

Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter



Did you know... ¼ of your bones are in your feet?

Year 6 – Film

Our Year 6 will be watching the film version of 'Holes' next week.

As this film has a rating of PG can parents/carers let Mrs Southern know by **Monday 14th October**, if you do not want your child to watch this.



Daffodils Dreams - Chill & Chat Café – starting at Worsley Mesnes CP School

Daffodils Dreams provide children with the opportunities and essential items they need to thrive, pop in and see how they can help you – **Fridays 9 – 11am.**

Call in for a coffee and refreshments!

Homework Fun – Family Challenge.

This month's family challenge, we are focusing on using two hands together!

Cooking – kneading dough, stirring thick mixture whilst holding the bowl, rubbing margarine into flour, using a rolling pin, spreading butter on toast or spreading icing onto biscuits, are all things to try using two hands and to enjoy together.



Don't forget to send in a photo, for a chance to win this month's prize!



World Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October is World Mental Health Day, this day gives us the opportunity to raise awareness of mental health issues and advocate against social stigma.

At Worsley Mesnes we are here for parents/carers as well as all our children, pop in for a tea and talk, always welcome!

Join in and make a green ribbon or can you think of 5 ways to be kind to yourself?



Parent Governor

3 candidates have applied for the 2 vacancies we have for parent governors, therefore we have to hold a parental ballot. This is one ballot per parent. Ballot papers are being sent home and close of ballot will be **Friday 11th October at 4pm.**

Please return your ballot paper in a sealed envelope as all ballot papers will remain unopened until they are counted.

Please do not sign or identify yourself in any way on the ballot papers or on the envelopes, please just label your envelope 'Ballot Paper'.

Thank you for your support.

Applying for Reception Class September 2020

Parents have between 30th September 2019 and 15th January 2020 to state their preferences for their preferred school.

We understand from Wigan Council that they are not producing printed copies of the application form or booklet, as all information can be found on their website. If any parent is unable to access the website, or the application form/booklet, please request a printed copy by contacting the School Organisation Team on 01942 489013.

Online Applications

The online application service will be open from 30th September. There is a link available from the Wigan Council website on the primary school admissions page.

Parents can also access the 'Applying for a place at Primary School 2020/21' booklet via this page.

Paper Version Application Form

A copy of the paper version of the application is attached to our website for you to download, or please pop into our school office to collect a paper version.

Parents are requested to return their Wigan Council Primary School Application Form to any Wigan Primary Schools. The form includes a receipt, which school staff will sign and hand back to you.



FOTSA Disco

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our FOTSA Halloween Disco, due to not enough adult helpers, we always ensure the correct ratio of adults to children.

We would really like to continue with our Friends of the School Association and need parents to help – if you would like to help, please see Mrs Davies.

Cutting Grapes

Grapes should always be cut lengthwise so that they can pass more easily through smaller throats. Either slice them downwards in half, or for smaller babies, you might want to cut them lengthwise again into quarters.



Walk to School Week

We always encourage our children to walk to school and we take part in the Living Streets WOW Challenge and children log how they have arrived to school each day, achieving and collecting badges each month.

October is National Walk to School Month, so on week commencing **14th October**, Wigan Council will be sending us our Walk to School Passports to continue to encourage our children to walk to school.

Join in with us, have fun, keep healthy and complete your passport!



Tread UK



Our new Tread UK Club runs every Wednesday 3.20 – 4.30pm.

Come along and try new skills, soft archery, fire lighting, den building, orienteering, learn about wildlife, weather conditions and much more.

For more information, to book a place, please contact Mrs Davies.

We also offer our Champions Childcare every night 3.20pm – 5.45pm, contact the office to book your place.



Aldi's Kit for Schools

We're collecting Team GB stickers – help us collect 300 stickers to complete our poster in school and we will receive an exclusive sports kit, plus a chance to win £20,000.

Parking around school



Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking near school, by not blocking driveways, parking on pavements and double parking as this is a hazard for pedestrians and other car users.

Let's keep our children safe.

We also promote walking to school, why not try and park further away from school and walk some of the way, park and stride; keeping our area around school free and safe, and getting fit along the way!

Time to Apply for Secondary Schools

Please be aware that it is now time for Year 6 parents to apply for Secondary Education for September 2020.

The closing date is 31st October 2019.

The preferred method of application by the admissions team of Wigan Council is online applications, but if parents wish to do a paper application, forms can be collected from our school office.

Community Dance Session at Worsley Mesnes CP School



Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles will be starting a dance group at Worsley Mesnes CP School every Thursday evening 4.40pm – 5.40pm, starting tomorrow, for children ages 7 – 11. Open to all our school community, all welcome, come along and join in! **£1 per session.**



Unify

Please remember, every Wednesday 8.30 – 8.55, Miss Ainscough will be in our Hippo Zone if you would like to pop in and join Unify.

Come along and start saving, just putting a small amount each week into a bank account will soon mount up to a good saving.

One of the most important things you can do is start a conversation with your child about money and the importance of savings. Let them know how to save up for things that they really want, in addition illustrate how much their money can grow over time if they save.

Let them bring in a little each week, for example 50p, and watch it grow!



Attendance Matters

At Worsley Mesnes your children's attendance is very important to us and we aim for every child to achieve 97+%.

Having an excellent attendance will help give your child the best possible start in life and achieve to their full potential.

This year if your child achieves 97+% attendance, they have the chance of winning a brand new scooter with helmet – all children achieving 97+% attendance will be entered into our prize draw at the end of this term, the draw will take place on Thursday 19th December.

At the end of the year, all children with 100% will take part in the activity/trip, along with the class with the highest percentage over the year.



Wigan Authority – Education Penalty Notice for Non-School Attenders

A letter has been sent home from Wigan Council regarding penalty notice for school non-attenders.

The local authority can issue a penalty notice to parents/carers if a child has missed a number of sessions without permission from school. If your child falls within one or more of these categories within a 12 week period

- 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence with under 90% attendance
- 20 sessions (10 days) of unauthorised absence
- Persistently arrives late for school after the close of registration.

For more information, or any questions please ask Mrs Davies.

If you are aware of anybody who is having difficulty accessing the information on our newsletter because of literacy or language difficulties, font size or colour of paper, please ask them to contact us and we will do what we can to help.

Dates for your diary

Updates are in **bold**

Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:35am – 9:00am	
Fridays	Daffodils Dream – Chill & Chat 9 – 11am	
Thursday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day	
Friday 11 th October	Close of Parent Governor Ballot – 4pm	
Monday 14 th October	Walk to School Week – complete your passport!	
Monday 14 th October	Fire Service visiting Year 6 at 2pm	
Tuesday 15 th October	Year 5 & 6 Trip to Haigh Hall	
Monday 21 st October – Friday 29 th October	Half Term Holidays	
Monday 28 th October	Back in School	
Wednesday 30 th October	FOTSA Halloween Disco - cancelled	
Thursday 31 st October	Closing Date for High School Applications	
Tuesday 5 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations	
Thursday 19 th December	97+% attendance draw for scooter & helmet	
Thursday 19 th December	Finish for Christmas Holidays – 2pm	
Monday 6 th January	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 7 th January	All children back to school, 8.55am	

