



Wormholt News

Friday 1st December
Head's Chat



Dear Families,

We have three weeks of term left, with so much to fit in!

I hope you've all noted down the dates for our seasonal events this year. We have shows, sing-a-longs, parties and discos!

What is so wonderful about our school is that we serve such an incredible, diverse community. It's always so heartwarming when we come together to celebrate times that are special to us. We look forward to seeing you all at these events.

After the holiday, we will be having a real push on attendance and punctuality. There are still far too many children arriving after the gate has closed and missing out on vital learning. We also have some children whose attendance has fallen way below national targets. We will be working with families to support you in getting your child to school every day and on time.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend - keep warm as it's going to be a cold one!

Anika Hargie

Headteacher

Fountains and water bottles

Due to the very cold weather, from Monday, the drinking fountains in the playground will be shut off to avoid frozen pipes.

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school daily. The indoor fountains will of course still be functioning.



After School Clubs

Just a quick reminder, that all after school clubs finish next week.

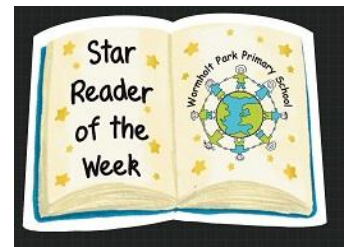
Stay and Play - Toddlers and Babies

Our Stay and Play session was such a great success. We would like to run another one in the bottom hall on Tuesday 19th Dec from 8.30am.

Reader of the Week

This week, the Star Readers of the Week is Aminah in Harare (Y1) and Adam in Athens (Y4)

Well Done!



Weekly Book Review

This week we have a book review from Harare Class (Year 1)

Book: Traction Man by Mini Grey

Traction Man is here! (Wearing Combat Boots, Battle Pants and his Warfare Shirt.) Traction Man and his pet Scrubbing Brush are saving their friends from villains. POW! WHAM!

Harare class have really enjoyed reading Traction Man this term.

"Scrubbing Brush is a loyal and brave pet". By Shreyan.

"Traction man is strong and fearless." By Khadeejah.

"Traction man is a powerful and bold hero." By Varoth.



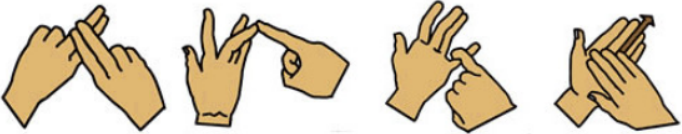
"Traction Man did not like the green jumper because it is itchy". By Eline

"My favourite part was when Traction Man saved the spoons from the terrifying Broom." By Ishaq.

"The worst villain is Professor Spade because he puts the dollies in the filthy mud." By Manahil.

Sign Language - Fish

1st December : this week's sign is; Fish

Makaton	British Sign Language (BSL)
	
British Sign Language spelling (BSL)	
	

School Calendar

December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31				30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Parents Coffee Morning	13	14	15 Birthday bash	16
17	18	19	20	21 Last day of term 1.10pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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

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 about a person you admire. This could be someone that you know, someone that you've learnt about or someone from a story/movie. Imagine you could invite this person to your birthday party.

Plan how you could encourage the person to come to your birthday party by using facts and examples to support why you would like them to join your party.

What tone might you use? What might you say to convince them to come?

Extension: Pretend a family member or a friend is the person you would like to invite and try to convince them to come.

Reflection Questions

How do we know if we are speaking clearly?

As you speak how can you put your points into a logical order so you can be easily understood?

How can you use tone, expression and gesture to make your speaking engaging?

How can you adapt the content of what you are saying, in response to listeners?

 Speaking

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](#)

Applying for Reception 2024

Applying for Reception - Closing Date: **15th January 2023**

Apply Via Local Authority:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-school-reception-2024>

More information was emailed on Tuesday 21st November.

The link is for families living in Hammersmith & Fulham. If you live in another borough, you will need to apply through your home Local Authority.

Christmas Dates

Tuesday 12th December: Nursery Seasonal Show 2.00pm

Wednesday 13th December: Parents' Christmas Party 2.00pm

Thursday 14th December: Childrens Christmas lunch - wear a festive jumper

Friday 15th December: Reception Seasonal Show 2.00pm ***Please note this is the new date**

Monday 18th December: Year 2 Seasonal Show 2.00pm

Tuesday 19th December: Year 1 Seasonal Show 2.00pm

Wednesday 20th December: Y1 - Y6 Disco 4.30 - 6.30pm



Further details will all be set out nearer the time

Attendance

Best Attendance this week	
1st	Tripoli
2nd	Wellington

Best Punctuality this week	
1st	Havana
2nd	Tokyo

Well done to these classes!

Useful Dates this term and next

Autumn Term 2023	
Tuesday 12th December	Parents coffee Morning 8.45am to 9.30
Friday 15th December	Birthday Bash
Thursday 11th January 24	School Uniform Recycling
Friday 26th January	Birthday Bash
Tuesday 20th February	School Uniform Recycling
Friday 23rd February	Birthday Bash
Friday 22nd March	Birthday Bash

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023	
Thursday 21st December - 1.30pm	End of Term
Spring Term 2024	
Tuesday 9th January	Children back
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	Half Term
Thursday 28th March - 1.30pm	End of Term
Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15th April	Children back
Friday 19th April	INSET DAY
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 17th June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23rd July - 1.30pm	Last day of term