



THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and existing families as we start a new academic year. It has been lovely to see so many happy faces coming into school this week. The children have settled well into their new routines and classes. It has been great to welcome so many of you to our 'Meet and Greet' sessions this week. If you were unable to attend these meetings, we will be sending home the information to all families over the next couple of days. In addition, you will have received the first half termly overview, by Parent Mail, about the learning in your child's class. We hope that you will find this information useful and if you would like a paper copy, please ask at the school office.

This week our Year 6 children headed off to Kingswood for their two-night residential trip. We are looking forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

Please ensure you look out for the Acorn Newsletter, which we will continue to send out on a Friday every other week, as this will keep you up to date with information and dates of upcoming events and news from the school.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and all the exciting learning experiences.

Kind regards, Holly Marchand, Headteacher



Music Lessons

Our Music Tutor, Mrs Horsley, has capacity to teach new Year 3 pupils who have an interest in learning the piano, flute or clarinet.

Please contact the school office for more details.

Absence Procedures

If your child is not going to be in school due to illness, please contact the school office before 8.50am on the day of absence. You can either leave a message on the school answerphone or send an email to the school office. If your child is off due to sickness or diarrhoea, please remember that they should be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school.

If any of your contact details including telephone numbers, addresses, email contacts or details of other people who can collect your child have changed, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

If you do need to contact the school office during the day, it would be really helpful if you could give your child's full name and class at the start of any conversation.

If you need to take your child out of school in term time, it is very unlikely that this will be authorised. However, we would always prefer to know where your child is and that they are safe. Therefore, please complete a leave of absence form which can be collected from the office. Unauthorised absences of 10 sessions or more will lead to a fixed penalty notice fine.



School Uniform

At Worlingham CEVC Primary School, we take pride in looking smart in our uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, including footwear, at all times. We have a large amount of preloved, good quality uniform that has been donated to the school. If you are short of any item of uniform, please enquire at the office and we will provide you with any available items required, where possible.



WELCOME BACK

Diary Dates

Thu 19 th Sept	Flu Immunisations – whole school
Fri 27 th Sept	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Tue 3 rd Oct	Y6 Primary Arts Day at SJLHS
Fri 11 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Tue 22 nd Oct	Parents Evening
Thu 24 th Oct	Parents Evening
Mon 28 th Oct	Half term week
Mon 4 th Nov	PD Day
Tue 12 th Nov	EYFS Open Day for 2025 Intake
Fri 15 th Oct	Children in Need Day
Fri 25 th Oct	FOS Non School Uniform
Fri 25 th Oct	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Thu 21 st Nov	Crucial Crew Visit – Y6
Fri 22 nd Nov	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Fri 6 th Dec	FOS Meeting – 1.30
Mon 9 th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Production – 2.00/5.30
Tue 10 th Dec	Y1/2 Christmas Production – 2.00/5.30
Wed 11 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Production – 10.00/2.00
Thu 12 th Dec	Y5/6 Christmas Production – 2.00/5.30
Tue 17 th Dec	Christingle Service
Wed 18 th Dec	Christmas Party Day
Thu 19 th Dec	Pantomime – Whole School
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term
Mon 6 th Jan	PD Day
Tue 7 th Jan	First day of Spring term
Fri 31 st Jan	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Tue 11 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 14 th Feb	FOS Non School Uniform
Fri 14 th Feb	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Mon 17 th Feb	Half term week
Thu 6 th March	World Book Day
Fri 7 th March	FOS AGM – 3.30 – School Library
Fri 28 th March	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Tue 1 st April	Parents Evening
Thu 3 rd April	Parents Evening
Fri 4 th April	Last day of Spring term
Tue 22 nd April	PD Day
Wed 23 rd April	First day of Summer term
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday
W/c 12 th May	Y6 SATS week
Mon 19 th May	Science Week
Fri 23 rd May	FOS Non School Uniform
Fri 23 rd May	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Mon 26 th May	Half term week
Fri 20 th June	FOS Non School Uniform
Fri 21 st June	FOS Summer Fete
Fri 27 th June	FOS Meeting – 1.30
Mon 30 th June	Sports Day
Wed 2 nd July	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Mon 7 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 11 th July	Reports out to Parents
Fri 11 th July	FOS Non School Uniform
Fri 11 th July	FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15
Tue 15 th July	Y6 Production Evening
Wed 16 th July	Y6 Production Evening
Thu 17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly (+ Parents)
Fri 18 th July	Y6 at SJLHS
Mon 21 st July	Y6 at SJLHS
Tue 22 nd July	Y6 at SJLHS
Tue 22 nd July	Last day of Summer term



Care of School Books

Please could we ask you to take particular care with school resources, e.g. reading books and library books, and not pack them in bags next to water bottles, etc. We have recently bought new reading books to support our phonics and would like them to be kept in a good state of repair so that all the children can benefit from them. Please could we also ask that books are returned on time. Thank you for your support with this.



We are delighted to announce that Mrs Warnes is expecting a baby and she is likely to start her maternity leave towards Christmas. We will keep you updated of any staffing changes as we have further information.

Phonics

As a school, we have reviewed our approach to phonics and from September we will be using the 'Little Wandle' scheme and reading books to teach our phonics.

We would like to explain this approach to parents and carers and we will therefore not be sending any of the new reading books out until after this meeting on Monday 16th September. A reminder that this meeting will take place at 2.45pm in the hall and all parents and carers of children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are invited to attend.

We are delighted that we have been able to access a large amount of funding to purchase new phonics books and resources to further support the teaching of phonics.

If you are not able to attend the meeting, we will send a copy of the PowerPoint home and your child's class teacher will be able to answer any further questions.

