

The Archer

School Newsletter NO 3

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

OPEN EVENINGS

Hopefully you have all received the information regarding our virtual open evenings between 3.30-6.30pm on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November. Bookings will go live today at 7pm. Please forward any queries to office@wentworthonline.co.uk

Book Donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated books for distribution between class reading corners and the library. We have been inundated with large quantities of good quality material. If anyone else has any books their children have grown out of and would like to donate them, please put them in the black post box outside the Wentworth Drive entrance. We will ensure they are sanitised and distributed to the appropriate classes.

COVID-19 MEASURES

Thankfully we have recovered from the COVID-19 cases we had prior to half term forcing us to self-isolate three classes and nine staff. Parents' support and understanding at this stressful time was, as usual, amazing.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of a second lockdown which commenced on 5th November, I received updated guidance late on Wednesday afternoon. The new guidance for primary schools varies very little from the original guidance. The only changes we have made is the provision of face shields for staff who, due to the nature of their role, have to work across different bubbles or have whole site responsibilities e.g. caretaking staff. In addition, we have purchased a disinfectant 'fogging' machine which will be regularly used to disinfect all classrooms and offices on a regular basis.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us by wearing a face mask on site, this is greatly appreciated.

ADAM GEMILI

Adam, as always, has maintained his interest and commitment to the school by donating £1000 to help us support our most vulnerable children and families during the current situation. He has been in regular contact with me to pass on his best wishes to everyone in the Wentworth family.

PSHE Policy and Scheme of Work

Thank you to the 54 parents who responded to our consultation regarding our PSHE policy and scheme of work. All the responses were very positive towards our approach to the teaching of sex and relationships education.

Virtual Tour – Foundation September 2021

Sadly, due to the pandemic, we are unable to undertake presentations and tours for prospective parents for their children's entry in September 2021 and have today posted a virtual tour on our website. Last year we received over 190 applicants for 90 places with 123 of these applications making us their first choice. If you have a child who was born between 1.9.2016 and 31.8.2017 it is now time to start applying for primary school places for September 2021. Please ensure that you make your application online via your home authority (Bexley or Dartford). If you will have a younger sibling starting school, would you please let the office know so we can keep a count of our sibling numbers (please ensure that you make your online application). Applications close on 15th January 2021.

CHRISTMAS

At the moment we are busy planning Christmas events that we are able to operate under the current guidance. I will write to you with further details once these plans are finalised.

Thank you
Mr Langridge

