



Wroxall Primary School newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another very busy week in school and September seems to be flying past already. With the sun continuing to shine this week, the children have appreciated lots of opportunities to be outside playing and learning.

Thank you for all those parents who have provided such positive feedback about 'Bug Club' so far. It seems that children are really enjoying reading on-line at home and engaging with the quizzes and comprehension activities. If you have any questions or queries, please do contact your child's class teacher who will do their best to resolve any issues.

As you will see the building work is progressing well and we are still on track for Greece and Italy classes to move into their new classrooms after half-term. In November work will begin on re-furbishing two of our internal classrooms ready for Jamaica and UK classes to move into after Christmas.

The extension to the school hall is also well underway and a crane will be arriving next week to assist with the next stage of this. Unfortunately we did suffer some vandalism on the construction site one evening this week. Although this was frustrating for the TJC team as brickwork was destroyed, the main concern is safety for unauthorised people entering a construction site. If you notice any unusual activity on site after hours, I would really appreciate if this could be reported to the police using their non-emergency number: 101.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,

Lynn Torrance (Headteacher)

Date: Friday 18th September
Issue 3

Important dates:

Development day: Friday 16th October

Half term break: Monday 18th October – Friday 30th October

Individual School photographs – 11th November

Last day of Autumn term – Friday 18th December

First day of Spring term – Monday 4th January 2021

Letters and Emails Home This Week:

Bug Club letter with log-in details

MENU: Week beginning

Monday – Sandwich Options (Ham, Cheese & Tuna)

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Wednesday - Sandwich Options (Ham, Cheese & Tuna)

Thursday - Sandwich Options (Ham, Cheese & Tuna)

Friday - Sandwich Options (Ham, Cheese & Tuna)

All children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal every day. Lunches are available for children in KS2 for £2.15 each day.



School Attendance (Target: 96%)

Week beginning 14/9/20

Australia Class 95.8%

Jamaica Class 96.6%

United Kingdom Class 100%

Italy Class 91.7%

Greece Class 95.2%

Class award: United Kingdom Class!

Number of children late: 1

Just a few reminders ...

Water bottles in School – Please continue to ensure that children only bring water in their bottles to use during the day. Juice or squash can be brought for lunchtime but no fizzy drinks please.

P.E. Kit – Thank you for your support with sending children to school wearing their PE kits on days when they have PE. Please ensure that they **only wear school P.E. kit** rather than additional branded or coloured or patterned tops, shorts, trousers or leggings. Plain white or plain blue T-shirts and plain black hoodies can be worn for PE. There is no requirement for PE kit to have a school logo.

Thank you for your support and understanding with the matters above.

House points weekly totals

Red House: 278

Green House: 297

Blue House: 308

Yellow House: 313

Congratulations to Yellow House!



Our hall extension and new classroom block are coming along really well. Greece and Italy classes are on track to move into their new classrooms after half term.



Our learning this week....

Robins: Robins have enjoyed reading our story of the week - 'Whatever Next.' We even found our very own pair of space boots and space helmet and had a picnic on the moon! We've also been busy making Gruffalo Crumble, cutting up our own rhubarb from preschool garden and apples from Daisy's apple tree at home - it was delicious!

Australia Class: Reception children have had a great week learning their new sounds 'S' 'A' 'P' and 'T'. They have been wonderful listeners! Year 1 have been equally wonderful learning their new sounds too. Everyone has also had fun this week creating aboriginal dot paintings of koalas, snakes and kangaroos.

Jamaica Class: Jamaica Class have been counting in 2, 5 and 10 forwards and backwards. They have also been showing how amazing their phonics are through fun games and activities.

United Kingdom Class: UK class have really settled into the swing of things this week. During English sessions, the children have been bringing together their writing skills as they produced some character descriptions based on our text driver, *Little Red and the Hungry Lion* by Alex T Smith.

Italy Class: There is a real buzz and excitement around reading at the moment and long may it continue. The children have been improving, growing in confidence and stepping outside their comfort zones, by challenging themselves to read with accuracy and emotion in front of the whole class.

Greece Class: On Wednesday, Greece class produced some fantastic silhouette pictures of an African landscape. The class really enjoyed the activity linked to our current topic. We have also nearly finished our persuasive speeches in English, ready to read out to the class. In maths, we are finishing off our topic of 'Number and Place Value' and moving into 'Addition and Subtraction'.

Message from the governors

The governing body met on Wednesday evening to discuss progress so far at Wroxall and to plan the year ahead. One of the things we focused on was how the start of the school year had been, following the extended closure of the site during the pandemic lockdown – how well the children had settled, how staff had adapted to new roles and how the ‘COVID-19 security’ of the site was holding up, given the additional pressures of ongoing building work and refurbishment.

I’m delighted to report that the meeting was a positive one, and I’d like to thank you as parents for your patience and optimism when returning your children to Wroxall – or bringing them here for the first time. In particular, Mrs Torrance reported that the welcome she had received from the school community had been friendly and constructive, which is such a good thing to hear and a sign of the genuine strength of Wroxall.

It’s been a very strange time for children; they have missed a lot, including the traditional transition work between classes or when beginning Reception, but what has been most reassuring is how ready they have been, how positive and how adaptable. This reflects the support and hard work of parents during those many months as well as the work of teaching staff online during that time.

They may have missed school, but they’ve clearly gained from the experiences you’ve given them in all sorts of ways!

There is, of course, much to do this year – there always is – but the school community feels as if it’s in a strong place to rise to the challenges ahead. On behalf of the governors, I’d like to thank you for your continued commitment to the school and, above all, to your children.

Richard May

Chair of Governors

Having fun at After-School Club



Staffing Changes

As some of you may know Miss Rosie Harrison and Mrs Kelly Bonner have decided to move on from Wroxall Primary School in order to peruse pastures new.

I’m sure that you will join me in thanking them both for their commitment to the school during their time here and their warm welcome and support for families in school. We wish them both every success for the future.

Miss Abbey Sayer will now be in the school office each day from 8:30am-2:30pm and we are currently seeking to recruit a new Family Liaison Officer for one day a week. I will update you with regard to this as soon as possible.

COVID-19 guidance update

As I’m sure you are aware, the guidance relating to COVID-19 and actions for schools and communities is constantly changing. As such I just wanted to clarify the current situation.

If a child is displaying coronavirus symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss or change of smell/taste) they will need to self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptoms started. The rest of the household will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

The parents/carers of the child will be asked to book a test online via nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 111. If the test result is negative, children can immediately return to school. If a test is not undertaken the child and family will need to continue the self-isolation period. If a negative test result was received, but the child then went on to develop coronavirus symptoms, the self-isolation period of 10 days would need to begin from when symptoms first developed.

Please let us know any test results as soon as possible. If children, who have been self-isolating, return to school before the end of the isolation period without communication with school regarding a negative result or medical advice giving permission to return to school we will follow set procedure and ask you to collect your child from school immediately.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times while we follow government guidance closely within school.