



# Wormholt News

Friday 7th January

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2022

## Head's Chat

I hope all our families had a good holiday. It's been lovely seeing you all again.

We've got an exciting term ahead of us here. Despite the challenges of Covid-19, we are determined that the children will continue to make great progress and that we can all enjoy the Spring Term.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new members of staff!



In Year 1, we have Mr Thomas, who is teaching Havana. In Year 5, Miss Relton will be working alongside Mrs Lardner, until she goes on maternity leave. Miss Relton will then take over Tokyo class. In the office, we have Jaheim, who is our new admin apprentice and in Year 2, we have Mr Russell, who is a teaching assistant, supporting La Paz and Lima.

We hope they are all really happy in our wonderful school!



I am absolutely delighted to announce that Ms Ejilou had a beautiful baby boy during the holidays. She has named him Ilyas and he is absolutely gorgeous! We can't wait to meet him.

Anika Hargie  
Headteacher

## 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**

## Covid Update

I wrote to you all on Tuesday about Covid updates from the DfE. Here are the main points, in case anyone missed the email.

### **Staffing**

As a school, we have to do everything we can to deliver a high quality of education for all children and try to avoid any school/class closures. However, I need you to be aware that there may be situations, if staff test positive, where classes may be taught in larger groups than usual and different staff may need to teach your child. If staffing levels become unsafe, we could be forced to return to remote learning. This would be a last resort.

### **Self-Isolation**

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who test positive for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Children may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and your child does not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 7 (if the 2<sup>nd</sup> test has been done before school).

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

If someone in your household tests positive for Covid-19, the guidelines state that close contacts (your children) should take an LFD test every day for seven days. They can continue to attend school during the seven days, unless they get symptoms or test positive. It is vital that, as a school community, we all look after each other, which is why I cannot stress enough how important it is to test your children if someone at home tests positive. We have families with members who are vulnerable, pregnant and elderly. We also have members of staff who are vulnerable, as well as a couple of pregnant teachers.

### **Facemasks**

Children are not expected to wear facemasks in Primary Schools. I will be insisting however, that any parent/guardian coming into the school building, wears a facemask, unless exempt.

### **Communication**

It is vital that we know when a child tests positive for Covid-19. If your child tests positive, out of school hours, please email [covid@wormholtpark.lbhf.sch.uk](mailto:covid@wormholtpark.lbhf.sch.uk) or call the office during the school day.

If you have any concerns or questions, please email covid@ or call the school office.

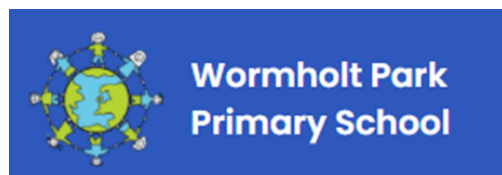
## **School Uniform Recycling**

We are pleased to announce the next date for our school uniform recycling stand. On this day, you will be able to swap one item of recycled school uniform with one item that you are donating. Alternatively, you could buy any of the recycled school uniform for 50p per item. All donated items are washed before being offered during the next sale. Come and see us on; **Tuesday 11th January 2022** 2.30pm to 3.15pm In the front playground, under the shelter.



## Reading Newsletter

Please look out for the third edition of our Reading Newsletter, which will be sent out to families on Monday. It's brilliant!



### School Website - Did you know . . . . .

We are very lucky at Wormholt Park that we get to work and learn in such a wonderful school – our purposeful learning environment has not happened by accident, it is built on respect!

We have worked hard, over a number of years, to incorporate the ideals of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which was held to ensure that every child can grow, learn, be safe, be listened to and be treated fairly. You can find out more about our Rights Respecting Ethos and the 54 articles we ensure our children are entitled to on our school website by clicking [here](https://wormholtparkprimary.co.uk/)

Look out for more information that can be found on our school website next week!

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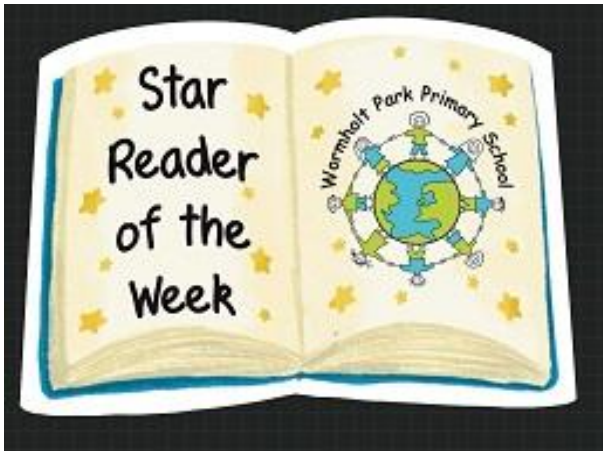
## Skills Builder

Our school continues to be part of an exciting programme called Skills Builder. Its aim is to “equip young people with the skills, experiences and aspirations they need to succeed in life.” These are 8 essential skills that children are taught and developed throughout their time at our school:



Each half term we focus as a school on two of these skills. This term (Spring 1) we will be developing and using the following skills: **Speaking** and **Problem Solving**. Each Year group also chooses a week long project to further develop and use these skills as well as having weekly Skill Builder assemblies. If you want to find out more about Skills Builder or even have a look at some of the resources available for parents to use at home [Click here to visit their website](#)

## Readers of the Week



This week, the Readers of the Week are: Lexi from La Paz and Ayat from Tripoli. Well done, both of you.

## School Calendar

Please click below to see our new Parents Calendar

[Click here to see](#)

## Attendance

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

Best Attendance this week	
1st	Harare
2nd	Tripoli
Punctuality	
Oslo and Havana	

Well done to these classes!



Happy Birthday to these children who celebrate their birthdays this week!

Nursery: Jalil

Year 3: Anayah and Zahir

Year 4: Oskar

Year 5: Anisa

Year 6: Brooklyn

## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2022

Half Term: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Last day of Term (half day for pupils)