

# Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter

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## Readathon 2016

During the last week of term, the whole school took part in our Readathon event. The children and staff had a lovely afternoon reading and coming together for the school's Book Swap.

Can all sponsor cards and money please be returned to school by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. There are team points available to those who bring them back this week.

In 2014 you raised an incredible amount of £1555. Wouldn't it be fantastic if we could reach this total again?

Thank you for your continued support ☺

Miss Cusick

## Poppy Appeal – Items for Children



There are a selection of items in the office that are being sold to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. These include: - friendship bracelets, slap rulers, wristbands and reflectors. The suggested donation prices for these items are £1 for the bracelets and rulers and 50p for wristbands and reflectors. Please see the office staff if you are interested in purchasing any of these goods.

## SEAL Theme

Our theme for this half term is 'Getting on and Falling Out'. We will be helping the children to learn about and understand friendship and the best ways of learning together. Have a go at our Family Activity – a small prize for all returned to school!

## Ballot for New Parent Governor

Could all parents and carers please return their ballot forms for the new Parent Governor as soon as possible. The closing date is 12pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.



### **Join us**

Come, join us for a chat and a coffee, and meet our Start Well workers every Monday 9.10am in our OOSHL Room.  
Find out what's on offer for you and your family in our local area.

### **School Gateway Payment**

Thank you to all the parents who are already using SCHOOL GATEWAY payment system, which went live on Monday 12th September 2016.

You can pay for breakfast club, after school clubs, swim, nursery payments etc.... using this system. We would like to encourage more of you to try it because it gives you the ease of paying without having to come in to school.

All you need to do is download the app for android or iphone or visit the website : [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) to activate your account today.

Not only will you be able to pay online but you get the added benefit that messages sent by school and parents will not incur any charge for the text. We are aiming to get 50% of parents using the School Gateway smartphone app – please help us achieve this target.

For this to work you need to ensure the mobile number and e-mail address you are using is held within school records so if in any doubt please ring and check we hold up to date mobile and e-mail addresses for you and keep us updated of any changes. Also if you encounter any problem again please ring and we will be more than welcome to help you through the process.

Please note school dinners at this stage cannot go through the above mentioned system as DINNERS are run by LIVE KITCHEN. Please note there is the functionality within LIVE KITCHEN for you to pay via Direct Debit so that you do not need to physically come into school with money. However, we will still accept cash payments.

Mrs J Barlow

School Business Manager

### **Safeguarding Lessons**

Our Year 5 & Year 6 children will be taking part in a CSE (child sexual exploitation) Session on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

If any parents would like more information on this, please see Mrs Davies.  
Please let Mrs Davies know if you would be interested in a parents session on CSE.



To celebrate the bicentenary of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, the Canal and River Trust will be visiting school and delivering an assembly to all our children on water safety on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

For more information, please speak to Mrs Davies.

### **The Clockmaker's Christmas**

The Arty-Facts Theatre Company will be visiting school 9:30am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December to perform 'The Clockmaker's Christmas'.

### **Dates that After School Clubs Finish**

Having listened to feedback about the date that After School Clubs end, it is something we will be reviewing.

With other things happening in the last week such as the disco, clubs have tended to finish the week before the last week of term.

We will canvass opinion from parents and children and look to make things much clearer in the future.

Please note that this half term, all clubs will finish Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.



### **Unify Bank**

Our Unify Bank is currently open every Wednesday between the times of 8:35am – 9:00am, if any children and parents wish to open a Unify Account or pay in their savings money they need to attend on a Wednesday morning in our Hippo Zone.

Please note: Our School Office cannot accept any money or applications forms, parents, carers and children need to attend the Unify Bank in the Hippo Zone each Wednesday.

### **School Values Awards**

Year 1 ~ Lexie H – Determination  
 Year 2 ~ Aiden B – Excellence  
 Year 3 ~ Ayisha C – Determination  
 Year 4 ~ Emma G – Determination  
 Year 5 ~ Amelia W – Excellence  
 Year 6 ~ Layan H – Courage & Inspiration  
           Kai E – Courage & Inspiration  
           Kirsty A – Courage & Inspiration  
           Isabel K – Courage & Inspiration

### **Attendance for week commencing 17.10.16**

<b>Reception</b>	<b>97.7%</b>
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	87.2%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	86.6%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>97.7%</b>

Dates for your diaryUpdates are in **bold**

Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:35am – 9:00am	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y5 & Y6 CSE Session	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Water Safety Assembly for all children	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	The Clockmaker's Christmas – 9:30am	
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Finish for Christmas Holidays 2pm</b>	

If you are aware of anybody who is having difficulty accessing the information on our newsletter because of literacy or language difficulties, font size or colour of paper, please ask them to contact us and we will do what we can to help.

*Family Detectives*



What happens when you can't agree in your family? It might be when you want to watch different things on TV or have different things for tea.

Talk about it together and write your ideas here:

Over the week act as family detectives to look at what you do when you fall out. Different members of the family might do different things.

We will meet at \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about what we have found out.

Take it in turns to explain what you have found out. You might want to write your ideas here:

Are you good at sorting things out?

What kind of things do you do or say that seem to help to sort things out?

Is there anything you would like to do differently?