

Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back to the spring term! A complimentary paper copy of our newsletter has been sent home with your child today detailing important events and dates which are coming up this term. Please view the newsletter regularly, it is available every week from Wednesday onwards via the school website.

Thank you.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Parents Evening Wednesday 18th Jan 2017 3:20 – 5:00

On Wednesday 18th January 2017 from 3:20 – 5:00 there is a Parent Evening for your child where you will be able to come into class and share the work, the books and learning with your child. It will be an occasion for children to celebrate their work and their progress with you.

There are no appointments.

The teachers will be in class to discuss your child's progress.

There will also be the opportunity to see the way the children's Growth Mindset is being encouraged in class.

At 3:20 the classrooms can be entered by the playground door. After this please enter and leave by the entrance at the front of school.

Normally there is not a parent meeting in January but we felt it was very important to share the good work of our children and their next steps.

Pram Left in School

A pram was left near our library area during the last week in school, when we had our Christmas performances. Have you, or are you aware of anyone, who has lost a pram? If you have any idea who it might belong to, could you please inform the office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Worry Box on School Website

We have a new addition on our website – our online Worry Box.

At Worsley Mesnes we pride ourselves on our wellbeing, so our online worry box has been set up as an approach to addressing any excessive worries or anxieties we may have, our aim is to take away the worry and place it in the box. School staff will pick these up and act on them appropriately.

Our children are already used to our worry box in school, as we have a box where they can write any worries and post them, this new addition is an extra to a system we already have running in school. This will be introduced to all children in our Monday morning assembly and through class safeguarding lessons.

Like adults, children tend to do their worrying at night, they are busy and active during the day, but at night minds can wander and stress or worries can start to creep in. By having our facility of the worry box online, children can use this at anytime and have a chance to verbalise and put away their worries and get a restful sleep.

Attendance

As you are aware, excellent attendance and punctuality are vital to both the academic and social achievement of all our pupils.

I would like to draw your attention to the leaflet sent out today which outlines the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality for our children.

I am confident that we can rely on your support to ensure your child arrives to school on time and ready to learn. If you would like any support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

LOCAL DROP-IN SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AGED 0 – 5 YEARS

Let's Get Messy – Learning Through Play

Every Tuesday 1.30-2.30

St Judes Primary School, Worsley Mesnes Drive, WN3 5AN

Start Well 01942 776007

No need to book – Just turn up.

Infant Massage

Every Wednesday 1.30-2.30

St Judes Primary School, Worsley Mesnes Drive, WN3 5AN

Start Well 01942 776007

No need to book – Just turn up.

PARENT LEARNING

English as a Second Language Class

Starting January 2017

St James Primary School, Worsley Mesnes Drive, WN3 5AN

Start Well 01942 776007.



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.



E-Safety

Please be aware of the internet sites that your children maybe are accessing on their computer and, for some, on their phone.

Here are some ground rules that work for many parents:

Use privacy settings. Privacy settings aren't foolproof, but they can be helpful. Take the time to learn how privacy settings work on your children's favorite sites and apps, and teach your children how to control the information they make public or private. Encourage them to check privacy settings regularly, since sites' policies often change.

Tell your children to think before they post. Remind them that everything can be seen by a vast, invisible audience (otherwise known as friends-of-friends-of-friends), and, once something's online, it's hard to take back.

Be a friend and follower. Each family will have different rules, but, especially for younger children, it's a good idea for parents to have access to their children's pages, at least at first, to be sure that what's being posted is appropriate. Parents can help keep their children from doing something they'll regret later.

Keep private information private. Don't share your home address or other sensitive information online.

Be respectful of others. Children may use social media to act out because they feel anonymous and that their actions are consequence-free. Make sure they understand that the Internet is a giant community that works best when everyone respects each other. The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat is 13. YouTube requires account holders to be 18, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission.

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 were 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.

School Values Awards

Year 1 ~ Kacey T-McC – Excellence
Year 2 ~ Isabel B – Courage & Inspiration
Year 3 ~ Alfie A – Determination
Year 4 ~ Katelyn B – Excellence & Determination
Year 5 ~ Keira H – Respect
Year 6 ~ Chloe C – Determination

Attendance for week commencing 19.12.16

Reception	99.2%
Year 1	98.8%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	97.1%

Dates for your diary

Updates are in bold

Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:35am – 9:00am	
Sunday 15 th January 2017	Deadline for Reception Applications	
Wednesday 18th January	Parents' Evening 3:20pm – 5:00pm	
Tuesday 7th February	Trip to Chester – Y3 & Y4	

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.