



# Wortham Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and to the second half of our Autumn term. I hope that you and your families all had a wonderful half term. The children have all settled well and have been excited to learn about their new topics. Please see below key dates and information about the enrichment events that we have planned for this half term.

## Lifetime

The children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to take part in our Lifetime activities again and we are pleased to share with you the sessions that the children will be taking part in this half term.

Year Group	Lifetime
Reception	PSHE Games
Year 1	Forest School
Year 2	Choir
Year 3	Spanish
Year 4	Art
Year 5	STEM
Year 6	Sports

## Roald Dahl Day

As I write this newsletter to you, the children are celebrating Roald Dahl day and are enjoying lots of fun activities based around his famous books. It was lovely to see so many children come into school today dressed as their favourite characters; their costumes are amazing. Please have a look at Facebook later on to see photos from today.

## School Council

In an assembly this week, I launched our new school council. I would like to have a representative from each year group (Reception – Year 6) to form this school council and to work with me as part of the school leadership team. If your child would like to be considered for this role then I have asked them to create a presentation on why they think they would be a great school councillor. It is up to the children how they would like to present, for example, they can make a poster, PowerPoint or speech. The children who would like to put themselves forward for this role will present to their class on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November** (Otter class will do their presentations on their return). The children in their year group will then vote on who they would like to be their class school councillor.

## Hilltop

Next week, our year six children have their residential trip to Hilltop. The children will be enjoying a range of activities such as climbing, abseiling, bush craft, shelter building, a dark walk, camp fire and the Enchanted Forest. We hope that they all have a great time and make some wonderful memories. We will look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return.

## **Remembrance**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will be having an assembly to mark Remembrance day. We will discuss with the children about why this is an important day and at 11am the children will all come together to hold a two-minute silence.

## **Poppy Appeal**

In support of the Poppy Appeal, we have a selection of items that the children can buy for a recommended donation. These items include snap bands £1.50, reflectors 50p, wrist bands £1 and zip pulls 50p. Children from Barn Owl class will be visiting each class to sell these items each day from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November**.

We also have a wreath to lay at the memorial service on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** at Wortham Church. If your child would like to lay this on behalf of the school, please contact Mrs Paine.

## **Children in Need - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

To mark 'Children in Need' day will be inviting the children to come into school in non-school uniform in return for a £1 voluntary donation.

This year we have also been given a large Pudsey teddy bear which we will be selling raffle tickets for from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. Tickets will be £1 each. The children will also have the opportunity to purchase a 'Children in Need' wrist band for £1 (please be aware we only have 60 of these bands).

All donations and purchases of wrist bands or raffle tickets will be greatly received for this worthwhile cause.

## **Book Fair - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (9am)**

The book fair is returning this half term, just in time for some Christmas shopping! We will be emailing parents nearer the time with further information about the books on offer and how to order.

## **Festival of Light**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, each class will be learning about a festival of light celebrated by a different religion. Miss Stevenson has organised a range of activities for the children to learn about: Advent, Hanukkah, Diwali and Tazaungdaing. We will look forward to sharing the children's learning with you on Facebook.

## **Nativity**

In a few weeks, we will begin our rehearsals for our nativity 'Hey Ewe!'. We will write to parents of the children in Bumblebee class and Hedgehog class nearer the time with further details.

## **Pantomime – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

We are very much looking forward to our whole school outing to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Wolseley Theatre in Ipswich, more details to follow nearer to the time.

## **Competitions and Events**

Congratulations to Otter class who won the Sumdog competition this year and well done to the top ten winners who were: Esme, Edward, Harry D, Seren, Ellie, William, Jayden, Oliver K, Isabella V and Erin.

Thank you to all the children who entered the Creative Writing competition. I was simply blown away by the number of entries and the quality of the writing that I was lucky enough to read. It was an extremely tough decision to choose the winners! Well done to Thea, Quinn, Lucia, Eric, Yva, Lacie, Derry, Hector, Beth, Bridget, Seren, Grace, William and Ruby.

We are delighted that the Hartismere School Games have been able to return this year. During October, we took groups of children from years 3 – 6 to participate in a sports carousel, cross country and football competition. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and achieved lots of success which included some of our children getting through to the cross-country finals. Well done everyone!

There will be lots more events over the course of the year and our aim is to offer the opportunity to take part to as many children as possible from Key Stage 2.

### **Welcome**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Cherry and her family to Wortham Primary. Cherry has joined Barn Owl class this half term and it has been a pleasure to have her join our school.

### **FOWs**

The next FOWs meeting will be online on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm**. Please speak to a member of the FOWs team, Mrs Clarke or Mrs Paine if you would like to be emailed the zoom link to be able to join the meeting. It is always lovely to see new faces.

### **Covid-19 update**

Thank you for your continued support relating to the updated covid measures. We will continue to write to parents **if** we have a confirmed, positive Covid case within our school. I would also like to reassure you that we are continuing to follow the government guidance and carry out our safety measures of frequent hand washing and ventilation. We have also updated our risk assessment to reflect the recent changes to the guidance which includes wearing masks in communal areas and only allowing essential visitors.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any matters, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. Please feel free to approach your child's class teacher who will be available at the end of each day.

Yours sincerely

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**Head of School**