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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw closer to the end of the school year, we have been reflecting on what has been another incredible yet challenging year for our whole school community. Our children at Worham Primary never cease to amaze us particularly this year with their continued resilience to change and the way they have adapted to new ways of teaching and learning. We are extremely proud of all our children.

Celebration

Curriculum and Learning

This half term, the children have continued to be busy in their learning and have been enjoying their latest Art and Design and Technology topics. Bumblebee class have been creating some wonderful artwork related to the beach and stories such as The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. Hedgehog class have enjoyed making pictures with moving parts by using sliders and levers. The children in Barn Owl class have explored making moving parts and have learnt about using cams, gears and pulleys. Finally, the children in Otter class made their own pasta from scratch to make a wonderful Italian meal. Jamie Oliver would have been so impressed by their dishes; they really were amazing!

Library

We are delighted that our Library project has now been completed and that we have a wonderful library space for all our children to enjoy. The children have been very excited about the new library and have all enjoyed looking through the wonderful books they now have to choose from. Thank you to our Governors and FoWs for their support with this project. Next year, we will be opening up the library so that parents can come along, with their children, to share books and to support their child to choose a book to take home. Please look out for more information about this in September.

World Music Day

It was World Music Day this term and Mrs Cartledge organised a series of musical activities for the children to take part in. The children enjoyed making musical instruments, using a variety of instruments to represent the sounds of animals whilst the older children learnt about Samba music.

Inspection by All Saints Trust

On Tuesday 16th July, we had the Deputy CEO of our MAT, Paul Parslow-Williams, come to Worham to carry out a monitoring visit. He spent the first part of the morning questioning Mrs Flatman and Mrs Erith on the provision of reading across the school. This included the teaching of phonics, our reading book scheme, guided reading lessons and how the school promotes a love of reading. They then carried out a learning walk, visiting all the classes to observe the standard of teaching and to speak with the children about their learning and experiences. Mrs Clarke and Mrs Erith shared our curriculum plans with Mr Parslow-Williams and analysed the impact of this by looking through the children's books. He also met with Mrs Brydon, our school SENCo, to assess our intervention provision and how we support our pupils with additional needs. The day was a huge success and we are delighted with the report that we received. We are very proud and would like to share some extracts from the report with you.

Key elements of teaching included: *"blistering high expectations", "rich use of language and a strong focus on subject specific vocabulary", "high levels of engagement" and "children taking pride in their work".*

Mr Parslow-Williams also commented that *"high quality of work is consistent across and within classes. Displays are excellent and help to reinforce the school's high expectations."*

Mr Parslow Williams was so inspired by his visit to the school and as a result has asked Mrs Flatman to share our approach with the other staff across the Trust. Well done to all the staff and children at Wortham, we are immensely proud of all of you.

Move up Day

The children had a wonderful day moving up to their next class and spending time with their new class teacher and peers. The children took part in activities which included 'getting to know each other', making artwork for the new class displays and playing team games.

Bubbles

We have decided for the last few weeks of term to mix our Key Stage bubbles so that we have two main bubbles. Bumblebee and Hedgehog Class will now be a bubble and Barn Owl and Otter class will be another bubble. We have reviewed our risk assessment and felt that along with the restrictions easing and the length of time that the children have been apart, that it was important for the children to be able to mix and play together again. They have been very excited about this and are once again enjoying the company of their peers in other year groups, something we are very proud of at Wortham.

Annual School Reports

On **Tuesday 13th July**, your child will be coming home with their annual school report, please look out for these in their school bags. There will be a letter attached from Mrs Flatman informing you about the content within your child's report and a feedback form for you to complete at your earliest convenience.

School Events

Please see below a list of school events coming up for the children to enjoy.

Special 'Class Day'

As we have not been able to go on our usual end of year school trips, we wanted to plan something special for our children and have decided to arrange a special day for each class during the week beginning Monday 12th July. Each class will have their own special 'class day' and will enjoy a range of activities. Your child's class teacher will be writing to you to detail the plans for their class. The special days will be as follows:

Monday 12th – 'Hedgehog Day'

Tuesday 13th – 'Barn Owl Day'

Wednesday 14th – 'Bumblebee Day'

Thursday 15th – 'Otter Day'

'Wortham Olympics'

Although we cannot have our usual Sports Day, we felt it was still important to plan a day of sporting activities for our children to enjoy. Therefore, we are holding our very own 'Wortham Olympics' on **Monday 19th July**. All the children will need to come into school in their PE kits. They will be taking part in 'Olympic' style track and field events during this day and will take part in their newly formed bubbles.

Goodbye

This year we say goodbye to another wonderful year six cohort. Goodbye to Eva, Molly, Olly, Dawson, Eve, Lily, Mason, Tegan, Millie, Mya, Florence, Maddy, Evie and Riley. It has been a pleasure to have you at Wortham Primary and to have seen you grow and flourish throughout your time with us. We are proud of you all and we will miss you. We wish you all the best best of luck in the next stage of your learning journey. We also say farewell to Mrs Emsden and thank her for all her hard work and dedication throughout her time with us at Wortham Primary School.

Looking ahead – September 2021

Class teachers and support staff:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Bumblebee Class	Miss Stevenson (Mon – Weds) Mrs Cartledge (Thurs – Fri)	Mrs Bloye (HLTA)
Hedgehog Class	Mrs Clarke (Mon – Fri) Mrs Erith (Thurs – Fri)	Mrs Yaxley (HLTA)
Barn Owl Class	Mr Varela	Mrs Widdeson
Otter Class	Miss Chenery	

Head of School:

Next year Mrs Clarke will continue in her role as Head of school while Mrs Erith will be returning to her to teaching and subject leadership role. We thank Mrs Erith for the huge contribution that she made to her role as Head of School and we are absolutely delighted that she will continue to teach in Hedgehog class and lead English (with Mrs Clarke), Art and Design and Technology at Wortham Primary school. Mrs Clarke will be teaching Monday to Wednesday and will be out of class on a Thursday to complete leadership duties. Mrs Erith will teach Hedgehog class on Thursday and Fridays. Mrs Flatman will continue to divide her time equally between Wortham Primary and Great Whelnetnam C of E Primary school and she will always ensure that she is based at Wortham every Friday.

Drop off and Collection:

From September, the collection and drop off times will return to normal. Please see the table below which details the times and location.

We will also be changing the way parents drop off and collect their children. From September, we would like to ask parents and carers to bring their children onto the playground when they drop off in the morning and to come onto the playground to collect their child/ren at the end of the school day.

In the morning, there will be a member of staff on each playground, to welcome the children and to supervise their play. At the end of the school day, each teacher will bring their class out onto the playground and will dismiss each child individually to the adult who is collecting them, just like we currently do at the gate. We hope that these changes will make drop off and collection times much easier and safer for everyone.

Class	Gate / Playground	Drop off Time	Collection Time
Bumblebee Class (Reception and Year 1)	Bumblebee Playground	8.50am – 9am	3.10pm <i>Gate opens from 3pm</i>
Hedgehog Class (Year 2 & 3) Barn Owl Class (Year 4 & 5) Otter Class (Year 6)	Main Playground	8.50am - 9am	3.15pm <i>Gate opens from 3.10pm</i>

Bags, Pencil cases and Water bottles:

From next year, children in **Bumblebee and Hedgehog class** will need to have a **school bookbag**, this is so we can store the bookbags in the classroom. Children in Barn Owl and Otter class may continue to bring in a **small** rucksack and if they wish, they can also have their own pencil case which can be kept in their school bag. Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle that they bring into school on a Monday and take home each Friday. Thank you.

Lifetime

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We are pleased to be able to reintroduce 'Lifetime' back onto our timetable from September. This will take place on a Friday afternoon for the last hour of the school day. Previously, the children have enjoyed Forest School, Yoga, First Aid, Tin Whistles, French and Sign Language. We are currently in the process of devising our plans. Once these are complete we will share them with you and all of the children in school.

New Fencing:

Over the summer holidays (if supply allows) we will be having a new perimeter fence erected around the boundary of the school grounds. This will include the side gates at either side of our public walkway as well as the fencing surrounding our school playground and the school field. This is a project that we have been planning for some time and we are hopeful that it will be ready for when the children return to school in September. We are currently waiting for the contractors to confirm this and have been assured that if the fencing materials are not available over the summer period, we will hopefully complete it by half term in October.

Thank you

Thank you to our parent community for all your continued support this year; from supporting your children with their remote learning, helping to keep our community connected and getting involved with FOWs events- we truly appreciate it. Thank you also to our staff who have continued to work tirelessly to provide the children with the best possible education and experiences, especially during a time that has been a very challenging for schools. Finally, thank you to our school governors and our wonderful FOWs committee who continue to support the school.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a wonderful, safe and healthy summer holiday. We have two PD days on the 1st and 2nd September and will look forward to welcoming all the children and their families back on **Friday 3rd September.**

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any matters, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or one of our Heads of School.

Best Wishes,

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