



# Wormholt News

Friday 8th December  
Head's Chat



Dear Families,

I would like to dedicate this section of my newsletter to my amazing staff.

As I walk around the school and see the staff at work, I feel so lucky to have such an amazing team.

The educational support staff, who work so hard with the children, running intervention groups, working with small groups and individual children. They are in the playground daily, ensuring the children are safe and having a happy playtime. They support the teachers brilliantly and show such kindness towards your children.

The teachers, who work relentlessly hard to ensure the children make fantastic progress and have a rich and exciting curriculum. They work incredibly long hours and care about your children so much.

The office staff, who are just wonderful and are always so smiley and welcoming to everyone in the school. They are always so happy and willing to support the staff, parents and children.

The site staff, who both keep our school and grounds so beautiful. They make sure we are all safe and are always there to help. They are both so supportive and thoughtful.

Lastly, my SLT, who work so hard every day, supporting me in the running of the school. They do so much to support the children, support staff, teachers and parents too.

So to all my staff - A massive thank you!

Anika Hargie Headteacher



## 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

**Please note that we will start letting people into the shows at 1.45pm.**

**Please don't be late, as it is so upsetting for the children when they are waiting for you to arrive. Also, it is really disruptive for the class when people walk in late. We would like everyone to be seated by 1.50pm please. The shows will all take place in the bottom hall and parents will walk around to the back playground to enter.**

**\*There will be a charge of £1.00 per person, payable at the door.**

**Thank you**

## Parent Party



Please join us on Wednesday 13th December for our Parent Party in the bottom hall! It will be from 2.00pm until home-time!



## Foodbank Donations

Year 5 children collected food (tins, pasta, baby food and lots of other food!) throughout the month of November.

On Friday they took the food to the foodbank and felt really good knowing that they have helped so many people!



## Fountains and water bottles reminder

The drinking fountains in the playground have now been 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.

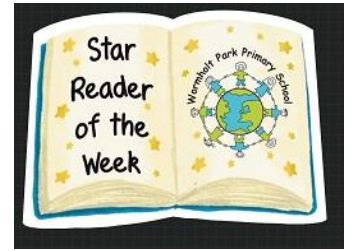
## Stay and Play - Toddlers and Babies

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 Abdullahi in Havana (Y1) and Karamat in Wellington (Y3)

Well Done!



## Weekly Book Review

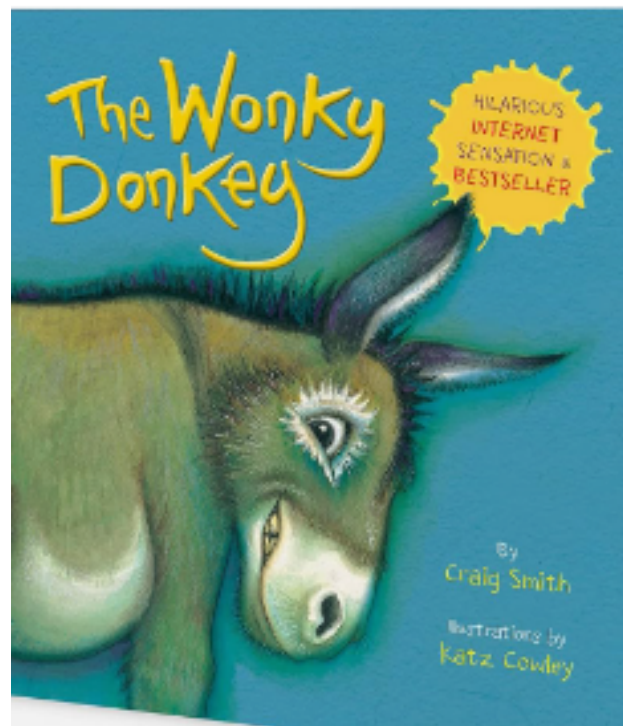
This week we have a book review from Ottawa Class (Reception)

### **Book: The Wonky Donkey by Craig Smith**

Ottawa class loved reading The Wonky Donkey. This hilarious rhyming book tells us something new about the donkey on each page. The reception children found it very funny. Here is what they had to say about it:

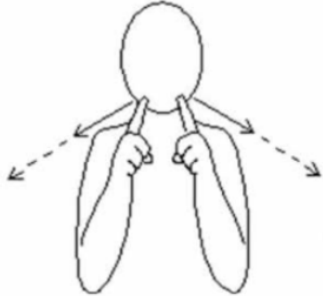


*"I love Wonky Donkey because it is funny." Alp*

*"Wonky Donkey is a funny one. It makes me laugh." Afiya*



# Sign Language - Teacher

**8th December** : this week's sign is; Teacher

Makaton	British Sign Language (BSL)
	
British Sign Language spelling (BSL)	
<p>Can you spell your teachers name</p> 	

## 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 1.30pm	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!



Make a protective holder for an egg that would stop the egg from cracking if it was dropped from 2 metres high. Your aim is to generate an idea that fits this brief: do not break the egg!

Think about what materials you could use, think about if the materials are strong enough to hold the egg, think about how you could stop the egg from falling out of the holder.

**Extension:** Once you have tested the egg holder, write down how you would improve it for next time.

**Reflection Questions**

**Getting Started:** How can you share what you imagine?

**Intermediate:** How can you come up with lots of different ideas?

**Advanced:** How can you combine different ideas to create new ones?

**Mastery:** How can you help someone else to be creative?

Creativity

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.

## Attendance

<b>Best Attendance this week</b>	
1st	Washington
2nd	Tokyo

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

Well done to these classes!

## Useful Dates this term and next

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
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

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
Thursday 21st December - 1.30pm	End of Term
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	
Tuesday 9th January	Children back
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	Half Term
Thursday 28th March - 1.30pm	End of Term
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	
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