



WPS Newsletter October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The half term is drawing to a close and there are a number of matters I would like to share with you. Thank you very much for your continued support and working with us to achieve the very best outcomes for your child/children. During Headteacher Award's Assembly today an amazing array of determination, kindness, growth mind-set, improvement journeys, leadership and friendship awards were presented – I am so very proud of our children's collective contributions. Well done everyone.

KS1 Harvest Assembly - Food Bank collection

We are looking forward to inviting KS1 parents/carers into school for the KS1 Harvest Assembly. An invited guest has been into school (in September) and shared the valuable work of the Peterborough Food Bank. All donations of packaged produce is greatly appreciated. We have a very proud reputation for supporting others and this cause is indeed a very worthy one. Thank you in advance – this really does make a difference.

Autumn 2 – Year Group Curriculum learning plans

We are pleased to share with you the Autumn 2 Curriculum learning plans via the school website. We hope you may review these and use them as a source of conversation with your child before and during the half term (www.werringtonprimaryschool.co.uk via the Our Learning - link and Our Curriculum and teaching plans).

Parent/Carer – Teacher Consultations

We are looking forward to sharing great success stories during Parent /Carer – Teacher consultations this Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17th October. I hope this will be a great opportunity to understand how the academic year has started for your child and successfully built upon their prior experiences. This will also provide an opportunity for reflection and consideration of matters you may have concerns about. Working together we can find solutions and the Class Teachers will be keen to find positive ways of working together going forward. A ten minute time appointment is available for you - however a follow up appointment can be made to enable a more detailed discussion. I am sure you will understand the importance for everyone concerned that the consultations run smoothly and to time. Thank you for your assistance regarding this.

Yearly Student Update

During the Parent/Carer – Consultation you will be invited to review the contact and other details we hold regarding your child. The deadline for returning is Wednesday 30th October, however if you have the time to check and edit on the night, the form can be returned to the school staff who sign you in and out of the school hall. It is very important that we hold the correct contact details amongst other key information – thank you for your co-operation and support.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

We kindly invite you to complete a Questionnaire during your visit to school for the consultations. This covers many aspects and we value your feedback. Please do complete on the night and leave with the member of staff who has signed you in for your appointment – a pen will be available. Questionnaires can be dropped off at the school office after the consultations if this is more convenient.

Site Officer

On Thursday October 17th, Mr Hopkins - Site Officer commences duties. I am sure you will give a warm welcome to him if you see him out and about.

School Meals

Thank you very much for supporting your child regarding school lunch on CENSUS day. We had a very good return on the day which enables the school to be as fully funded for this as possible.

Water Bottles

We do encourage all children to bring a water bottle to school. There are water dispensers available for topping up and replenishment. It is beneficial if the children get used to organising this and establish good hydration habits. Names on bottles is immensely helpful in case of the bottle being lost.

Pupil Absence

If your child is unable to be in school we kindly remind you to call the school informing us of this on the first day of absence. There are times when the second element of this process is overlooked which requires parents/carers to confirm the reasons for the absence in writing when their child returns to school. Your assistance regarding this is very much appreciated.

Swimming Pool - UPDATE

The Swimming Pool project continues to gather a pace. I am hosting a meeting with B and H Services who look after the school's H+S and who will also be the project lead. I would be very pleased to be joined by parents/carers who have an interest in assisting the school with this project so we can assess what community support is available and then ensure this is coordinated safely. Therefore anyone who has an interest or expertise in the following areas of general building and maintenance/electricians/ground-workers/fund raisers or indeed prepared to offer some of their time during the project would be most welcome. Please confirm your attendance at the meeting via the school office so we may ensure the appropriate room is available for us.

e-Safety

As we break up for the half term holiday I wish to signpost advice and guidance regarding e-Safety as children may inevitably have more spare time available to them. Links and resources are available via the school website – School Information – Safeguarding and Child Protection. The links provided here may be of use as well as the general guidance provided: www.thinkuknow.co.uk – Visit the “Parent/Carer” Section and use the “Click CEOP” button to seek advice and report inappropriate behaviour or content; www.childnet.com – Visit the ‘Know It All’ Section for an interactive guide about online safety; www.getsafeonline.org – Free up-to-date Security advice.

Thank you for your ongoing support and working together with WPS. I wish everyone a safe and happy half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 28th October 2019.

Yours sincerely,
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Headteacher/CEO