



## **Wortham Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to end of this school year, we have been reflecting on what has been another wonderful year at Wortham Primary. We are incredibly proud of our children and all that they have achieved both personally and academically. There has been a lot to celebrate this year and we are delighted with the enhancements and experiences that we have continued to be able to provide for all our children.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and Governors for their continued hard work and passion for our school. Thank you for your dedication to ensuring we are providing the very best education for all our pupils at Wortham.

I would also like to thank our parent community for your continued support. We greatly appreciate being able to work closely with you to help ensure that your children have the very best experience and outcomes. It was lovely to be able to hold our final parents evening of the year with face-to-face appointments and have the time to share with you your child/ren's achievements and the progress that they have made this year.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge thank you and show of appreciation to our fantastic FOWs committee. I cannot thank the committee and volunteers enough for all that they have done and supported Wortham Primary with this year. Without their fundraising we would not be able to purchase the special extras our children are able to have. This year they have paid for the virtual viewing of the Pantomime, purchased a new shed for Bumblebee class which will be used as an outdoor reading and writing area, Christmas gifts for each class, treats for the children and our incredible library – thank you from all the children and staff.

Please see below an update on events from this half term as well as some key information for September.

### Trips, Performances and Sports Day!

What a busy half term it has been! Our children in Bumblebee class and Hedgehog class had an amazing trip to BeWilderwood where they had a great time climbing trees, crossing bridges in the treetops, tackling tricky tunnels and zooming along zip wires! We were very proud of our children, especially those who were determined to conquer their fears! Barn Owl class and Otter class recently went to Suffolk Ski Centre and took part in activities which included ringos, tobogganing, mini golf and high ropes which included jumping between platforms high up in the air! Great fun was had by all and we were so impressed by their team work and their support for one another.

We were delighted to have been able to put on and perform our end of year production of 'The Pirates of the Currybean'. The children were all incredible; their singing was brilliant and their acting skills worthy of an Oscar!

Thank you to all our families who were able to join us for our Sports Day. The children had a fantastic morning where we held a dodgeball tournament and then a tri-golf competition. In the afternoon the children had a choice of the events they competed in. They had a great afternoon of sprint races, egg and spoon races, a challenging obstacle course, cross country, house relay race, a slow bike race,

dressing up race and the new addition of the vortex throw! It was a super day and we were all very proud of our children and their sportsmanship.

This year, we say goodbye to another wonderful class of year six pupils. Goodbye to William, Jay, Jesse, Elliott, Alice, Esme, Jed, Sophia, Alistair, Roan, Carl, Isabella, Ruby, Ellie and Ivan. 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 so very proud of you and shall miss you. We wish you the very best of luck in the next stage of your learning journey. We also say goodbye to some of our families and our parents. I want to thank you for all your support and for working so positively with the school throughout your child's time here at Wortham.

We also say goodbye and thank you to Mr Varela who also leaves at the end of the year. Mr Varela has been with us for five years and in that time has had a wonderful impact on our school and the children whom he has taught. We will miss you greatly but wish you the very best for your future and the next stage of your career.

**Please see below some key information for September:**

**Class teachers next year are as follows:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
Bumblebee	Miss Stevenson
Hedgehog	Mrs Clarke (Mon – Weds) Mrs Erith (Thurs – Fri)
Barn Owl	Miss Brookson
Otter	Miss Chenery (soon to be Mrs Banham)

**After school clubs:** a letter will be sent out when we return and clubs will begin the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**Swimming:** During the 1<sup>st</sup> half of Autumn term, children in year 5 and 6 will be going swimming. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Autumn term, children in year 4 and 5 will be going along with any children from year 6 who, at that point, have not met the National Curriculum standard of swimming 25m. A letter with further details will be sent out when we return in September.

**School Dinners:** due to the cost-of-living increases, we have been notified by our catering supplier that the cost of a paid lunch for years 3-6 will be £2.50 from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**Uniform:** white blouse, shirt or polo-shirt, black/ grey skirt, shorts or trousers, green sweatshirt or cardigan. Green gingham, black or grey dresses.

**School shoes:** all children should wear sensible shoes in black (not boots, high heels or trainers). All children should have trainers which they use for break times and PE.

**PE uniform:** black/navy shorts and green polo-shirts. Children with long hair must have their hair tied up. A hair tie kept in their PE kit may be useful. Please can earrings be removed on PE days or tape provided so children can tape over their earrings; this is for their safety.

Please note that children are not allowed to wear jewellery, only stud earrings (not hoops) and please ensure any nail varnish is removed.

**Medication:** Should your child require medication during the day, this must be given in at the school office and not left in children's bags. Parents must also sign a consent form.

**Water bottles:** children must have a named water bottle in school that they can bring into the classroom. These need to be bought in each Monday and will be bought home on a Friday. Children who have a packed lunch may like to have a bottle in their packed lunch as well as a bottle for the classroom.

**Hedgehog Class:** will need a bookbag (not a rucksack) as we keep these in the classroom. They will not need to bring their own pencil case or colouring pens etc as they have these on their tables.

**Barn Owls and Otters:** Please can children have a **small** bag for their belongings. Children in these classes are welcome to bring their own stationery and pencil cases to be kept in their bag, however, all stationery is provided in class.

**PD day:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

**First day back for the children:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Finally, I would like to thank you again for your support this year and wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. We will look forward to welcoming our children and families back on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Best wishes,

Hayley Clarke  
**Head of School**