

Werrington Primary School - Newsletter
July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is official the academic year draws to a close today - I cannot believe how this year has flown by!

Indeed, I am left reflecting upon where the last seven years have gone with our Year 6 - Classes of 2018 departing for the last time today. I can vividly remember their fresh faces arriving in the September of 2011 full of character and promise. Of course, we have also had some join along the way contributing and getting stuck in! I would like to congratulate all of them for their wonderful achievements and I look on with great pride as they move on to Secondary School – awesome job, well done everyone!

We also have some families who are moving out of the area at this time. I would like to wish you all great times ahead and thank you for your support over the years. Mrs Arling-Class Teacher leaves us to head back home to Australia and Mrs Tucker-Teaching Assistant is retiring. I am sure you will join with me in saying a big thank you and good luck to them both. Mrs Knox, Mrs Gavaghan and Miss Gordon join the teaching staff team for September 2018 - I trust you will give them a warm Werrington welcome on our return. You will note some of our Teachers are either already on, or will soon be on Maternity Leave during the early part of the academic year. We shall be wishing them happy family times ahead in due course.

I am in no doubt that through good partnership and close working with our families, learning outcomes improve. As we close the school today for the Summer Break, I know a good rest is needed. The staff work incredibly hard as do our children and I am sure we are all looking forward to re-charging and replenishing the well. I wish you all happy and safe holidays.

The Teaching Staff Team for 2018-19:

Year	Teachers
EYFS	Mrs Simpson/Miss Prentice (covering Mrs Gould – Maternity Leave) Miss Gadsby
Y1	Mrs Stockdale Miss Gordon (covering Mrs Gray - Maternity Leave)
Y2	Miss Woodliffe Mrs Gavaghan
Y3	Mrs Abbott Mrs Knox (covering Mrs Taylor – Maternity Leave)
Y4	Mr Pope Mr Colley
Y5	Mr Moody Mrs Newnes/Mrs Revell
Y6	Miss Chase Mrs Walsham

This year has been an historic one given the school's change of status from Local Authority control to Academy status and being a founding school within the Soke Education Trust. The future for us is very good with real interest from other schools looking at what we are achieving and considering joining the Trust. The Trust Headteachers have written to you – I have shared this below. On a personal note working in a dual role Headteacher/CEO is challenging and most fulfilling - made possible through having an amazing WPS Team. In particular Mrs Lidgett - School Business Manager has taken on many additional responsibilities combined with Mrs Threadgill and Mr Moody – Deputy Headteachers who are acting up as Acting Headteachers on Thursdays and Fridays respectively. I wish to publicly thank them and show my great appreciation!

Thank you so very much for your continued support and I look forward to another great WPS year ahead.

(School returns on Wednesday September 5th 2018)

Ben Wilding
Headteacher/CEO

Insight from the Governors at Werrington Primary School – Summer Term:

Miriam Wood - Governor

In May I was treated to the year 5 assembly which showcased many of the areas the pupils had covered in that year. They demonstrated that they have certainly fitted a lot in.

It started with scientists giving an exploration of space and the planets. Who knew that some of the planets had so many moons?

They took a part of the story "Tuesday" by David Wiesner and gave us a very funny sketch about flying pigs.

Crime and punishment was covered with a courtroom drama and a convincing policeman.

They interviewed the characters, Michael, his parents and a monkey from "Kensuke's Kingdom" by Michael Morpurgo.

The finale was a very memorable and contagious song about the water cycle.

I was reminded of lots of stuff I must have learned long ago but have since forgotten. Year five certainly seemed to enjoy their assembly and their teachers must be congratulated for making our children's learning so comprehensive and entertaining at the same time.

Charlotte Ollerton – Governor

It was great for our cluster of schools to host visiting speaker and consultant Gary Wilson in June. His expertise is helping boys succeed. He reminded us (again) that girls continue to out-perform boys in all areas of the curriculum. His challenge to us as parents and teachers is that we can do something about this. Some of his top tips for more brilliance from our boys?

- Big them up
- Give them responsibility and encourage their independence
- Feed and water them well - especially at breakfast
- Read to them - especially men and especially stories
- Hug them, be available for them, listen to them and let them have and express emotions.
- Oh - and let them crawl!

I was inspired and the boys in my family are doing more washing up as a consequence.

It will make them shine!

If you missed the session his little book, "Help Your Boys Succeed," is a must.



19/07/18

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year we thought it appropriate to write to you and inform you of some of the work that has taken place within trust since it was established.

Directors have met on several occasions looking at a wide variety of issues which need to be covered during the opening months of our trust being set up. They have taken a detailed look at standards at all of the schools as well as the finances within the schools. They hope to look in the coming months at how we can get the best value for the services we need to operate to be as efficient and successful as we can. Members will be meeting for the second time in October to ensure the core functions of the Trust are completed and hold the Directors to account for their decisions.

We would like to thank the parents/carers that attended the Boys writing session at Werrington a few weeks ago. The trust are looking at how we can enable more sessions like this allowing all parents/carers to aid the educational development of the children.

Local Governing bodies have attended training sessions with governors from all of the schools coming together to share good practice whilst improving their skills at supporting and challenging the schools they have responsibility for.

Headteachers have met on many occasions for a variety of things, all linked to school improvement and celebration of the skills and achievements of our four schools. It is encouraging to challenge each other about school performance and this also allows us to share good ideas and implement strategies to improve outcomes for the children. Staff in similar job roles have also been working collaboratively. Teachers have looked at moderation of work across the year groups as well as giving each other the chance to look around each of the schools. This is proving invaluable in pushing forward school improvement. Plans are in place for all staff to meet from across the trust in January 2019.

Finally, and most importantly, the children. Our trust ambassadors have been incredible. They have worked collaboratively from the very start and have been very honest and thoughtful in their ideas to help us continue moving forward. Across the schools a variety of work has taken place including an Art & Dance day in conjunction with Stamford Welland Academy and even being interviewed by a film crew on behalf of the French Department For Education. A highlight came earlier this month with our Soke Singers concert at The Cresset. It was fantastic to see the children shine not just as individual choirs but also as one group, working together and producing brilliance. We are starting to plan events for next year already!

Thank you again for your support over a very busy but rewarding year. We would like to wish you all a great summer break and look forward to seeing all of our families in September.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr B Wilding

Mrs R Simmons

Mrs F Hollingsworth

Mr R Thrower

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