



Wordsworth Primary School Newsletter

The week ahead at Wordsworth...

Dear Parents and children,
Next week is **National Anti- Bullying Week**. The theme this Year is 'One Kind word- let kindness fuel kindness.' We are sure you will agree we could all do with some extra kindness in these challenging winter months.



The children will be taking part in activities related to Anti-Bullying through their assemblies and PSHE lessons. We will also be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week by having an 'Odd Socks day' on **Monday 15th November**. Odd Socks Day is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



Children in Need

On **Friday 19th November** it is **Children in Need day!** To celebrate and support this day there will be a non -school uniform day. Pudsey accessories are welcome but not a necessity. This year we have set up a link directly with Children in Need if you would like to make contributions. We know how hard it is to remember to find spare change in the mornings and many of us do not carry cash anymore. The link for donating is:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5580>

A thank you in challenging times

Thank you to everyone for their support during the last week when we had to respond quickly to some positive covid cases, following instructions from Public Health. We know this has caused challenges and complications for everyone affected as we worked to keep our children and families safe. We wish all of those staff, children and families who are poorly a speedy recovery. Cases do now seem to be going back down but please continue to be vigilant and follow the guidance regarding testing. Please do contact the school if you have any concerns or queries:

info@wordsworthprimary.co.uk



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Election Week

The first week back after half term was a historic week for Wordsworth- it was the first time we have held a whole school Election week, electing positions of responsibility across the school, not to mention our first ever Head boys and girls and Year 6 Prefects.

We were so impressed with the letters of application and the speeches recorded by the candidates, with such wise words such as 'You can do anything in life if you put your mind to it.' It was a very close election and we are so very proud of all of them.



We are also grateful to Southampton City Council who lent us their official voting booths and ballot boxes so we could provide an authentic experience for the children voting. They all impressed us with how mature and sensible they all were on voting day, taking their confidential vote very seriously.

We are pleased to announce that the results are officially in and our head boys and girls are as follows:

Head girl: Amy Nice

Deputy Head girl: Ziva Hitchcock

Head boy: Mikey Barlow

Deputy Head Boy: Pranav Syam Jyothi

Our Year 6 Prefects are: [Haja Jalloh](#), [Zach Olden](#), [Hana Rezq](#), [Violet Rigby](#), [Barney Pinnock](#), [Devon Whittle](#), [Zaina Alsayed](#), [Jessica Parker](#), [Arayna Arekar](#), [Harish Sharma](#), [Leon Obimezie](#) and [Gracie-Mae Mugariri](#).

Congratulations and well done to all of the children who put themselves forward.

There will be a spotlight on the other responsibilities elected across the school from Year R- 6 in the next newsletter, including our new School Councilors.





Festive fun at Wordsworth

There is plenty planned over the coming weeks to celebrate the festive season. Some arrangements cannot be fully confirmed yet due to the need to respond to evolving advice from Public Health based on the most up to date infection rates in school and the community. Presently we are advised that Winter events should hopefully be able to go ahead providing venues are well ventilated and staff and visitors follow safety guidelines. We will of course keep you updated.

Winter at Wordsworth Friday 26th November 3.30-6.00pm



This highly anticipated event will include a Santa Grotto experience (actual photo of our Santa above,) hot and cold food and beverages, many traders with exquisite gift ranges for all ages and budgets, stalls run by staff and children, sweets and glitter, music from DJ Natalie and the school choir and plenty more. We are very grateful to Stacey White and the Friends of Wordsworth for organizing this.

School Christmas Lunch

This will be on **Wednesday 8th December**. Please order through the school office.

Christmas Events

Year R: The Year R will be doing their own Christmas assembly in the school hall this year. We are really hoping that parents will be able to attend. The dates for these are: **RW: Thursday 9th December 9.30-10.00 am RP: Thursday 9th December 2.30-3.00pm RA: Friday 10th December 9.30-10.00am**

Key Stage 1: Year 1 and 2 will be combining to put on a traditional Nativity. The Salvation Army are kindly lending us their hall for this. Again, we are hoping to invite parents. The dates for these are: **Monday 6th December 1.30-2.30 for Year 2 parents Tuesday 7th December 9.30-10.30 Year 1 parents.**

Key Stage 2: St James Church will once again be hosting us for the Christingle, which is always guaranteed to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. The dates for these are: **Monday 13th December 10.30-11.30 for Years 3 and 4 & 1.30-2.30 for Years 5 and 6.** We are really hoping parents will be able to join us in the gallery again.

Festive Disco

There will be a school disco with DJ Natalie on **Wednesday 15th December**. This will take part in the school day apart from Years 5 and 6. Year 5 will be 5-6pm and Year 6 will be 6.30-7.30pm.



Year 6 Residential

We were so pleased we were able to attend the Year 6 Residential at Avon Tyrell this year just before half term. A fabulous few days was had by all, with some of the highlights being the children facing their fears on the new Tree Top Challenge, making a splash during Raft Building, channelling Robin Hood in Archery and bopping to Rick Astley at the Disco, amongst many others. We are so proud of the resilience, independence, teamwork and above all kindness shown by the children.

We are also really proud of the children who remained at school putting their survival skills to the test during a fun outdoor week.



School Trips and Experiences

There has also been much fun had by other Year groups: Year R enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service, Year 2 were whizzes during Scooter training, Year 3 enjoyed a picnic, play and some Geography work at St James Park and Year 4 visited the Mayflower Theatre. **The Year 2 Royal Victoria trip has been rescheduled to Tuesday 14th December – more information to come soon. The Year 1 and 5 Fire Service visit has been rescheduled to Wednesday 19th January**

Notices:

- Thank you for all your Harvest Festival donations, which have gone to good use supporting local families in need.
- Flu Nasal sprays are scheduled for Thursday 18th November. Please follow the link sent by the office to book these.
- We will let you know as soon as the dates for rescheduled school photos have been confirmed.

