



Wordsworth Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and children- what a busy first half term and how quickly it has flown by! It has been wonderful to see the children settle quickly into their new classes and get stuck in with their learning. Here are some highlights from the term so far.

Year R have had an amazing start to their school life and have settled in beautifully. So many people have commented on how well they listen during phonics, work hard in Discovery Time and challenge themselves each and every day. Many of the children have been interested in Dinosaurs so they have done lots of work around this topic, from building them to painting them, becoming them to writing about them!



There has been lots of mark making too! With the success of Little Wandle Phonics the children have been keen to put their learning into practice with writing going on both inside and out! Yr R have also been learning about the composition of the numbers 1,2,3 as well as looking at matching pairs, long and short and using balancing scales! Such a busy year group!



This half term **Year 1** had a 'Toys Through Time' workshop! We learnt all about old toys from different times and what clothes they wore in that time period. We had a go at dressing up in some of them!



Year 2 have had a great first half term! They enjoyed a fantastic visit from Zooblab, to support their science learning. They learnt many interesting facts about the animals and were able to get very close and touch them!



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Year 3 had a brilliant time at Butser Ancient Farm finding out about how the Anglo-Saxons lived. We used tree branches to crush chalk for clunch, which was used to make walls.



Year 4 have been enjoying Art this half term. We visited the Art Gallery in Southampton and learnt about Henri Rousseau's paintings. The children loved creating their own masterpieces in the workshop and enjoyed the chance to see a gallery. In school, we have been learning about Rangoli Patterns which we created outside.



Year 5 have written emotive diaries of a lighthouse keeper. The children enjoyed using drama to get into role and help them to think about the thoughts and feelings of the lighthouse keeper at different stages. They have also been learning about tessellation through the work of the artist MC Escher. They have explored repeating patterns through different mediums such as printing ink and created a template on the laptops.














Year 6 have risen to the challenge of being the oldest in school, demonstrating our school values daily. Not least of these is the value of 'learning' with them tackling concepts like ecosystems in Geography, evolution in Science and enterprise in PSHE. In English we have used role play and produced atmospheric memoirs based on the character of Kensuke. A huge well done for the effort and determination displayed in their practice SATS this week. We are all very much looking forward to Avon Tyrell, where we know the values of empowerment, trust and community will continue to shine!





Coming Soon in Autumn 2...

Date	Event	What do children/ parents need to know or do
Monday 31st Oct- Friday 4th November	Election Week! 	Children who want to put themselves forward for roles and responsibilities should do so and talk to their class about why they want to do the job. All children will have a chance to vote for our new Head boy and Head girl on Thursday 3 rd November.
Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November	School Photo Day! 	A class schedule for these will be confirmed nearer the time. Remember to brush your hair, wear your uniform and best smile! 
Monday 14th Nov – Friday 18th November	Anti-Bullying Week 	This Year's theme is 'Reach out' We will be exploring, what bullying is, how to be kind and how to reach out for support if you need it. Children can wear odd socks all week if they would like to represent how we should accept all differences.
Friday 18th November	Children in Need Day! 	We will be having a collection for Children in Need. Children can wear non-school uniform/ Pudsey ears and accessories if they wish.
Monday 28th November	Flu nasal sprays 	Confirm whether you would like your child to have this.
Saturday 3rd December	Winter Wordsworth Event! 	Come along and have fun enjoying the stalls and activities. Money raised will go back into supporting the school.
Thursday 8th December 2.15pm-2.45pm	Year 1 Xmas Performance! 	Come along and enjoy the show!
Friday 9th December 9.30-10.00am	Year R Nativity! 	Come along and enjoy the show!
Monday 12th December	Years 3- 6 Christingle 	Timings for each year group will be confirmed nearer the time. It is likely to be Year 3 and 4 in the morning and Year 5 and 6 in the afternoon. Please come and join us at St James' Church.
Thursday 15th December 2.15 - 2.45pm	Year 2 Xmas Performance! 	Come along and enjoy the show!
Friday 16th December	Last day of term!	Have a lovely holiday!





Please see Year group Curriculum Newsletters for dates relating to specific Year groups.

Wordsworth School Uniform

A reminder that our active uniform doubles up as everyday uniform and uniform for P.E/ Outdoor learning. There are still days when your child will have scheduled P.E slots to use the hall and scheduled Outdoor learning, but there will also be additional times when they have physical activities or outdoor learning. The idea is that it does not matter when as the children will be wearing an active uniform all the time.

Therefore, please do not send your child into school wearing a random P.E kit/ hoody/ brightly coloured sports clothes. If you still have the old school uniform that is absolutely fine. However P.E/ Outdoor wear just needs to be black leggings or joggers, a school jumper and trainers.



MCAS SUPPORT

MCAS is an app that all parents need to download from the Play Store (Android) or App store (Apple). You need to type in the search bar – My Child At School - the app looks like this:

1. Download the My Child At School app.



MCAS is an app where you can check your child's/children's attendance, pay for trips/residential, pay for products, music lessons and to book parent's evenings. You will need log on details emailed to you in order to access information for your child/ren. If you don't already have an email from us, then please could you email debbie.evans@wordsworthprimary.co.uk and one will be sent to you.

Mrs Evans is offering a drop in session on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 – 1.30pm at the school to help you with the MCAS app and setting it up if you require any help.



Roles and Responsibilities



After half term we will be holding our Election Week. Here is a summary of some of the roles and responsibilities children hold at Wordsworth. Many of these will be elected during Election week, some are elected at other points of the year. Our younger children are given monitor roles and responsibilities within their own classrooms.

Head Students- Year 6

These positions will be elected on Thursday 3rd November. The children have already written letters of application for this post. Selected candidates will be making speeches in assemblies on Monday 31st October. All the children from Year 1-6 will have an opportunity to vote for the candidate they want to, using official voting booths and ballot boxes.

Prefects- Year 6

Once the head boys and girls are elected, the Year 6 Prefects will be elected. Both Head Students and Prefects are responsible for representing and promoting the school. They will have various roles and responsibilities around the school.

Community Champions – Years 4-6

The Community Champions will be called upon to help for things such as school tours, support at lunchtimes/ break times support keeping the school environment tidy and support for school events.

School Council- Years 1-6

Every class from Year 1-6 elects two School Councilors. The School Councilors meet regularly with Mrs Barwell and carry out missions to enable Pupil voice to have a part in school decision making and feedback.

Librarians – Year 3 and 4

The librarians support Mrs Croucher in keeping the library a lovely tidy and calm place to visit and support children with taking out books when needed.

Eco Council- Years 1- 6

The Eco Council work with Miss Prudence to think of ways we can ensure we are an ecofriendly school and how we can look after our environment. Eco Council will be elected in January.

Sports Leaders- Year 5 and 6

The Sports Leaders help Miss Harvey with all things sport related and do a fantastic job at our Sports Day in particular.

The children always amaze us with how responsible, mature and supportive they are when they carry out these roles. They make Wordsworth very proud!

Notices:

- A reminder that trading cards are not allowed in school due to the issues that arise from these.
- Please remember to put your child's name on their belongings. We are seeing a large amount of lost property.
- Please remember to ensure medical appointments such as doctors and dentists are made outside of school time. In the instances where they are in school time, please ensure you provide proof of appointment to the school office.
- **We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful half term 😊**

