

Werrington Primary School Newsletter - May 2010

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can all reflect on what has been a very busy half term with residential trips for Y4 and Y6 as well as SAT's and a General Election! You may have read in the press that a boycott of the National Tests for Year 6 pupils had been called for by the NAHT/NUT - Headteacher/Teacher Unions. Our pupils and staff continued with the tests in the normal manner given that it was unacceptable to opt out at such short notice, thus devaluing the hard work and effort the pupils and staff had contributed. **Please note current Yr 5 parents/carers that if they remain in place, SAT's next year will be in June!**

We are saying farewell to Mrs Moore (Teaching Assistant) who is retiring this half term. We all wish her a happy retirement after some 23 years association with the school. We really appreciate everything she has done for us and the children who have been in her charge. I am sure you will join with me in saying a huge thank you and extend best wishes for her happy retirement.

Walk to School - We have launched a new initiative supported by Peterborough City Council which encourages everyone to walk to school at least once a week. The children are logging the days they walk to school in their classes and badges are available for those who have managed to do this each week up to the end of term. I hope that you will find some time to consider how you may facilitate this for your child. It may be that if you feel the car is necessary, parking five minutes away from school to enable a walk would be possible.

Werrington's Got Talent – I would like to thank all of the children who put themselves forward for their class heats. We enjoyed an amazing talent showcase on Tuesday evening and everyone should feel very proud of their performances. I know from the many comments we have received that this was a very well received event and something we are being urged to repeat. We will be looking at this as an event for next year. Well done to all our finalists and in particular those who were voted in the top three. Well done staff - a great team event!

Parentmail - We have now launched our new system Parentmail, email and text communication system. You may be reading this via Parentmail. Our aim is to move to a paperless system with all information including newsletters, trip communication and event alerts being completed via this system. We have had a very good take up of this but we have ninety families yet to return the Parentmail form. This school year we have had four school closure days due to snow and heating collapse, this would have been more easily managed with text alerts and email. Please do complete the form or pop in to the Office and ask for another form if you have lost the original.

Werrington Primary Lead Assessment School - I am delighted to inform you that we have been identified as the Lead Assessment School for Peterborough. Over recent years we have been working very hard to implement new assessment procedures not least to develop a robust pupil tracking system. The Senior Leadership Team will be working with other schools within the authority sharing good practice and offering support. This is another example where we are working in partnership to support others and leading by example.

I wish you all happy holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 9th June** (*Teacher Training Day Monday 8th June*).

Yours sincerely,

Mr Wilding
Headteacher