

Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter

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Parent Governor Election

The parent governor election was completed and counted last Friday. There were three excellent candidates and a large number of votes cast by parents and carers.

Eve Parkes had the greatest number of votes, and so is now a member of the Worsley Mesnes School Governing body.

Thank you for your support.

Admission to 2017 Reception Class

Children who have a date of birth between the date range of 1/9/12 to 31/8/13, are now eligible to apply for a place in next year's reception class.

The application period starts on 7th November 2016 and runs until 15th January 2017.

Those children who have registered an interest in our school should be given the application form on the 4th November 2016.

If you have any queries regarding the application process or require an application form, please see the office staff.



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Anti Bullying Week - 14th – 18th November

We will be celebrating Anti Bullying Week in school, starting the week off with a full school assembly and Mrs Davies will be delivering an anti bullying lesson to all classes throughout the week.

This year's theme is 'Power for Good' and we will be supporting children to use their 'Power for Good' by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.

More information can be found at <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/>

Parents/Carers can also join in – Mrs Davies will be running a drop in session; pop in and have a coffee join in our Anti Bullying Week on Thursday 17th November between 9 – 10am.



Worsley Mesnes FOTS Christmas Fayre

We will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 25th November.

Could you please send in any unwanted toys, gifts, toiletries, tins for our tombola and we hope we have some Mary Berry's out there as we will be having a yummy cake stall.

Christmas Family Bingo

Wednesday 30th November 6pm, eyes down 6.30pm.

Come along and join in the fun at our Family Christmas Bingo Night.

Scholastic Book Order

Book leaflets have been sent home today.

You can also order online by going to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/worsley-mesnes> to browse the latest books. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

The deadline for orders is Friday 18th November.

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.

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

At Worsley Mesnes we pride ourselves in looking after and doing the best for all our children. We regularly deliver Safeguarding lessons throughout school.

We have currently updated our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy in line with Wigan Council.

This is now available on our school website and if any parent/carers would like a paper copy, please just ask Mrs Davies.

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 11th 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

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!



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.

The Clockmaker's Christmas

The Arty-Facts Theatre Company will be visiting school 9:30am on Thursday 1st 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 16th 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.

George's Marvellous Medicine

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children are going to be enjoying an evening at the theatre on Friday 18th November, we will be watching George's Marvellous Medicine at Manchester Opera House.



School Values Awards

Year 1 ~ Alex G – Excellence
Year 2 ~ Saffron W – Determination
Year 3 ~ Angel O – Excellence
Year 4 ~ Chelsea D – Excellence &
Determination
Year 5 ~ Callum K – Determination
Year 6 ~ Skye J – Excellence
Emily F – Friendship

Attendance for week commencing 31.10.16

Reception	90.3%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	95.7%

Dates for your diaryUpdates are in **bold**

Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:35am – 9:00am	
Friday 11th November	Last Day for Readathon Sponsor Money	
Monday 14 – 18th November	Anti Bullying Week	
Tuesday 15th November	Y5 & Y6 Cross Country Competition	
Thursday 17th November	Parent/Carer Coffee Drop in – Anti Bullying Week	
Friday 18th November	Deadline for Scholastic Book Orders	
Friday 18th November	Selection Y5 & Y6 children Manchester Opera House – 5.30pm	
Thursday 24th November	Y3 Football Competition	
Friday 25th November	FOTSA Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm – 5pm	
Wednesday 30th November	Christmas Family Bingo – 6pm	
Thursday 1 st December	The Clockmaker's Christmas – 9:30am	
Thursday 22 nd December	Finish for Christmas Holidays 2pm	
Sunday 15th January 2017	Deadline for Reception Applications	

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?