



Werrington Primary School



Newsletter
6th December 2019.



SENCO

Congratulations to Mrs. Bolton who has been appointed as our new SENCO from January 2020. She takes over the role from Miss. Craig who is leaving to take up a well-deserved promotion as Headteacher at Tittensor First School.

Poppy Appeal

A huge 'Thank you' to everyone who contributed to the Royal British Legion poppy Appeal in school. We raised £617.56 to support our Armed Forces community, past and present.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner day is Tuesday 10th December – Please make sure that you have pre-ordered if you wish your child to have a Christmas dinner.

General Election

A General Election is planned for **Thursday 12th December** – The main Dining Room is being used as a Polling Station which means that we are going to have to be closed for pupils on that day.

Christmas Events

Make sure that the following are in your diary:
10th December – Christmas Dinner Day
11th December – Pantomime for Y1 to Y6
11th December – Reception and KS1 Disco (3:30 – 5)
11th December – KS2 Disco (6:00 – 7:30)
12th December – School closed for voting
13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
17th December – Nursery Nativity (10:30 and 2:30)
18th December – Rock Steady Concert (9:30)
18th December – Reception Nativity (2:30)
19th December – KS1 Christmas Presentation (9:30 and 2:30)
19th December – Termly Reports to Parents
19th December – Moorside Carol Concert
20th December – Last day in school before Christmas



School Governors

Our School Governors do a tremendous job in supporting school improvement. Our Governors are:

- Anne Hunt (Chair) – Co-opted Governor
- Rob Johnstone (Vice Chair) – Co-opted Governor
- Matthew Marshall – Co-opted Governor
- PCSO Steve Sherratt – Co-opted Governor
- Robert Williams – Parent Governor
- Rebecca Mayer – Parent Governor
- David Shaw – LA Governor
- Caroline Prince – Staff Governor
- Anna Welford – Co-opted Governor
- Jocelyn Morrison – Associate Governor
- Vicky Stevens – Associate Governor

A 'Thank you' also to Jean Fryer who has recently left us after having been a governor at Werrington for many years.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 13th December in aid of the Donna Louise. For a donation of £2, children and staff can come to school in their Christmas jumpers.



Christmas is a special time for all families, but when life is short, every moment counts. Every year, Donna Louise's amazing staff put their heart and soul into giving children and their families an utterly unforgettable Christmas.

The Donna Louise Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December is a fantastic way to do your bit this Christmas – Please support us with a donation on Christmas Jumper Day.

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is closely linked to good progress and attainment. Poor attendance increases the chance that a child will have gaps in their learning. Please make sure that where possible, your child is in school every day.

Big Book Boost

Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with them over £10, they'll donate £1 to a school of your choice for them to spend on books! If you do order any books at <https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk>, please don't forget to pick us to receive the donation.

End of Term

Our last day in school is **Friday 20th December**. We return to school on **Monday 6th January**.

Thank you to everyone who completed our questionnaire. We have been looking at your comments about what we can do to make the school even better:

What one wish do you have which would make our school even better?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I'd love to be a fly on the wall ▪ Wider path by Nursery ▪ More notice for events ▪ Online payments ▪ An astroturf/All-weather football pitch ▪ Encouragement to change reading books more often ▪ Swimming Pool ▪ Steps to the Office ▪ Have unicorns ▪ More funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More structured rewards system / more consistent use of Dojos ▪ Have full days for Nursery ▪ A Writing Club ▪ More blogs ▪ Car park ▪ More trips ▪ Smaller classes ▪ More sheltered areas for waiting parents ▪ More gym equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More PE / Sports ▪ Better Dinner Ladies in Dining Room ▪ More Forest School sessions ▪ Longer lunchtimes ▪ More water dispensers ▪ A Summer fayre ▪ Have a dedicated Art Room/ Science Room ▪ More male teachers ▪ Film nights ▪ Have class pets

The most popular comments were:

- Wider path by Nursery – We are constantly looking at how to address this. Quotes to widen the path are between £27,000 and £45,000 which put it beyond our budget at present
- Online Payments – We have met with various online payment representatives and will be introducing Parentpay early in the New Year. This is the same system that Moorside use. More details to follow soon.
- Improve steps to the office – We are awaiting quotes for putting an access ramp to the office. Once we have received the quotes, we will assess the feasibility/affordability of the job.
- An astroturf/all weather pitch – We are working with several funding providers to try to secure funds (approximately £300,000!) to install an astroturf pitch.
- More consistent use of Dojos – We are continuing to work to try and ensure consistency across the whole school.
- Offer full days for Nursery – We would love to do this but require support from the County Council and an additional classroom built on to the school. This is one that we'll keep working on.
- Have class pets – We do have guinea pigs in our Nursery but have to be really careful about potential allergies, and identifying who will look after the pet in school holidays.
- More notice for events – This continues to be a 'work in progress'. Most dates are released at the start of each term and can be found on our website. Dates for Commendation Assemblies can only be finalised a week before the event as the children are being chosen for commendation based on recent work/behaviours.
- Have a unicorn – The Year 5 Science Club have been experimenting with some very strange things so you never know



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