

Werrington Primary School

Newsletter

May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for your support over the Summer term to date. Regrettably the weather put pay to our planned May Day celebrations. I would like to thank everyone for their understanding and congratulate the children for coping with what was our Plan B - inside option.

I would like to share with you a number of matters.

Swimming at WPS

It is with great regret that I must inform you that it has not been possible to recommission the school swimming pool. Unfortunately, time has now taken its toll on the structural integrity of the wooden framework and this requires a complete reinstatement. The Governors and I have sought every possible second and third opinion as well as remedial works to resume swimming next half term for Y2-Y6. Given that WPS has not required external swimming provision, finding a pool with any free slots at short notice has been challenging. However, one free slot was available and given the statutory National Curriculum requirements for the end of Key Stage 2, Year 6 will be accessing the Jack Hunt swimming pool. A further letter to Y6 Parents/Carers will be issued very shortly regarding the details of this provision.

We are looking at how a new swimming pool can be funded and installed for next year at WPS. To achieve this great aim we will need your help and assistance. As I am sure you are very aware the Education funding settlement is increasingly challenging. However we believe there will be interest amongst the Parent/Carer body as well as from local businesses to assist the school in a DIY – SOS type approach. I hope to be able to provide you with further details in the near future. It would be truly amazing to be able to reinstate swimming in our own pool – something we have been very fortunate to have been providing for decades. It could be that you would be happy to join a Project Group, share your expertise in general building/carpentry, consider a voluntary donation or offer time to lend a hand – all such options will be being considered as we go forward.

Mrs Lidgett School Business Manager – Retirement

I am sure you will join with me and all of the staff and governors at WPS in wishing Mrs Lidgett a very happy and well-earned retirement. The week of 3rd June will be her last week in school which also coincides with a handover to a new incumbent Mrs Hinton – School Operations Manager. Mrs Lidgett has given such amazing service to our school going well above and beyond for the children, families, staff and Governors. We feel very fortunate to have worked alongside such a generous, capable and simply amazing colleague.

Parking Complaints

Sadly, I must share that school has received complaints from our neighbours and local residents regarding inconsiderate parking. Furthermore, the Three Horseshoes Public House have requested that we share with you their car park is for patrons use only. WPS wishes to maintain good relations with our neighbours and kindly requests all vehicle users to work with the school in this regard.

The next two weeks will fly by and take us into the Whit Half Term break. We have a longer than normal second half of the Summer term to look forward to and I wish everyone continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Wilding

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