

Werrington Primary School

February 2009 Newsletter

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My goodness what a difference a week makes! Thankfully we have managed to navigate our way to the end of this half term. It certainly feels like we deserve a break from the snow and ice adventures of recent days. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation during this time. The unprecedented snowfalls we experienced last week have given us all a great deal to consider and contend with. We have certainly taken the opportunity to review our response during this time. There are a couple of points I wish to highlight:

1. The school website seems to have been very useful in terms of communicating accurate and timely information – do check the site before calling school.
2. Parents who have signed up for the email alert have reported that this was very useful particularly when it is directed to a work email or web based email. Please do let us know if you wish to take advantage of this service.
3. Parents/Carers made careful decisions regarding picking up their child early from school.
4. The reduced access points into school ie via the front office worked well.
5. Heart FM and other local radio stations supported school closure announcements.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Mr Greenwood (Site Officer), ensuring school was safe to open. I wish to also thank Mr Baker and Mr Wade (parents) who generously gave of their time and energy clearing snow through last Friday morning.

Homework

The Governors Curriculum Committee are engaged in a review of Homework across the school. It would be good to have some parental/carer involvement on the working group. So by way of a reminder please do make contact via the school office if you wish to volunteer and join the group. A questionnaire has been created to gauge the views of our stakeholders and I kindly ask that you spend 5 minutes considering the questionnaire (hard copy supplied). We have created an online version of the questionnaire which can be accessed via:

Via the internet : <http://www.opensurveys.org>

Click on: I want to take a survey

Scroll down to : WPS Homework Questionnaire Survey February 2009-02-12

Click on link to survey Password: werrington (lower case)

The online version would be the preferred method of completion given the analysis tools available to the group. However if this is not possible all questionnaires will be gratefully received.

Annual School Report

We have another working group considering the format of the Annual School Report. I wish to re-advertise the working group and would like to hear from any parents who are interested in contributing to this very important review. A number of draft reports are currently being considered with formal consideration taking place next half term. Once we have established a shortlist of options we will circulate to all parents/carers. The aim of the group is to review the current format and create a new report that meets all of our expectations. Your feedback and response is vital if we are to get this right.

Local Authority Inspection

The school will be inspected by Peterborough Local Authority on Tuesday March 3rd. We view this as an opportunity to demonstrate our good and outstanding practice. The visit will also enable us to evaluate the impact of the recent initiatives we have introduced to raise achievement. The outcomes will be very useful, assisting us in our preparation for the next Ofsted visit. I hope that your child/children are sharing with you their progress towards meeting their targets in literacy and numeracy. If you have any concerns regarding this please do make contact with the relevant class teacher.

Eco Schools Green Flag Status

We had a visit from assessors regarding re-validation of our Green Flag status. The visit was hosted by Mrs Standen, The Gardening Club and Class Eco Reps. The assessors were very complimentary about the hard work of all the children and I am delighted to announce we have gained the Green Flag award. Well done to The Eco Squad, Gardening Club, Mrs Standen, Miss Lewis and all of the parents who support our eco clubs. They would like to remind everyone to log on to Generation Green (www.generationgreen.co.uk) and complete an energy survey which will earn the school green leaves to convert into renewable energy sources.

I wish everyone a happy holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Mr Wilding
Headteacher

Dates 2008-2009	
<p>16th Feb-20th Feb Half term holiday 23rd Feb School Opens 20th Mar Mothers/Carers Assembly 9.30am 25th Mar Y5 Assembly for parents 2.15pm 27th Mar Have Tea with the SLT 2.30pm 3rd Apr Break up today</p>	<p>25th May-29th May Half Term Holiday <i>1st Jun Teacher Training Day</i> 2nd Jun School Opens 8th Jun-12th Jun Y6 Scarborough Residential 3rd Jul School Report Home 17th Jul School Break up for Summer Holiday</p>
<p>6th Apr-17th Apr Easter Holiday * Please note 20th April School Opens 1st May May Day celebrations 11th May-15th May Y6 SATS Tests 22nd May Y3 Assembly</p>	
Term dates 2009-2010	<i>(School is required to set 5 Professional Training Days)</i>
<p>7th September Teacher Training Day(1) 8th September School Opens 26th October – 30th October Half term Holiday 2nd November School Opens <i>21st December Teacher Training Day(2)</i> 21st December – 1st January Christmas Holiday <i>4th January Teacher Training Day(3)</i> 18th December Term Ends 5th January School Opens 15th February – 19th February Half Term Holiday 26th March Term Ends 29th March – 9th April Easter Holiday</p>	<p>12th April School Opens 3rd May – May Day Bank Holiday 31st May – 4th June Half Term Holiday 7th June School Opens 21st July Pupils Break up for the Summer Holiday <i>22nd and 23rd Teacher Training Days (4+5)</i></p>