



Worth Valley Primary School

NEWSLETTER

September 6 2019

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to a brand new year at Worth Valley Primary School! It has been wonderful to see all our pupils full of excitement and enthusiasm, with many stories to tell about their summer and what they got up to! There is already a tangible buzz of learning around school.

I would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to our new children and families who started Pre-School, Nursery and Reception this week. The first day of school is a significant milestone for every child (and their parents!) and we are incredibly proud of the positive start made by every single pupil, alongside your support and encouragement. Thank you also to our dedicated, professional staff for helping children settle in so well, and a very warm welcome to our new team members; Mr Tiffany and Mrs Richardson.

You might remember back in May's newsletter that I explained the school's high expectations regarding uniform and the reasons behind it. Standing in front of the whole school on Tuesday morning and seeing our pupils looking so smart made me feel incredibly proud. Thank you for your support in this. As the parent of two primary school-aged children myself, I do not underestimate the effort and patience involved in buying suitable uniform and footwear; particularly our families with more than one sibling in school and children with additional needs.

Our standards and policies regarding uniform and presentation link seamlessly with several of our core values, including High Expectations, Respect, Community and One Team.

From Monday any pupils not wearing black, flat sensible school shoes or completely black smart trainers will change into black PE pumps. It has also been brought to my attention that a number of girls are wearing 'skorts' for PE. If these prove to restrict movement your child will be required to wear shorts or jogging bottoms.

Please contact school in confidence if you require financial support with your child's uniform; we are here to help.

As with all matters, we prioritise working in partnership with our families. Myself, Mrs Page and Mrs Barnes will always meet with you straight away if you have any concerns or queries. Should we be in a meeting or not available at that time, we will contact you to make an appointment as soon as possible. Please also talk to your child's class teacher, teaching assistant or Key stage Leader when you drop off or collect your child.

Finally, our Year 6 pupils set off for their residential to the Yorkshire Dales on Monday morning; I hope they have the most wonderful time and that the weather is kind to them!

Best wishes

Miss Ceinwen Lodge

Headteacher





Drop-off and Collection Points

Thank you for your patience over the last couple of days whilst we have been reviewing our procedures at the beginning and end of the school day. Safeguarding is always our top priority and we have been trialling some changes to ensure all pupils are as safe as possible.

As from today, these are the following locations for both dropping off your children at the start of the day, and collecting them after school:

Pre-school	Dropped off and collected from classroom
Nursery	Dropped off and collected from classroom
Reception	Dropped off and collected from classroom
Year 1	Dropped off and collected from classroom
Year 2	Dropped off and collected from classroom
Year 3	Dropped off and collected from classroom
Year 4	Line up in playground both before & after school
Year 5	Line up in playground both before & after school
Year 6	Line up in playground both before & after school

Attendance

We place great importance on regular school attendance. Research indicates that pupils, who attend regularly, will achieve better academically and enjoy better relationships with staff and other pupils.

The government expects every pupil to achieve a minimum of 96% attendance.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School Holiday Dates 2018-2019

School opens Tuesday 4 September

October half term

School Closes – Friday 19 October

School Re-opens – Monday 29 October

Christmas Holidays

School Closes – Wednesday 19 December

School Re-Opens – Thursday 3 January
2019

February Half-Term

School Closes - Friday 15 February
School Re-Opens - Monday 25 February

Easter Holidays

School Closes - Friday 12 April
School Re-Opens - Monday 29 April

May Day

Monday 6 May

Spring-Bank Holiday

School Closes – Thursday 23 May
School Re-Opens – Wednesday 5 June

Summer Holidays

School Closes – Friday 19 July