

WORSLEY NEWS

Worsley Bridge Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th November

I hope that you had a good half-term and the rain didn't spoil your fun. We have a busy half-term lined up; culminating with our Christmas celebrations. Please look out for more information about the different activities in the next few weeks.

If you would like your child's photograph, could you please send in the money by the 16th November, many thanks.

Well done to the following children for receiving a Merit Certificate this week: RW—Abigail, Sahara; RB—Sara, Jack; RP—Louis, Abbie-Claire; 1W—Naomi, Owen; 1B—Tylun, Rhio; 2W—Monae, Lottie; 2B—Connor, Leah.

Mr Irwin's special news.

Mr Irwin has successfully been appointed to his first Headship. He has been appointed to grow a free school of three classes to a one form entry primary school in Bexley. We are delighted that the school and team have been able to support him on his professional journey and congratulate him on his success. Mr Irwin will begin his new post in January, we will keep families updated on the advertisement and recruitment of a new Deputy Head in the New Year. Mrs Williams and Mrs Birleanu will continue to work as part of the leadership team into 2016.

Mr Irwin has been at Worsley Bridge for five years, as Deputy Head and has contributed to the development and strategic direction of the school. He was instrumental in the planning of the growth of the school. He will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and families but I know he will keep in touch with the school community and he is keen to develop partnerships with his new school.

Mrs Farrow , Executive Head

Building News

The hall has been finally finished and the builders are presently 'snagging' before hand over. New furniture for different areas is being delivered and we can see how the work has made significant improvements for the school. I have finally got the agreement to make improvements to the fencing and gates along Worsley Bridge Road. It is proposed that the fence is completely replaced and new pedestrian automated gates and a new car park gate are to be installed. This will provide significant improvement to the safety of this site as well as the aesthetic look of the school. The new fencing by the car park has been installed and we are finalising the cost to the wooden fencing by the Reception classrooms (where the present aras railing is situated.)



The new front gate has been installed and the eagle-eyed would have noticed that the pedestrian gate has been fitted on the wrong side, the builders will rectify this. The new lighting and automated gates to the front of the school will be installed by the end of November.

The next project is the landscaping of the Reception play area at the back of the new building. The undergrowth will be removed and trees trimmed to enable the construction and installation of the artificial grass. This is an expense the school has to fund and is approximately £38,000. A huge investment but a necessary one to give our children the best resources.

Over the next term we will also begin the refurbishment of the Junior building for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. It begins with the redecoration of the halls and stair wells and moves into classroom. New flooring and lighting will also be installed. This project will be outside of the school.

Head Teacher appointment

There will be an advertisement for the position of Head Teacher in the Times Educational Supplement from next week. As Executive Head Teacher I have always promoted the need for Worsley Bridge Primary to have a substantive Head Teacher. The Trust Directors feel that it is vital for the school community to have their own leader who is able to develop the strategic direction in partnership with the Executive Head and Trust Board. This appointment will be from April or September. Whilst this process is ongoing I will continue to be the Leader of the school with the support of Mrs Williams and Mrs Birleanu. Once a new Head Teacher is appointed I will continue to oversee the school and provide support to the new Head Teacher. I will keep families informed of the recruitment process.

Mrs Farrow

Future Events

November 10th and 12th	Parents' Evening
November 20 th	Non uniform day for new/unused gifts
November 27th –	Non uniform day for: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 - bottle donations Year 3W - mince pies and cake donations Year 3B – gift wrap, gift tags and Sellotape donations Years 4, 5 & 6 – chocolate donations
November 28th	Christmas Fair
December 10th	Textile Collection 09.00 Carols around the tree 3.30pm
December 14th	Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents 4pm
December 15th	Reception Performance to parents – 2.30pm



Year 4 have made some Iron Men!

PTFA News

Your child's Christmas fair needs you!

Unfortunately, we've had a lacklustre response to the request for helpers at the Christmas Fair. Can you spare a few hours on Saturday November 28th? We're looking for helpers between 11am-2pm and 2pm-5pm. Everything has been organised for you. All you have to do is turn up, man a stall and watch the kids have fun. It really is a great event to help with and children love to see their own parents, grandparents and carers helping out.

If you can help, please contact us on: worsleybridgeptfa@hotmail.com, via our Facebook group: Worsley Bridge Primary School Parents, or simply drop a note in to the office. It would be a shame to scale down the event or cancel it due to lack of help.

Textile Collection - Thursday 10th December— If you're having a pre-Christmas clear out, please save your old clothes and shoes for our textile collection on Thursday 10th December. Every kilo we gather raises money for the school. We have a limited amount of storage if you need rid of your stuff before them. Just contact us through the above channels.

Christmas Cards - return forms by Wednesday.

Aren't the Christmas card designs fantastic? If you would like to order packs of your child's design, please return the form and money by Wednesday when the order for the whole school will be processed.

Families Together at St Paul's – this is the popular monthly after-school event for children and families at St Paul's Church on Brackley Road. The next session will be held on **Thursday 12th November**. Children with their parents or carers are warmly invited for an action-packed programme of creative activity including crafts, singing, games, prayers, colourful animation of the featured Bible story on the big screen, with the highlight of a sit-down tea for all! Sessions run from 4-6pm, with the Welcome Café open from 3.45pm, so come early and join the fun! There's no need to pre-register – simply turn up on the day, but please note parents or carers are expected to stay with their children – and it's only £2.50 per child per monthly session.

Beckenham Round Table Fireworks and Funfair

- **Date:** 7 Nov 2015
 - **Location:** Croydon Road Recreation Ground, Croydon Road, Beckenham
 - **Time:** 18:00 - 22:00
- Cost:** Adults and unaccompanied children £7; children (under16) £4; under 5's free; family ticket (2 adult +2 children) £20
A fun event for all ages. Firework display and children's fun fair.

Fireworks start 8pm (20/25 minutes)
Pay on the gates - open 6pm
Funfair 6 to 10pm
Event Organiser: Beckenham Round Table
Web: [Beckenham Round Table website](#)



Thank you for your continuing support.

Mr. Irwin

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