

THE ARCHER

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 8

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

We have been through an unprecedented and extremely challenging period since lockdown was enforced on 20th March. Throughout the period we have remained open for the children of key workers and those deemed vulnerable. Since 1st June we have further re-opened to children in Years R, 1 and 6, this has been very labour intensive with two adults to each 'bubble' with a maximum of 15 children in each meaning we were unable to further re-open to additional year groups.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all of you who have worked so hard to support your child's learning through our home learning packages, you have done a remarkable job in teaching and balancing your work commitments.

Having received the guidance in relation to full re-opening in September we are in the process of planning for the implementation of these recommendations. The key information for classes in September will be communicated w/c 13th July when you are notified of your child's new teacher.

Other news items;

Academic Year 2020-21

Term 1 starts on Monday 7th September. Teachers/HLTA's and TA's will be preparing the school for the children's return during w/c31st August.

Term dates;

Term 1 – Monday 7th September – Friday 23rd October

Term 2 – Monday 2nd November-Friday 18th December

Term 3 – Monday 4th January-Friday 12th February

Term 4- Monday 22nd February – Thursday 1st April

Term 5 Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6- Monday 7th June- Friday 16th July

Staff Changes;

Sadly, at the end of this term we will be losing Mrs Diment who will be retiring and Mrs Sillett who will be concentrating on developing her counselling service.

I would like to thank them both for their service and support to the children and families at Wentworth and wish them well for the future.

In September we will be welcoming Mrs Potts as a teacher in year 2 and Mrs Connolly as Assistant Headteacher in Year 3.

Mrs Connolly will take responsibility for lower key stage 2 classes in years 3 and 4. I know you will make them very welcome.

Mrs Lamb and Miss Boreham will be moving from their current roles to become trainee teachers with KMT. Mrs Lamb will be in year 2 and Miss Boreham will be in year 6. I wish them every success in their training. This once again follows our policy of growing our own staff.

Our teaching staff team from September will be,
Early Years - Miss Skipp, Miss Morris, Mrs Britten/Mrs Harrison

Year 1 - Mrs Margrave, Miss Westbrook, Mrs Born

Year 2- Mrs Randall, Mr Harrington/Mrs Lamb, Mrs Potts

Year 3 - Mrs Forcella-Burton, Mrs Baker, Mrs Connolly

Year 4 - Mrs Turner, Mrs Franklin, Mr Murray

Year 5 - Miss Kerridge, Miss Dear

Year 6 - Mrs Davies/Miss Boreham, Mrs Coulson, Mrs Archibald



Reports

You should have all received your child's end of year report by now detailing their progress up until lockdown. If you have any questions regarding the contents of the report please e-mail them to office@wentworth.kent.sch.uk by Friday 10th July. They will then be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff for response.

Class organisation

Prior to our expansion process half the school had to be vertically grouped to accommodate year group numbers. We have now reached 3 form entry through to year 4. The only vertical grouping is in year 5/6 where a minority of year 5 pupils move into the year 6 classes on the basis of social maturation. This means that on the whole classes can move up through the school as a consistent group.

Lockdown Memories

May I draw your attention to Mrs Turner's recent email requesting your lockdown memories. It is her intention to turn these into a portfolio as a lasting memory of this unusual time. Any entries can be forwarded via;

lockdownmemories@wentworthonline.co.uk



Catering Contract

We have recently gone out to tender for our catering contract with a local company Nourish being the successful bidder. The process was carried out by the school buying club with Nourish scoring highly in all categories and receiving excellent references from their current schools.

We look forward to a strong partnership over the coming years with the children benefitting from a quality nutritious meal. From September the cost of a Key Stage 2 paid meal will be £2.50 a day for main course, pudding, salad bar and bread.



CIF Bid

Last year we benefitted from a £350,000 roof replacement project through the Conditions Improvement Fund, a central resource accessed through a bidding system. This year we have made another further successful bid for £142,000 to have the Key stage 1 toilets refurbished. This work should start in the next few weeks and be complete ready for the start of next term. Again this will be a major benefit to the children at Wentworth.

Daily Mile Track

Our daily mile track was completed back in June and has received rave reviews from the children who have used it, several undertaking many laps before the start of school. Once again this enhances our sports provision and encourages the children to develop active and healthy habits.

Soft Start

Since March we have operated a soft start at the beginning of the school day in order to stagger children's entry into school. This has proved extremely positive creating a calm environment at a normally busy time as well as alleviating some of the traffic problems in the local area.

This is a process we will be continuing with in the new academic year. The start time for your son/daughter will be communicated to you with the email confirming your child's new class for September.

May I wish you all a restful, safe and enjoyable summer.
I look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours Sincerely
Mr Langridge