

Werrington Primary School
Newsletter
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URGENT NOTICES:

Tuesday and Thursday Clubs will not run this week due to Parents/Carers – Teacher Consultations
Challenge Club Wednesday – cancelled this week
KS1 Mothers and Carers Assembly this Friday 19th March 9.30am

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly may I extend a huge and more importantly warm welcome back to you all. The events, stresses and strains of last week involving the sudden and total loss of heating will live long in my memory. In headship the challenge and exhilaration of the job/role is never ending and whilst I have come close to closing a school due to sewer/effluent issues, (apart from snow) this ranks as a first. I always endeavour to have a Plan B up my sleeve but on this occasion all other options to enable the school to open were deemed unsuitable including external electrical heating. However, if the situation had continued into next week plans had been established with appropriate resources including alternative school locations, transport etc to enable all children to return to school.

I am therefore delighted that we are able to open the doors as normal. Thank you very much for your support and in coping with this regrettable situation. The parents I have seen at school collecting work or spoken to on the phone, without exception have shown great understanding. I do realise that this will have presented difficulties in relation to child care and once again offer sincere apologies. During this time I have pursued every avenue to ensure school re-opened as speedily as possible. I do wish to acknowledge the great support we have received from Peterborough City Council Property Services and Children's Services. I also wish to thank the staff, who have demonstrated great positive attitudes working in this challenging situation. Well done team WPS!

The School Parent E-Mail and website played a pivotal role in enabling home – school communications during this time. We will be investing in a new system, which will include E-mail and Text/SMS messaging. The system is called ParentMail and we hope to issue the sign up details very shortly. I urge everyone to sign up so we can realise our paperless communication aspiration as well as provide an efficient fail-safe method for communicating with you.

We return to **Parent/Carer – Teacher consultation evenings** this week which I hope you will find informative. You will be able to explore your child's learning milestones, areas of success as well as targets for further development. Through working together all children benefit and achieve and we all look forward to positive conversations and plans looking ahead. I will be with our Soke Sports Netball and Footballers on Thursday until the tournament concludes at AMVC but will be on site towards the end of the evening to say hello.

KS1 Mothers and Carers assembly has been re-arranged for this Friday 19th at 9.30am. The children have worked so hard in preparation for this we wanted to allow them the chance to perform for you (apologies that it will be post Mothers Day).

We will shortly be installing new cycle shelters for KS1 children in the area next to the new school mobile (on the grass area). This will involve a concrete platform as well as the cycle stands and shelter. In view of this I would like to invite any/all parents collecting KS2 children (Y3-Y6) to use the KS2 playground whilst they wait for the end of the day release. The area next to the mobile classrooms is already very cramped and far from ideal. I kindly request that parents/carers wait until classes using this outdoor space return inside before coming on to the playground from 3.00pm onwards. I suggest the best area to wait would be along the Play Scape end of the playground allowing children to come out safely.

Thank you.

Mr Wilding
Headteacher

