



## **Worham Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new and exciting year at Worham Primary school. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and that the children have enjoyed their first few days back at school. It has been wonderful to see all the children back together, playing and enjoying each other's company.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind words, cards, gifts and well wishes at the end of the summer term. They were greatly appreciated, and the staff were overwhelmed by your kindness and thoughtfulness.

As this is the first newsletter of the school year there are many important messages and key dates for your information below.

### **Welcome to Worham!**

We are delighted to welcome to Worham Primary, our new reception children and their families. Please join us in welcoming: Freddie, Mira, Quinn, Ava, Ada, Jaxon, Ruby, Tobias, Thea and Alfie. The children are all settling in beautifully and are getting to know each other and the school environment.

Please also join us in welcoming Eric, Josh and Mary-Jane who have also joined Bumblebee class, Zac into Hedgehog class and Ruby and Esme into Otter class. Finally, we also welcome Mrs Charlotte Ham who joins us as a one-to-one Teaching Assistant in Hedgehog Class.

### **New Website**

We are very excited to share with you that we have a new website which will be launched in the coming weeks which we hope will provide you with easy access to key information, dates and announcements. Here you will also be able to find lots of important information about the school, including what your children will be learning. We will email you with a link when it goes live.

### **Universal Infant Free School Meals**

The children in Reception, Yr. 1 and Yr.2 will receive a free school meal under the government's universal free school meal scheme. Mrs Paine will send parents of children in Bumblebee class a form at the beginning of each week for you to complete with your child's options for the following week.

Free school meals (FSM) are different to UIFSM (above) and are available to children of families who are in receipt of certain government credits and allowances. If you think you may be eligible please check the government website on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to check the criteria and fill in the relevant form. The school would also receive additional funding to help support your child in other ways such as academic and financial support.

### **Medication**

Could I ask all parents to ensure that they have brought in all inhalers and epi pens for those children who have been prescribed them; please make sure that these are clearly named and are in date. Can I also remind you that we are only able to dispense prescribed medication to your child as required; forms are available from the office.

### **Flu Vaccination**

The flu immunisation team will be in school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to immunise all year groups. A letter and consent form will be sent home tomorrow and needs to be returned by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September please. You will need to complete the form if you wish to opt out too.

### **Snacks and Water Bottles**

Please can you make sure that your child has a **named** water bottle in school. They will need to bring it in every **Monday** and take it home on a Friday to be washed. Children in Y3,4,5 & 6 are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack to have at break time, children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are provided with a free school snack of fresh fruit and vegetables.

### **Uniform and PE Kit**

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school with all items clearly named. Their PE kit will remain in school until half term. They will also need a pair of **named** trainers to be kept in school. **Please can we also remind parents that children in year 2 and year 3 need a school bookbag.**

### **Nut allergy reminder**

Please can we remind you all that because we have a number of children who are severely allergic to nuts all packed lunches need to be nut free. You will need to check the ingredients in snack biscuits and bars etc. Can I also request that children do not bring in any birthday treats, cakes, biscuits or sweets; thank you in advance for supporting the school over this.

### **Home School Agreement and Safe ICT user agreement**

Your child will be bringing home a copy of the Home School Agreements for Learning and Behaviour and the ICT Safe User agreement in the next week or so. Please take some time to discuss this with your child before signing and returning it to school. If you have any questions about these please come and speak to a member of staff.

### **After School Clubs**

We are delighted that we can now provide our extended choice of after school clubs. This half term these clubs include: football, drama, choir, computing, multi-skills, cooking, dodgeball, tennis and multi sports. We are also pleased to offer our first before school club which for this half term will be gymnastics. Please ensure that all slips are returned so that places can be secured.

### **Lifetime**

We are also delighted to be able to reintroduce 'Lifetime' on a Friday afternoon. This is where the children take part in activities which enable them to learn new knowledge and skills. This half term Lifetime activities are planned as follows:

Reception – Art with Mrs Erith

Year 1 – Reading Club with Mrs Bloye

Year 2 – Cooking with Miss Chenery

Year 3 – Sports with Mr Clarke

Year 4 – Forest School with Mrs Widdeson and Mr Waters

Year 5 –STEM (Science, Technology and Maths) with Mr Varela

Year 6 – Tin Whistles with Mrs Cartledge

### **Music tuition**

It is very exciting that this term, children in Barn Owl class will be learning how to play the clarinet! We will be having a specialist music teacher who will be coming into school every Thursday, starting next week. We have also received eighteen guitars, including two electric guitars and are in the process of finalising the arrangements for the children in Otter class to also receive teaching from a specialist music teacher.

### **New Library**

Reading is very important to us at Wortham Primary and we are passionate that all our children develop a love of reading. Your child will have now bought home their new reading book, a 'Reading for Enjoyment' book (Reception, Year 1 and some children in Year 2) and a library book. Please make sure that you hear your child read, or for older and more able readers, read independently, **every day** as this is vital for their reading development and it is also part of their school homework.

As many of you will already be aware, we opened our new school library last term and the children have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in this new area and being able to choose from a range of high-quality books. I am delighted to share with you that we are now able to open our school library to parents so that you can come in with your children and enjoy sharing books together. You can also support your child in choosing and changing their library book. We will be opening the library **every Monday** after school from **3.20 – 3.50pm**. Please come around to the hall doors to access the library.

### **Car Parking**

The mornings are always so busy and with the school almost at full capacity parking cars can be difficult at times. Could I ask that all parents park their cars as far forward as they can on the area in front of the school. It means that other parents will have room to park behind you. I would also ask you to drive in slowly and drive away slowly as children and parents are often making their way to the school gates. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Friends of Wortham Primary School (FOWs)**

FOWs are our parent committee who meet every half term or so to plan and organise events for the children and their families to enjoy. These events raise money for the school which is invaluable as it provides the school the ability to purchase equipment or arrange events that may not otherwise be possible. However, this committee would not be possible without the support of parents. The first FOWs meeting of the year will be held on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm**. Please do come along; all parental support is greatly appreciated.

### **Pupil Passports**

Children who have a Pupil Passport will be spending time with their class teachers and support staff in the next coming week to set their new targets.

### **Dates**

#### **September**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - After School Clubs begin.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Swimming starts for Y3, (years 4 & 5 will not begin until further notice)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – School Library opens to parents (every Monday from this week) 3.20 – 3.50pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Individual (and sibling) school photos

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (to be held after school)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> -First aid course provided by Mini First Aid – for all children.

#### **October:**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - New Parents for 2022 Open Evening 5.30 – 7pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Parent Consultations

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

#### **November**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Y6 trip to Hilltop

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> (12pm) Book Fair

#### **December**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Nativity – Evening Performance

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Nativity – Afternoon and Evening Performance

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Nativity – Afternoon Performance

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Panto

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Last day

I am sure there will be more dates to add but we will of course inform you as soon as possible and add these to our website calendar.

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### **Covid Update**

We would like to thank all our parents for your continued support and would like to reassure you that our priority is to keep our school community safe. We are in close contact with the Covid 19 advisors in Suffolk County Council and we are following the government guidance. From the beginning of the school year, we have been continuing with our procedures of keeping the school well ventilated and regular hand washing. We will continue to keep you updated.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any matters, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. Please feel free to approach your child's class teacher who will be available at the end of each day; email your child's teacher or the school office or speak to Mrs Clarke or Mrs Flatman.

Yours sincerely

Hayley Clarke  
**Head of School**