



# Wormholt News

Friday 3rd May

Head's Chat



Dear Families,

I hope you all had a good week. Did anyone manage to sleep through the thunder and lightning on Wednesday night?!



During the parent meetings we held, a few parents have mentioned homework and asked why we don't give children more. There is a national debate about homework in primary schools and we have done a lot of research over the years. A couple of years ago, we did a parent survey and the overwhelming response was that parents didn't want us to give sheets and sheets of homework each week. Instead, we give spellings weekly, we expect children to read daily and we expect the children to learn their times tables as they progress through the school.

The reason we believe primary school children shouldn't have too much homework, is simply that research shows that the impact on children's learning is minimal. Also, for some families, receiving homework can be hugely stressful. We need to ensure that we support all our families and the last thing we want to do is to add to any stress a family may be going through. We also know that all too often, older siblings are doing homework for younger siblings, which then becomes pointless.

In addition, we actively encourage families to talk to their children about their learning at school. When children recap on their learning verbally, it really helps the knowledge they have learnt move from their short-term to long-term memory. This will really help the learning 'stick'. Each term, parents can see what their children are learning on our website. ([Click here to access](#)) If you look at this, you will be able to ask your child about what they are doing at school. Also, on Google Classroom, many year groups have lists of websites you can access to support your child further at home.

We hope you understand our reasons for not giving more homework. Please come and speak to me if you have concerns.

Anika Hargie

Headteacher

## Our New Communication Board

We are always trying to improve communication with our families. Over the last few years, we have introduced this weekly newsletter, emailed home on a Friday and we ensure that we email and text regularly with all school updates.

Our new idea is our 'Communication Board' which (weather permitting) will be displayed every day just inside the playground. It will show all events that are taking place each month. We will also display the 'Star Readers of the Week' and the classes that gained the highest attendance and best punctuality. We have already received some really positive feedback and a lot of parents have taken a photo of the board on their phone, so they have access to it at home too! We hope this is useful to you all 😊



## Looking after school books

Please make sure school reading books are looked after at home. In the last month, over 20 books have had to be thrown away, as they have come back to school torn or scribbled on. It's so important that children learn to look after books - please support us with this at home - thank you.



## Emotion Coaching Workshop for Parents - 7th May

Does your child sometimes express their strong feelings inappropriately? Do they sometimes find it difficult to take on board your helpful suggestions when they are distressed? (If so, they are a normal child!)

Emotion coaching is a way of encouraging connection and supporting positive behaviour, through speaking with young people in a way that helps us to 'connect before correct.' This workshop will teach some simple phrases and strategies to engage with a child who is experiencing strong emotions so that they can be supported to understand their feelings, manage in the moment, learn from the experience and to work with the adult to plan for how to cope with similar situations in the future. It is linked to positive improvements in children's behaviour and in adult-child relationships.

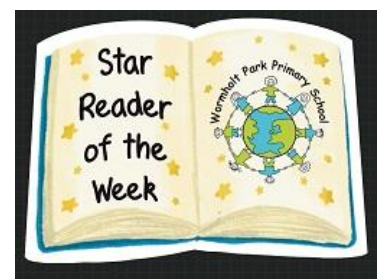
This workshop will introduce you to emotion coaching and leave you feeling able to use emotion coaching phrases confidently when speaking with your child(ren). All parents and all school staff are being offered this training, so that it can become part of a universal approach to supporting all children's wellbeing and behaviour at school.

You are invited to attend this workshop on **Tuesday 7th May from 8.45am to 9.30am** in the bottom hall.

## Reader of the Week

This week, the Star Readers of the Week are Reniyah in Havana (Y1) and Omar A in Seoul (Y6)

Well Done!



## Workshops for Parents : JCT

The Joint Communication Team (JCT) are offering online workshops for parents, carers and childminders to learn to support children's communication and development.

STORIES AND RHYMES FOR 3-5 YEARS - Dates available are:

Wednesday 15th May - 10.00am to 10.45am

Tuesday 18th June - 10.00am to 10.45am

Tuesday 2nd July - 6.00pm to 6.45pm



UNDERSTANDING ECHOLALIA - Dates available are:

Thursday 2nd May - 10.00am to 10.45am

Monday 13th May - 10.00am to 10.45 am

Wednesday 5th June - 2.00pm to 2.45pm

Thursday 13th June - 12.15pm to -1.00pm

Friday 14th June - 10.00am to 10.45am

Friday 5th July - 1.00pm to 1.45pm

Wednesday 17th July - 10.00am to 10.45am

**To sign up to their online MICROSOFT TEAMS Training please visit their website:**

<https://lbhfinspirehub.com/>

## Weekly Book Review

This week, we have a book review from the children in La Paz Class (Year 2)

**Supertato: Eviltato Vs Superpea by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet**



La Paz class have been reading Supertato: Eviltato Vs Superpea by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. Here are some of our reviews...

*'This is a wonderful, brand new story by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. It was a very normal day in the supermarket. But one day Supertato turned evil! Who will save the*

day? Read the story to find out. My favourite character is Carrot because he is so smart. This book is extraordinary fun. I recommend it to everyone who loves Supertato books. I give it five stars!!' by Samira

'The plot of this story is Evil pea turns good and Supertato turns bad. My favourite part is when Cucumber was stuck to the ceiling because it was funny. My favourite character is Supertato because he saves his friends every day. I would recommend this book to a friend because it is a nice book.' by Sana

'There is a part where Evil pea turns good and Suprtato turns bad. My favourite character is Superpea Pea because he is incredible. It's amazing. I recommend this book. You have to read this! by Benicio

'This book is great, you have to read it. Evilpea turned into Superpea and SUPertato turned into Eviltato. Eviltato destroyed the supermarket. Will Superpea save the day? You will have to find out. My favourite character is Carrot because he is smart. I think this book is great and I recommend it to everyone.' by Kenzi

## 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](#)

Challenge yourself to listen actively to someone. This means you should try to understand what the person is saying, be able to respond and maybe even reflect on what was said.

It could be a family member, friend or even a teacher.

Once you have listened, tell someone else what that person told you.

**Challenge:** reflect on why active listening is important.

#### Reflection Questions

**Getting Started:** How can you make sure you are listening carefully?

**Intermediate:** What does it mean to summarise what you have heard?

**Advanced:** Why is summarising or rephrasing what you have heard useful sometimes?

**Mastery:** How might changing the language (words) used affect how you feel about something?




») Listening

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](#)



# Sign Language - Who?

3rd May : this week's sign is; Who

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

# School Calendar



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5	6 bank holiday	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 MILKATS	14 MILKATS School Uniform Reporting	15 MILKATS	16 MILKATS	17 MILKATS Class Assembly	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Birthdays Book END of term	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

## Attendance

Best Attendance this week	
1st	La Paz
2nd	Wellington and Santiago

Best Punctuality this week	
1st	Havana
2nd	Washington and Santiago

Well done to these classes!

## Useful Dates this term

Summer Term 2023	
From 13th May	KS2 SATs
Friday 17th May	Harare Class Assembly
Friday 24th May	Birthday Bash

## Term Dates

Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15th April	Children back
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