



Worth Valley Primary School NEWSLETTER

25 September 2020

Headteacher's Message



Dear parents and carers,

We are now three weeks into Autumn term and I am so proud to see how well our children (and staff!) have adapted. I have already seen some incredible work produced by children throughout school and these will shortly be on display in the corridors and classrooms.

Along with this newsletter your child will be bringing home an important letter from the NHS which provides detailed guidance about what to do if your child develops symptoms of Covid19. We appreciate the difficulties we are all facing as parents and teachers when deciding whether or not a child is well enough to be in school, particularly when colds and sniffles are so inevitably common at this time of year.

Could I please stress the importance of phoning school by 8.30am each morning to inform us of your child's absence. Now more than ever it is vital that we are able to safeguard our pupils and we can only do that when communication is effective and accurate between home and school.

Arrangements for the start and end of the school day are now running very smoothly. Thank you as always for your support; particularly our Early Years parents for being so understanding and positive on Tuesday when we had to remove a wasp's nest from a set of tyres in the outdoor area as a matter of urgency!

I have been asked by teaching staff to inform parents and carers that pupils are required to bring their PE kits on Mondays and Fridays, with the exception of Year 4 who have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. There are still a number of pupils in school who do not have the correct kit; please speak to Mrs Barnes if you require any support regarding PE kit or uniform in general.

Staff News

On Tuesday next week we say goodbye (for a little while!) to Mrs Page as she begins her maternity leave.



We wish her all the very best and are very much looking forward to meeting the little one once she arrives!

Congratulations to Mrs Boothroyd! Last night was the annual Telegraph and Argus awards and Mrs Boothroyd was shortlisted in the 'Teacher of the Year' category.

Mick McKenna, formerly headteacher at Reevy Hill Primary and currently headteacher at Tyldesley Primary (both schools in Leading Learners Trust) won 'Headteacher of the Year!'

We are extremely proud of them both!



Arrival information for each year group

Year	Arrival time	Gate	School entrance
6	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Main office
5	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Main office
4	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Y3/4 cloakroom
3	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Y3/4 cloakroom
2	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Main office
1	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Y3/4 cloakroom
Reception	8.30am-8.50am	Small gate	Reception door
Nursery	8.30am-8.50am	Small gate	Nursery door
Pre-school	8.40am prompt (am) 12.15pm prompt (pm)	Small gate	Pre-school door

For the safety of all our pupils, please be reminded that dogs are not allowed on site.



Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school. These are kept at school and cleaned on a daily basis.



Please adhere to social distancing whilst queuing and on the school



grounds and ensure you follow our one way system through the playground at the end of the day. Can we politely remind parents not to leave via the vehicle drive.

Attendance

Attendance figures for the last week are as follows:

w/c 14 September 2020	
Reception	87.8%
Year 1	92.5%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	92.3%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	94.5%

w/c 21 September 2020	
Reception	93.7%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	95.1%
Year 4	85.8%
Year 5	92.7%
Year 6	91.8%

Lunchtimes

Current restrictions mean that along with lunches being delivered to classrooms, all food is provided in disposable packaging. We cannot provide cutlery and menus are specifically designed to ensure options are finger-food only, such as burgers, cheese whirles, hot dogs etc. If you send your child with a yogurt as part of their packed lunch, please provide a spoon! Thank you

