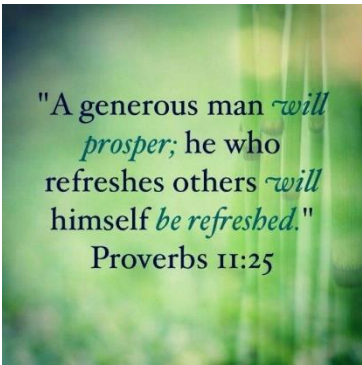
*Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.*



## OUR VALUE OF THE HALF TERM

This half term's value is **Generosity**. We will be exploring the generous acts of Jesus as told in the Bible, including Jesus feeding the 5,000, turning water into wine and healing the sick. We will be considering ways in which we can be generous - generous with our time, our love, our possessions and our help.

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*



"A generous man *will prosper*; he who refreshes others *will himself be refreshed*."  
Proverbs 11:25



## A PARENT'S GUIDE TO RENAISSANCE ACCELERATED READER

Our school has purchased [Accelerated Reader](#) for children in Y2-Y6. Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his own level and reads it at his own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.)

Accelerated Reader gives children, teachers, and parents feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

Children using Accelerated Reader choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them.

Teachers help your child choose books at an appropriate readability level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that your child can pass the quiz and experience success.

If your child does not do well on the quiz, the teacher may help your child:

- Choose another book that is more appropriate.
- Ask more probing questions as your child reads and before your child takes a quiz.
- In most cases, children really enjoy taking the quizzes. Since they're reading books at their reading and interest levels, they are likely to be successful. This is satisfying for most children. Best of all, they learn and grow at their own pace.

### How does the school determine my child's reading level?

Teachers determine your child's reading level with a *Renaissance Star Reading test*. Star Reading is a computerised reading assessment that uses computer-adaptive technology. Questions continually adjust to your child's responses. If the child's response is correct, the difficulty level is increased. If the child misses a question, the difficulty level is reduced. The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 15 minutes. Your child will receive a *ZPD range* after taking a Star Reading test. In independent literature-based reading, ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a child without causing frustration or loss of motivation.

### How can you help your child become a better reader?

As with anything, performance improves with practice. Encourage your child to read at home. Create a *culture of reading* in your household by reading with your child, starting a home library, visiting your local library or book store on a regular basis, letting your child see you reading, and discussing books that each of you has read. When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to be sure your child is comprehending what is read.

Reading with your child, no matter what the child's age, is an important part of developing a good reader, building a lifelong love of reading and learning, and creating a loving relationship between you and your child. Make learning a family affair!

## PARENTS GUIDE FOR MYON

We are very excited to offer the use of 'myON' for pupils within KS2. MyON is a digital library with thousands of ebooks for children to choose from and it links with our in-school reading system/library. The digital books available can be tailored to children's interests and will allow your child to read books independently, or together as a family, at any time you choose. There is open access to many genres and age ranges.

The myON website allows your child to interact with books by highlighting sections, annotating with virtual post-it notes and listening to text. Part of the website has a 'news' section where there will be current child-friendly news articles for your child to access. Children can choose to read the book themselves or have it read for them. Your child's teacher can view the books they have read and see how long they have read for too. Once your child has read a book, they can 'take a quiz' - exactly like they do in school - their myON account links to their in-school Accelerated Reader account where children accrue points and are working towards becoming a 'Word Millionaire' where they have read a million words or more!



## HISTORY TERM



This term, all year groups will be learning about aspects of British History. Y1 will be learning about toys and games from the past. Perhaps you have a toy from your youth that you could show the children?

Y2 will be learning all about the Great Fire of London.

On **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September**, they will go back in time to the bustle of London in 1666 where a fire burns in a Pudding Lane bakery. The children start the morning by becoming apprentices on the streets of London, learning skills common for workers of the era: leather working, metal working, sewing, etc.



Y3 will be learning all about The Celts. With its thatched roundhouses and native woodland, the Celtic Harmony is a wonderful place to visit, learn and develop knowledge of British history. The Celtic Harmony Camp is the UK's largest reconstructed Prehistory settlement, in a beautiful woodland setting with 7 Iron Age roundhouses, just on our doorstep! Remember to dress for Celtic outdoor life! The trip is on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September**.



Y4 will learn all about life in Britain during The Roman Invasion. They arrive in 60 AD: the Romans occupy Britain, and unrest grows. The widowed Iceni queen, Boudica, seeks to overthrow Roman rule - as do the Trinovantes. In her fury, Boudica wipes out whole communities. No one knows where she might strike next.

Their workshop is **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. Don't forget to dress for the occasion!



Y5 journey to an Anglo-Saxon village on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. One of England's great archaeological sites, West Stow has extensive indoor galleries and a stunning recreation of an Anglo-Saxon village surrounded by 125 acres of unspoilt countryside.



Children will be able to explore history and nature, watch a film, dress up as an Anglo-Saxon or say hello to the rare breed pigs and chickens.

Y6 children will have the opportunity to experience life as a Viking on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** with an exciting Viking workshop in school. Remember Viking attire for the day! In the afternoon, they will look at the Dark Ages from a historical perspective, using archaeology to understand how we have learned about the historical tasks they performed in the morning.



## THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge was

# GADGETEERS



### GO GO GADGETEERS!

Congratulations to all the children who completed the Challenge by **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. They were awarded with a medal, certificate, and a pencil.

**We are very proud of everyone who achieved this challenge!**



## ROCK ON WITH ROCK STEADY LESSONS IN SCHOOL

It's a delight to share that Rocksteady lessons are continuing in our school next year.

### Learn to play in a band

Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.

### Lead by real musicians

Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.

### In school time

Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.

### With regular live performances

Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.

### And happily affordable

Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too - cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

Email: [info@rocksteadymusicschool.com](mailto:info@rocksteadymusicschool.com) Call: **0330 113 0330** (Calls are charged at local rate)

## ROAD SAFETY

Please be considerate by 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.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

END OF TERM  
FOR CHRISTMAS  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
December**  
INSET DAY  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January**



Children return to school on  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

# Self-Care September 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	 6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	 7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it 
12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy
19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you
 26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

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## COURSES FOR FAMILIES

The courses are fully funded by HCC for families who have needs in Hertfordshire. Please see the following courses for parents and carers.



### For Dads, Step-Dads and male carers

Online Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm 13, 20, 27 Sept, 4, 11 & 18 Oct 2022

### For Mums, Dads & Carers

Stevenage at The Oak Suite, Peartree Spring Primary School, SG2 9GG

Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am 21, 28 Sept, 5, 12, 19 Oct, 2, 9, 16 & 23 Nov 2022

Bushey at The Hub, Bournehall Primary School, WD23 3AX

Tuesdays 11.30am - 1.30pm (arrival 11-11.15am) 20, 27 Sept, 4, 11, 18 Oct, 1, 8 & 15 Nov 2022

For all enquiries email [enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk) There will be two further courses running online starting after the half term break.

With kind regards

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## WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AUTUMN TERM

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8