



Worth Valley Primary School NEWSLETTER

9 October 2020

Headteacher's Message



As you are aware, today is World Mental Health Day—pupils and staff were invited to wear something yellow in support of #HelloYellow. Now more than ever, it is important that we take care of our own mental health and that of our children. We have spent time in school today talking to pupils about the importance of looking after their own wellbeing and developing strategies to help them cope in difficult times.

This week we also sent home a short survey to enable us to build an accurate picture of the range of electronic devices children have at home and whether they have access to the internet. If you haven't yet returned the form, please do so by Tuesday at the latest. This information will be used to shape our remote learning package, should we need to close any bubbles in the future.

After discussions with the Senior Leadership Team and Mrs Moyles, or kitchen manager, we are delighted to inform you that after half term pupils will return to the dining hall to eat their lunch. The winter menu will include at least 3 hot options alongside sandwich choices as the cold option. Menus will be uploaded onto the school website next week—please visit www.worthvalleyprimary.co.uk and click on 'Our School' followed by 'Lunch Menus & Free School Meals'. Pupils will be encouraged to choose their option as they approach the serving hatch as an alternative to recording their choices on paper beforehand, so we recommend parents and carers look through the menu with their children to help them decide preferred options. Further information will follow in due course.

Attendance figures for the last 2 weeks are as follows:



w/c 28 September 2020	
Reception	95.2%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	89.0%
Year 5	91.0%
Year 6	96.4%

A massive well done to Year 3 for achieving 100% and earning a non-uniform day!

Contratulations also to Year 6—achieving over 99% earns them an extra long playtime, hot chocolate and biscuits!

w/c 5 October 2020	
Reception	91.8%
Year 1	92.31%
Year 2	98.91%
Year 3	100% 
Year 4	86.13%
Year 5	93.68%
Year 6	99.21% 

Diary Dates

Slowly but surely we are able to add some events and key dates in the school calendar.

Some educational visit providers are now beginning to offer visits which adhere to current guidance and we are in the process of organising several visits. We will update you as soon as arrangements are finalised.

Friday 16 October

Cauliflower Cards Artwork sent home to parents

Friday 23 October

Halloween & birthday Disco (pm)

School closes for half term

Monday 2 November

School re-opens after half term



Tuesday 3 November

Individual school photos

Deadline for return of Cauliflower Card orders

Week commencing 16 November

Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 11 December

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Jumper Day



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Next week, all pupils in school will be creating a Christmas Card design. These will be sent home on Friday 16 October so that you can view your child's artwork and place an order if you wish. The deadline for returning order forms is Tuesday 3 November, to ensure delivery before Christmas.

Halloween Disco and Birthday Party

We have lots planned for Friday 23 October!

We will be enjoying lots of Halloween-themed activities in class in the morning.

Then, in the afternoon, each class bubble will hold their own Halloween party, during which we will also celebrate the birthdays of pupils who've had a birthday this half term.

Rather than bringing party food, we are asking parents for a £2 donation towards snacks and refreshments.

Children will come to school in normal uniform, and can bring a Halloween costume or party clothes to change into for the afternoon.

