



Wortham Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new school year at Wortham! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the lovely weather. We have had a great start to the year with each classroom full of enthusiastic children eager to begin their new learning.

Welcome to Wortham!

We are delighted to welcome our new reception children and their families. Welcome to: May, River, Annabelle, Eliza, Noah, Arthur, Ava, Isabel, Ren, Pearl, Tahlia, Misty, Isaac, Florence and Ada. You have all settled in beautifully and we look forward to joining you on your learning journey.

We also extend a warm welcome to Harvey and Annabelle who join us in Barn Owl class and Grace who joins us in Otter class.

Chair of Governors

I am delighted to inform you that Chris Simon is our newly appointed Chair of Governors. Chris has served on our Governing Body for several years and more recently as the Vice Chair.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jeanne Jenkins who has been our Chair of Governors for a number of years and has been a great support to the school. Jeanne will continue as a school governor in the role of Vice Chair.

Our Learning

This half term, our focus subjects are history and design and technology. The topics in each subject are as follows:

Class	History	Design & Technology
Bumblebee	Dinosaurs	Structures
Hedgehog	Explorers	Wortham Bakery
Barn Owl	Ancient Egypt	Textiles – Patchwork blanket
Otter	Ancient Greece	Making Pasta

Lifetime

Our Lifetime sessions begin this Friday afternoon. Please see the table below which shows the exciting learning taking place this half term.

Year	Lifetime	Teacher
Reception & Year 1	Science, Technology and Maths (STEM)	Miss Stevenson & Mrs Bloye
Year 2	Forest School	Mrs Widdeson
Year 3	Me & My World	Mrs Erith
Year 4	Animation	Mrs Banham
Year 5	Sports	Reece Clarke
Year 6	Spanish	Mr Waters

School Library

We are delighted to open our school library again to parents and children. Every Monday after school from 3.20 – 3.45, parents and their children are welcome to come to the library to share books and change their library book. The library will be open every Monday starting on Monday 12th September. Please enter the library through Bumblebee class gate and then through the school hall doors.

Music Tuition

This week, the children in Otter class have begun their music tuition and are learning to play the guitar. Each child will be given a guitar for the year which they will be bringing home so that they can practise and share with you their new skills. They will need to bring their guitar into school every Thursday.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Please can you make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school. They will need to bring it in every Monday and take it home on a Friday to be washed. Children in Y3,4,5 & 6 are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack to have at break time, children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are provided with a free school snack of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Medication

Could I ask all parents to ensure that they have brought in all inhalers and any epi pens for those children who have been prescribed them; please make sure that these are clearly named and are in date. Can I also remind you that children are not allowed any form of medication in their school bag. If your child needs medication throughout the school day, then please bring this to the school office and complete a form. Please note that we are only able to give prescribed medication.

Reporting Absence

If your child is ill and will not be attending school, please notify the school office by 9am and each day until your child returns. Thank you.

Safeguarding Updates

Safeguarding is of vital importance to us all at Wortham. We feel it is also important that we keep our parent community updated and therefore we plan to share with you a different aspect of safeguarding in our monthly newsletter. This month the theme is 'Internet Matters'. Please see below two links which will provide you with useful information. If you have any questions about any of our safeguarding features, then please speak to Mrs Clarke or Mrs Flatman.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=CjwKCAjwtfqKBhBoEiwAZuesiKv-uxCQQ7AGTzc4DnMAVkaPmasdUQBaBTKyNt6fLeidyK15RvwnhoC09oQAvD BwE>

Dates for the Diary

September

Thurs 15th Sept– Individual photos (pre-school siblings are welcome to come along to have their photo taken with their brother or sister from 8.30am)

October

Mon 10th Oct – Fri 14th – Book Fair

Tues 18th Oct & Thurs 20th Oct – Parent Consultations

Half term week – Mon 24th Oct – Fri 28th Oct

November

Tues 1st Nov - Open evening for new reception year 2023 – 2024 - 5pm – 7pm.

Mon 7th Nov – Fri 11th Nov – Y6 trip to Hilltop

Thurs 10th Nov – Reading information evening for Bumblebee Class – more details to follow

December

Thurs 8th Dec – Pantomime

Monday 12th Dec – Nativity – Evening Performance – 6pm

Tuesday 13th Dec – Nativity – Afternoon Performance 2.30pm and Evening Performance 6pm

We are all very much looking forward to the year ahead and working alongside our families. As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any matters, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Clarke.

Best wishes,
Hayley Clarke
Head of School