

Werrington Primary School
Newsletter
5th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend happy New Year greetings to you all and a warm welcome back to school. I trust you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas break.

Academy Conversion

On January 1st the school successfully converted to become an Academy and form part of the Soke Education Trust. This is the culmination of a great deal of work completed by the Trust's legal representatives and Peterborough City Council. I am delighted to share with you the new Trust website which can be located via: www.sokeeducationtrust.co.uk . The diminished role that Local Authorities now have requires schools to be innovative and forward thinking whilst working collaboratively in what is being termed the 'School Led System'. We are excited with the new opportunities that working as a Trust will bring whilst maintaining the unique opportunities offered at WPS.

Mufti Day

You will know that we have planned our annual fund raising activity for Zebel a child living in Myanmar supported via ActionAid for Tuesday 9th January. We have been overwhelmed in the past by your generous fund raising which enables us to support Zebel in receiving her education and support as she grows up - facilitated by ActionAid and the life changing work they undertake in Myanmar. We really do wish to focus our efforts on Zebel and ActionAid - in light of recent events in the country and concerns shared by members of our school community on the planned colour focus for our Mufti day **I would like to refocus our Mufti Day colour focus to be on the colours of ActionAid which are red and white or UNICEF which are blue and white**. If you are able to facilitate this for your child in some manner or form that would be fantastic. Please do remember as with all our Mufti events we do wish to make this accessible for all and so anything that can be worn displaying red / blue /white would be tremendous - not a whole outfit necessarily. I realise that wardrobes may have been organised for Tuesday 9th but hope that you will understand the reason for this change. We did not intend to cause any offence with the original Mufti day colour focus being those of the Myanmar flag - this is the country where Zebel lives. We do wish that the focus be completely on Zebel and hope you will still feel able to support our fund raising.

New Year's Resolutions

I am sure there have been resolutions made for this new calendar year ahead. I have made a few of my own and hope to see them through – good luck with yours! Could I please request sensitivity regarding parking and consideration for our neighbours around the school locality in 2018. Your assistance and cooperation in this regard is very much appreciated.

I do wish everyone a happy and successful return to school and look forward to sharing the many positive narratives that we will celebrate together in 2018. Thank you very much for your continued support and working together to achieve the very best outcomes for your child/children.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Wilding
Headteacher