



WORSLEY BRIDGE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

06-01-20



Happy New Year and a very warm welcome back to school! You may recall that at the end of term Mrs O'Donnell organised a winter market. This project involved every year group using their design technology skills to produce winter themed items to sell at the market. The children studied a variety of products, created designs, recipes, packaging and then created the items to sell at the market. Each class was given a budget to work with and had to factor in the costs associated with making each item and challenged to make the biggest profit. The project was a tremendous success and the market made a profit of nearly £500 with Year 2 and Year 5 generating the largest

amounts. The winning year groups will be able to spend some of the money on a DT themed item for their wet play boxes. The remainder of the money will go towards computerised technology to support the teaching of DT. Well done Worsley Bridge and a very big thank you to Mrs O'Donnell and her amazing elves-it was an incredible way to end a very busy term.



Last term we sent out a consultation regarding a two week half term in the Autumn term. The Trust Board and its associated governance committees have discussed the October half term consultation at length. The Board valued the comments from supporters of the proposed two week break and those that disagreed when making its decision. Ultimately, the argument for the extended break with its benefits to combat pupil tiredness, workload and absence can be countered by those that disagree.

The community survey showed 57% were in favour of the two week break with 33% against. At school governance level this figure was 63% in favour with 18% against, with others highlighting the need for alignment with other schools. At Worsley Bridge Primary School it has been decided that the October holiday in 2020 will be **TWO** weeks. This means the half term holiday will be from Monday 19th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020.

Over a school year, pupils are required to attend for 190 days/380 sessions. The full term dates for 2020-2021 are attached to this email and ensure that the children will be receiving their full entitlement of days.

Wishing you all a great week ahead.

Mrs Williams



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SAFETY AND WELL BEING

Attendance



On the last day of the Autumn term Mrs McEwen and Mrs Drake hosted a fabulous assembly to celebrate attendance. A magnificent 75 children received their 100% attendance certificate and pencil. Sadly at the end of term attendance was at 86.0% as we suffered with a terrible sickness bug. We will need to remain focussed on improving the figure over the term ahead so please make sure your child is in school every day!

RW	68.8%	RB	85.7%	RP	82.4%
1W	78.3%			1B	79.2%
2W	88.9%			2B	90.0%
3W	91.7%			3B	94.0%
4W	88.6%			4B	89.2%
5W	89.1%			5B	91.4%
6W	90.0%			6B	84.0%



School Notices

Dates for the diary

06-01-20	INSET Day-School closed	09-03-20	STEM week
07-01-20	Children return to school	10-03-20	Y5 visit Greenwich Observatory
15-01-20	Mental Health Workshop for parents-Managing Anxiety	19-03-20	Y3 visit Down House
17-01-20	RW class assembly 9am	20-03-20	Spring Concert
17-01-20	Y5 visit the Science Museum	20-03-20	PTFA Mother's Day Plant Sale
29-01-20	Y3 visit Dulwich Picture Gallery	31-03-20	Year 3 and 4 Spring Performance
31-01-20	6B Class Assembly**	02-04-20	Y2 Heroes Award Ceremony
13-02-20	PTFA Valentine Disco	03-04-20	End of Spring Term
14-02-20	4B Class Assembly**	20-04-20	Return to school
06-03-20	6B Class Assembly**		** Date changed

OPAL-a chance to have a clear out



As the term begins we are looking for donations to replenish items for the lose parts store we use at lunchtime. We are hopeful that you have used Christmas to have a clear out. If you have any of the following please can you bring them into school (or arrange for us to collect them) as they will be put to VERY good use:

- Old buggies/push chairs (small or full size)
- Tyres (without the wheels)
- Curtain poles, planks, decking, pallets
- Bread/milk/shopping crates
- Cable drums
- Boards/old cabinet doors or wooden panels, wooden off cuts
- Guttering, water pipes, tubes, barrels
- Keyboards (computer or music-broken fine as they can be used for role play)
- Phones
- Suitcase
- Dressing up clothing, old jackets, overalls, hats

