



Wormholt News

Friday 10th March

Head's Chat

Dear Parents,

We've had a busy week at school! Today some of our Governors visited to monitor writing across the school. Their feedback was really positive. They were particularly impressed with how neat the children's handwriting has become. They were also impressed with the quality of the children's writing and how well the teachers are teaching them.

I hope you all received the email about the strikes next week. As I explained, the school will be fully closed on both Wednesday and Thursday. One of the reasons the teachers are striking isn't to do with their own pay but to do with how much school budgets have been reduced over the last few years. We all feel so strongly about this, as sadly, the lack of money schools are facing, means we can't do all the lovely things we used to do as a school. This isn't just at Wormholt Park, this is the same for schools all over the country.

Something we would love to do as a school is create a 'Parent Group', where parents could come together and think of ways to raise money for the school and hold events across the year. You are all wonderful parents and I wonder whether some of you may be able to give up a bit of time to come together and make this work.

I will be in touch again soon about this, but in the meantime, please feel free to come and speak to me in the playground if you would be interested. Also, as I've said before, if there are any parents who have any issues they would like to discuss with me about anything to do with the school, please always feel free to come and have a chat. As I say to the children and staff, my door is always open!

Mrs Hargie

Headteacher

RED NOSE DAY - Friday 17th March



We are not selling red noses but you can buy them from Sainsbury's. If you would like to support Red Nose Day, please bring in £1.00 and any other small change you want to get rid of! The children can wear something **red** on the day. Please don't worry if you don't have anything red. Don't buy anything - your child can just wear their own clothes instead.

Ramadan



Ramadan begins in a couple of weeks and we understand that some of our older children will want to fast. We need to be mindful about the impact of fasting on younger children and we would encourage only weekend fasting at home, when the children can rest and perform prayers with their wider family or choosing a day or two in the week when they fast. Children in Key Stage 1 will not be able to fast at school, as they are simply too young. If you do want your KS2 child to fast, it is really important that we have your permission first, so please let the office know as soon as possible. You can either call or email info@wormholtpark.lbhf.sch.uk. If we don't have your permission, I'm afraid they will not be able to fast. Thank you as ever for your support.

SAT Meetings for Parents

During May 2023 all the children in Year 6 and Year 2 will be expected to sit a number of assessments in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Maths. We have scheduled two sessions to inform parents of children in Year 6 and Year 2 what to expect and how you can support your children with these. We hope to see you there. Please see below for further details

Date	Session Title	Description
Monday 13th March 9.00am to 9.30am Bottom Hall	Year 2 SATS: Information session for parents and carers	This session is aimed at parents and carers of children in Y2. Mr Vincent will explain what the SATS are, when they take place and how you can support your Year 6 child with these.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies for next term are:

- Friday 24th March 2023 - Athens (Year 4)

These are held in the bottom hall from 10.00am to 10.15am. Doors open at 9.55am. Please don't be late as this can be upsetting for children expecting you to be there from the start. It is also disruptive for the rest of the children.

Please can we remind you that any photographs or videos taken during class assemblies are for personal use only and should NOT be shared on any social media.

Please find the list of all the upcoming dates for class assemblies on our website at:
<https://wormholtprimary.co.uk/assemblies/>

'Virtual' Support with Toilet training: - Sessions run by INSPIRE Service

NOW may be the perfect time to start toilet training your child. If you've got a little one who isn't toilet trained yet and may also have additional needs, we're here to help you with everything you need to know about getting started!

We will support you with a program broken down into small achievable steps and give ideas to help you as well as always being available if you need some extra advice or support.

Join **Andrea & Sandie from the INSPIRE Service** via Teams meetings on **Friday 10th and 24th March**

Toilet training is an important development skill which we have broken into steps for parents so you can recognize the developmental progression.

You will need to join us for **both** sessions, as each step needs to be secured before moving onto the next one!

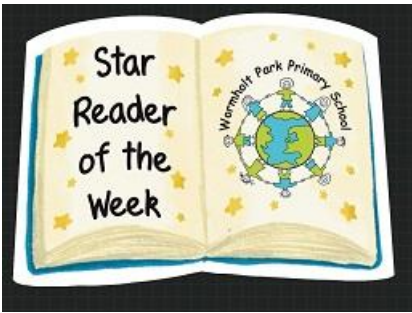
Session 1: Getting Started

Session 2: A Whole New World

If you want to join us please contact: Sandie.briggs@lbhf.gov.uk and she will send you a link to the Teams meetings.



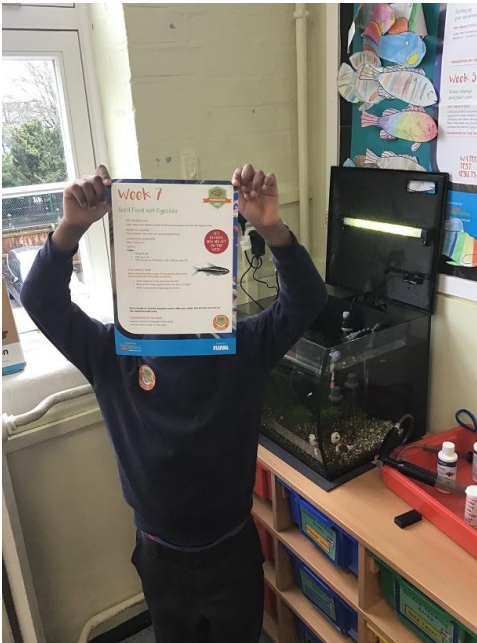
Readers of the Week



This week, the Star Readers of the Week are Sulaiman in Harare Class (Y1) and Suliman in Wellington (Y3) Well Done!

Fishkeeper Fry

This week, Year 3 has been learning about the natural process of algae in the aquarium and how the good and bad types of algae can affect the aquarium. Also they found out how fish breathe underwater. They have kept the tank lovely and clean and the fish are really happy.



Our Fishkeeper of the week is Jahbari - well done!



Skills Builder Weekly Challenge

Have you been completing any of these skills builder challenges at home? Please let us know how you are finding these. Here is this week's challenge!



Skills Challenges

[See all Skills Challenges](#)

Think of your favourite place. How does this place make you feel?
 Can you describe your favourite place? Think about what makes it special for you.
 What is in your favourite place? Are there any people or animals in your favourite place?
 What can you smell or hear?
 What do you think would happen if you thought about your favourite place when you were feeling angry or sad? Is this something you could try?

Reflection Questions

Getting Started: How does this activity make you feel?

Intermediate: How could you use this activity to feel more positive when something goes wrong?

Advanced: How could this help you to look on the bright side of something?

Mastery: How can you manage your emotional response to best support others?

Staying Positive

Skills Builder has resources available for parents/carers on their website. The [Home Zone](#) helps parents and carers to build their child's essential skills at home. Each week they have a different Skills Challenge that parents/carers can complete with their child. [Click here to visit their website](#)

Swimming

Sadly, one of the cuts we have had to make this year is the number of year groups who go swimming. As I'm sure you know, during Covid, swimming lessons were not permitted under the lockdown rules. Lessons were only resumed again this academic year but as explained in the Head's chat above, our budget has been significantly reduced. Most schools only have one year group swimming each year and sometimes for only one term. This Summer Term, our Year 3 and 5 children will receive swimming lessons each week.

School Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 World Book day	2	3 Link Class (Y3) Assembly Folk Project	4
5	6 10 SAT Meeting	7	8	9	10 Headteacher & Workgroup (Y3) Class Assembly Folk Project	11
12	13 12 SAT Meeting	14	15	16	17 Folk Project	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Adverts (Y3) Class Assembly Air-Drum Bath Folk Project	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 End of Term 3:20	1

Our School calendar is updated regularly. Please click the link below to access it.

[Click here to see](#)

Attendance

Best Attendance this week	
1st	Ottawa
2nd	Washington and Seoul

Best Punctuality this week	
1st	Santiago
2nd	Wellington

Well done to these classes!

Useful Dates

Spring Term 2023	
Monday 13th - Friday 17th February	Half Term
Friday 31st March - 1.30pm	End of Term
Summer Term 2023	
Monday 17th April	Children back
Friday 21st April	INSET DAY
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	Additional Bank Holiday
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	Half Term
Thursday 29th June	INSET DAY
Friday 21st July - 1.30pm	Last day of term