



# Wormholt News



Friday 15th September

## Head's Chat

Dear Families,

I hope you've all had a good week and that you enjoyed our Picnic in the Park. It was great to see everyone coming together as a community again. It's very important to us that we build positive relationships with you all, so we can work together as a team!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Curriculum Meetings this week. We were delighted with how many parents/carers came. We have decided that next year we will hold these meetings in the mornings just after you drop your children off. This will mean the children will be in their classrooms, so we won't have so many in the hall. I know some of you found it a bit distracting, as the children became rather chatty - sorry.

I am delighted to tell you that I have received our draft Ofsted inspection and it is fantastic! As soon as it is published, I will email you a copy. I can't wait for you to read it 😊

Thank you to everyone who has sent their child in with the correct uniform. The children are looking so smart. Please remember that the PE top is now a light blue t-shirt - thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Anika Hargie

Headteacher

## Daily Mile

We have introduced a new initiative this term - The Daily Mile.

Children will be spending about 15 minutes a day running/jogging/walking around the playground, to support their physical well-being. The children are loving it! Please ask them about it!

<https://thedailymile.co.uk/>

## Coffee Mornings!

We would like to invite you to our Wormholt Park Parent coffee mornings. Our first one will be held on **Tuesday 26th September** from 8.45 to 9.30am. Please come along for a chat and a cuppa. We look forward to seeing you there.



**WORMHOLT PARK**  
Coffee Morning

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for a


- Brew
- Biscuits
- Chat

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

From **8.45pm to 9.30am**  
In the staffroom

*A chance to relax and recover from the school run.*

*Everyone is welcome.*



## Secondary Transfer - Year 6 Families

Thank you to all the Y6 parents/carers who were able to attend the Secondary Transfer session on Tuesday . We do hope you found it useful. Kim has emailed ALL Y6 parents/carers the information shared from the transition meeting, to assist you in applying for secondary school.

Below is the web address for the LBHF Moving Up Brochure.

[https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section\\_attachments/moving-on-up-brochure-2024.pdf](https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section_attachments/moving-on-up-brochure-2024.pdf)

We would advise you to visit any school you are interested in before applying.

If you would like some assistance making your application, please contact Kim in the school office. The closing date for applications is **31.10.2023**.

# Parent Workshop: Zone the Home - Using Zones of Regulation to support your child with self regulation and emotional control

We are delighted to offer you a 'Zone the Home - Using Zones of regulation ' workshop on **Thursday 28th September** from 9.00am in the bottom hall. This session will be run by Mary Gilmartin who is the Specialist teacher for Communication and Interaction Inclusion & specialist intervention outreach service (InSpire). This workshop is open to all parents/carers. We will be adding all the other 'Helping Your Child' Parent workshop dates in next week's newsletter. Please do come along!

## Class Assemblies

We are pleased to announce the dates of our class assemblies for this year. These are held in the bottom hall from 10.00am to 10.15am. Doors open at 9.55am. 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.

Many thanks. We hope to see you there!

Please see the list of upcoming dates below:

Date	Class	Year group
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Seoul	Year 6
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Tripoli	Year 5
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Santiago	Year 6
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Wellington	Year 3
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	La Paz	Year 2
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	Tokyo	Year 5
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Athens	Year 4
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Washington	Year 3
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Havana	Year 1
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Ottawa	Reception
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Harare	Year 1




# Sign Language

You may have noticed that we always sign good morning in our class assemblies. This year we thought we would add to this knowledge and will, as a school, be learning a new sign each week in both Makaton and British Sign Language. Makaton uses hand signs alongside speech and was designed to be used by people with communication problems. Teachers and those who work with young children may also use Makaton to encourage the children to become more confident in communicating.




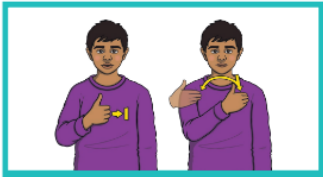
You can find our more information about Makaton on the BBC Website. Please see link below <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/makaton>

British Sign Language (BSL) is used by members of the Deaf community as their first or preferred language and around 150,000 people in the UK use it. It has its own vocabulary and grammar and is a recognised language. Unlike Makaton, BSL is not dependent on spoken English. You can find out more about BSL here <https://www.british-sign.co.uk/>

**11th September :** this week's sign is please and thank you

Makaton	
 please	 Thank you
British Sign Language (BSL)	
	<h2>Thank You</h2> <hr/> <p><b>Description:</b> Flat hand starts with fingertips on chin. Hand moves down and away from signer.</p> <p><b>Definition:</b> An expression of gratitude.</p> <p><b>Also Means:</b> <a href="#">thanks</a>, <a href="#">please</a></p>

**18th September :** this week's sign is hello and goodbye

Makaton	
 hello	 goodbye
British Sign Language (BSL)	
 hello/goodbye	 good morning

Many staff in our school have been trained to use Makaton to support children's communication in our classrooms. We also have staff members who are able to use BSL. Using signs can be useful for children who have no speech (because they have communication difficulties or are very young), or whose speech is unclear. Children's understanding often develops ahead of their speech. This can be frustrating as they know what they want but struggle to express it.

This week we have been learning to say Please and Thank you. Here are the signs

Next week we'll be learning how to say Hello and Goodbye. Here are the signs in case you would like to learn too.

## Supporting children with Toilet training

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 22nd September** and **Friday 6th October**

Toilet training is an important development skill which we have broken into steps for parents so you can recognise 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

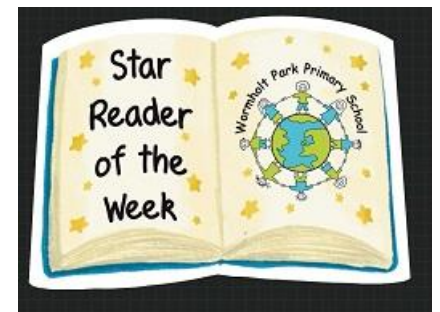
Session 2: A Whole New World

If you want to join us please contact: [Sandie.briggs@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:Sandie.briggs@lbhf.gov.uk) and she will send you the registration document and the links to the Teams meetings.

## Readers of the Week

This week, the Star Reader of the Week is Stevie in Santiago (Y6) and Oscar in Seoul (Y6)

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!



Think of a time when someone has helped you complete a task.

Write a 'thank you' card to express your appreciation.

You could include:

- what they helped you with
- why it was useful
- how it made completing the task easier or more fun.

**Extension:** could you suggest a new project to work on together in the future?

**Reflection Questions**

**Getting Started:** When do you find it easier (or more difficult) to work with others in a positive way?

**Intermediate:** Have you helped make decisions with others?

**Advanced:** How can you encourage others to help out too?

**Mastery:** What is an 'unhelpful conflict'? How can you avoid this when working with others?

Teamwork

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](#)

## School Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1	2
3	4	5	6 Term starts	7 School uniform recycling	8	9
10	11 Y1 & Y2 Curriculum Meeting	12 Workshop for parents: Secondary School Transfer information Y3 & Y4 Curriculum Meeting	13	14 Y3 & Y4 Curriculum Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Workshop for parents: Zones of Regulation	29 Birthday Bash	30

Our School calendar is updated regularly. Please click the link to access it. [Click here to see](#)

## Attendance

<b>Best Attendance this week</b>	
1st	Wellington
2nd	Santiago

<b>Best Punctuality this week</b>	
1st	Harare
2nd	Havana

Well done to these classes!

## Useful Dates

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
Tuesday 26th September	Parents coffee Morning 8.45am to 9.30am
Thursday 28th September	Parent Workshop: Zone the home - Using zones of regulation to support your child. From 9.00am
Friday 29th September	Birthday Bash
Tuesday 3rd October	School Uniform Recycling
Tuesday 3rd October	Lending Library in the bottom hall from 3.05pm
Thursday 5th October	Parent Workshop: Helping your child with Phonics. From 9.00am
Friday 6th October	Seoul (Y6) Class Assembly
Thursday 12th October	Parent Workshop: Helping your child with Reading. From 9.00am
Friday 13th October	Tripoli (Y5) Class Assembly
Tuesday 17th October	Parents coffee Morning 8.45am to 9.30
Friday 20th October	Birthday Bash
Friday 20th October	Last day of term
Monday 30th October	School Starts back