

Werrington Primary School October Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We are almost at the end of our first half term and looking back it has been very busy. Our day visits programme is well under way and our first residential of this academic year has successfully returned. Thank you to the many volunteers who have given of their time freely to support school whether it be reading with children, helping in class or supporting children with their homework.

Parents Evening

Well done everyone – children, parents and teachers and support staff! It was lovely to hear lots of positive comments about the progress children have made this half term. This is also a time where important messages about attainment, behaviour and attitudes are shared. This year we have introduced an expectation that levels of attainment will be shared at the earliest opportunity. It is very important that you know how well your child is doing in school in relation to age expected outcomes. Children have been set curricular targets – the next steps for their learning. I hope you have found this informative and useful. This will be shared with you again at the spring term consultation and finally in the summative annual school report. Let us not forget that progress and achievement in all its forms are to be celebrated.

Day Trips and Residential Experiences

Day Trips - During the year your child's class will be going on a visit linked to their curriculum focus. School trips do add a fantastic dimension to learning and often children will be inspired to achieve greatly from such experiences. The school does however rely on voluntary contribution support from parents to enable the trips to take place. The school subsidises day trips as well as the PTA assistance relating to travel costs. I know many parents question why they are being asked to voluntarily support the costs of a trip. The simple fact is that without that support the trips would not run and school would have to find another way of delivering the curriculum on site. If we fail to secure enough voluntary support for a particular trip (despite the school and PTA subsidies) the decision to cancel the experience will need to be made.

Residential Experiences –Historically a Year 6 Trip to Scarborough has been available for Werrington Primary School pupils. Last year we introduced a Year 3 Stibbington Trip (3 days/2 nights). This was so well supported and successful it was offered again this year. This year was equally well supported and successful. There is an option to attend as a day pupil on this experience.

However the opportunity now exists for a residential experience in: Year 4 (3 days/2nights); Year 5 (weekend); and Year 6 (5 days/4 nights). The choice is there should you wish to take advantage of it. The costs of such trips must be met by parental support, given that they are extra. Residential visits will only be possible with appropriate financial support from parents. In circumstances where there is minimal support from parents such trips will be cancelled. We hope that as many children will be able to take part as possible however it is your choice and we understand decisions will be based on many factors not least financial. The School and Governors are very aware of the difficult financial times we all face. Payment schedules can be discussed with the school to support families requiring flexibility – please do come and speak to us. Pupils not taking part in the residential trips will be taught at school during this time and we

would endeavour to cover the experiences in a different way based at school. So far we have had a very good response to all of the residential trips planned for this year.

We are very fortunate to have staff who are highly skilled and willing to give of their own free time/family time to plan, organise and attend residential experiences. This for many reasons may not always be the case!

Extended Schools

The Werrington Extended Schools Holiday Club based at Welbourne Primary School will be operational this half term holiday. Please see the attached flyer.

I have been in discussion with Werrington Extended Schools Services Co-ordinator regarding opportunities to increase our before and after school care provision. This has resulted in a large financial investment for our site and will be in the form of a mobile classroom – good news for those who are on the waiting list I hope as this will compliment/extend the existing provision. The investment will also result in a community facility and music studio.

Sickness bugs

Over the past few weeks we have seen an increase in the numbers of children falling ill with sickness and diarrhoea. It is vital that a clear period of at least 48 hrs (School Nurse advisory period) has elapsed before a child should return to school. Please do consider the impact this could have in school if a bug were to spread.

New entrance and office

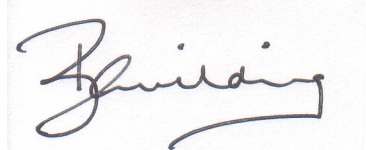
Slowly but surely we are getting there – I think I may be repeating myself! An important reason for initiating the works was to achieve a greater level of security for pupils on site. Once we have the new Office Reception working properly access to the site during working hours will change. The Key Stage 1 access will remain across the playground, however at 9.00am the doors will be locked and secured. The gated access from Amberley Slope to the footpath near the School's Out Mobile will also be secured and locked. This will mean that pupils arriving late will need to report to Reception via the car park entrance and new ramp access under the canopy. The gates will only be unlocked near to the end of the day to allow access to the playground areas for picking up.

Dinner Money

Thank you to those parents who have paid for meals on a Monday and particularly those sending this in via book bags. We have seen a reduction in the numbers of parents queuing to pay at the office window. Please do try and consider paying on a Monday and via book bags – it really does work saving you and the office valuable time.

I hope that you enjoy some quality family time together over the half term break. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to on your return including Fireworks on the 8th November, Peter Pan Panto 26th November as well as our Christmas Performances.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday, November 3rd.



Mr Wilding
Headteacher

Peterborough City Council, through the local Werrington Extended Schools Team will be running an October Half-Term Holiday Club at the new Family & Learning Centre on the site of Welbourne Primary School, in Goodwin Walk.

The Club will be managed and supervised by approved and trained staff and is OFSTED Registered, and supported by the PCC Sports Development Team.

WHEN WILL THE HOLIDAY CLUB BE RUNNING ?

From Monday 27th October to 31st October , between 8 am to 6pm daily.

WHO IS THE HOLIDAY CLUB FOR ?

Children aged between 4 to 11 years from all Werrington Schools

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST ?

£16 per day

£8 per half day (8am to 1pm or 1pm to 6pm)

£75 per full week

Additional siblings £8 per day (£4 per half day), £40 per full week

Child Care Vouchers accepted

WHAT WILL THE COST INCLUDE ?

Breakfast and snacks and full participation in the Programme. Packed lunches will be required.

HOW TO ENROL YOUR CHILD ?

For further information please contact the Werrington Extended Schools Team Office

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