



Wormholt News

Friday 3rd December

Head's Chat



I hope you've all had a good week.

Thank you to all the parents who have been so vigilant about coughs and colds, runny noses, sickness etc etc this week. I know it's difficult for you all but we must keep everyone safe.

There has been a great deal of speculation on the news and in social media about whether Christmas events in schools can go ahead this year. The DfE has not been very supportive unfortunately and there are many mixed messages. Many schools are not allowing parents/carers to Nativity plays and concerts and others are only allowing one parent to each event. As our performances are in year groups, I am confident that they can all go ahead, unless the Government brings out new restrictions. We will, however, ask you all to wear a facemask (unless exempt). I'm sure you understand the need for this. The performances will all take place in the bottom hall, with the doors and windows open, to ensure there is enhanced ventilation (so make sure you wear a coat!) I hope you're all happy about that arrangement.

However, it is with a heavy heart that I have decided that the School Discos will not be able to go ahead this year. There will be upto 250 children in one space, together with approximately 30 staff. With the high rates of Covid in the local area, it just doesn't seem safe to let this happen. I fully understand how disappointed the children will be (and staff) but I must think about the safety and wellbeing of everyone. The last thing we want is for the whole school to go down with Covid and be trapped indoors self isolating for the Christmas holidays.

In order that the children don't miss out on having fun, we have decided to hold year group discos/parties instead. These will take place in school time during the last week of term. We would be grateful if families could send some food/drink in on the morning of their child's disco, to help make them special! I hope you all understand why I have had to make this decision.

Party Days			
Nursery	Thursday 16th	Year 1	Wednesday 15th
Reception	Thursday 16th	Year 2	Thursday 16th
Year 3	Thursday 16th	Year 5	Thursday 16th
Year 4	Thursday 16th	Year 6	Thursday 16th

Watch this space.....we are planning to hold a Summer Disco, when hopefully Covid is not such a big issue.



Have a lovely weekend.

Anika Hargie

Headteacher

Xmas Events

We have a number of different events happening during the month of December. See below some dates for your diary!

Tuesday 7th December: School Christmas lunch

Thursday 9th December: Year 2 - Seasonal performance to parents - 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Friday 10th December: Year 1 - Seasonal songs for parents - 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Tuesday 14th December: Reception - Seasonal songs for parents - 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Wednesday 15th December: Nursery - Seasonal songs for parents - 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Wednesday 15th December: Year 1 Disco Party

Thursday 16th December: Nursery, Reception, Y2-6 Disco Party



SLT Announcement

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Everett has been appointed as our new Assistant Head.

She joins Ms McNiffe, who is already an Assistant Head and Nadia Osta, who is our Deputy Head.

Together with myself as Head Teacher and Caroline as our School Business Manager, we make up the school's SLT (Senior Leadership Team). Well done Mrs Everett



Parent/ Carer Survey Results

Question	Agree or Strongly Agree
My child is happy at this school	96.9%
My child feels safe at this school	98.3%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	93.2%
If my child has been bullied, the school has dealt with it quickly and effectively	83.3%
The school makes me aware of what my child will be learning during the year (eg: curriculum meetings and information on website)	91.5%
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with	97.9%
The school has high expectations for my child	86.4%
My child does well at this school	93.2%
The school lets me know how my child is doing (eg: parent meetings)	93.3%
The school communicates well with families (eg: newsletters, texts, emails)	96.6%
The school is well led and managed	96.6%
I would recommend this school to another parent	91.5%

Overall, as you can see from these results, the survey was extremely positive. We had 59 results, which is wonderful.

To see that 96.9% of children are happy at this school, should make me the happiest headteacher in the world. However, all I can wonder is, who are the two children who are not happy. I hope that if a parent or carer feels their child is truly not happy, they would let me know, so we can address that.

Something we have worked really hard on over the last year, is communication with parents, so we are delighted that 96.6% feel we now communicate well with you (80% strongly agreed with this!)

We hold meetings at the beginning of each school year (Curriculum Meetings) to explain to parents/carers what their children will be covering that year. We need to do more here. Therefore, we have decided to create a termly sheet, detailing the learning and other important information for that term. You will receive your first one of these in January. We would love to hear some feedback on these please!

Parent meetings are held twice a year, as well as giving parents the opportunity to discuss their child's end of year report in July if they want to. If anyone wants to find out more about how their child is doing between these times, they can always talk to one of the SLT and we will help you!

We have high expectations for every child in this school, regardless of their ability. We need to ensure that we communicate this effectively to parents, so we can work together to help children reach their full potential.

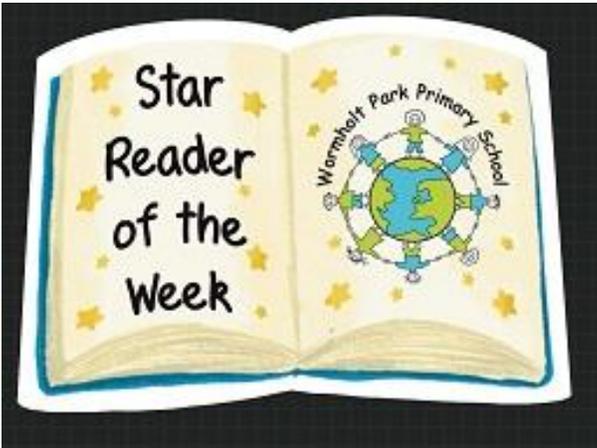
We will continue to ensure that any incidents of bullying are dealt with quickly and effectively. If you feel they are not being dealt with effectively, please speak to one of the SLT at the school gate or call the office to let us know.

We are delighted with the comments made at the end of the survey. It seems as if the vast majority of you are really happy. Someone described the school as a '*big happy family*'. Someone else wrote that they appreciate that we '*reach out to families who need support*'. There were also some really useful suggestions. As a result, we have already actioned the following:

- We have created a calendar on the website and newsletter, to give parents more notice of events
- We are thinking about how we can have more after school clubs
- We are regularly checking that children are wearing the correct school uniform
- We are planning to put swimming back on the timetable for some KS2 classes (this has been postponed due to Covid and problems with the swimming pool)

Please remember that we are always open to suggestions, not just when we do surveys. If you have a great idea, you can always find one of the SLT at the gate in the mornings or after school.

Readers of the Week



This week, the Readers of the Week are: Amiyah from Oslo and Alexis from Wellington

Well done, both of you.

School Calendar

Please click below to see our new Parents Calendar

[Click here to see](#)

Reception Places 2022

Applying for a Reception Place for September 2022

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 - 31 August 2018, they will be due to start Reception in primary school from September 2022.

The lbhf online application form is located [here](#)

The Starting School Brochure is located [here](#)

Applications must be submitted by 15th January 2022

Attendance

I wonder who will win the overall attendance competition this term and get extra playtime?

Best Attendance this week	
1st	Lima
2nd	Tripoli
Punctuality	
Best Punctuality of the Week: Seoul	

Well done to these classes!



Useful Dates

You can now find all useful dates in the school calendar on the parent tab of our school website. You can [click here](#) to view .

Autumn Term 2021

Friday 17th December – Last day of Term (half day for pupils)