



Werrington Primary School



Newsletter
17th November 2021.



Gate by the Library

As a part of our covid security we do have a one way system of movement around the school. The gateway by the library is a designated **exit only** point – Please abide by this. Failure to do so will result in the gate being locked, restricting exit to the gate by the Co-op shop only.

I appreciate that walking to the main school gate to enter the school grounds is a (minor) inconvenience but many parents and children have reported that congestion caused by people travelling in both directions by the Library is making them very anxious.

Snow/Adverse Weather

I see that various weather forecasters are predicting some potentially heavy snowfall before Christmas.

Should we be forced to close the school due to snow, **we will let all parents know via Dojo and via**

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures.aspx

Please don't phone the school to ask if we're open.

Your child's teacher will set some online learning and will message you with instructions on how to access that learning - from the first day of closure there will be an understanding that many children will want to spend some time playing outside in the snow, and our online learning requirements will reflect that.

Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform and footwear to school each day. Please note that the 'hoodie' is PE kit only and not a part of our daily uniform.

Whenever possible we will be continuing to have outdoor break times – The

weather is getting colder (and wetter) so **please make sure that your child comes to school in a warm, waterproof coat.**



Absence

If your child is absent for any reason, please leave a message on the school answer-machine (01782 980010 option 1).

We do have to keep a record of absence reasons so please do give a reason for absence – If you don't, our office do have to call you back to ask.



Children in Need

We will be hosting a Children in Need Non-Uniform Day on **Friday 19th November** – Contributions/Donations towards this charity event should be made by payment via ParentPay (Link can be found on Christmas dates list below).

Reception and Nursery 2022.

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018?

If so, please can I remind you that you must apply for them to start school online before 15th January 2022. You can apply via:

https://ems.staffordshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

Even if your child has a brother or sister that attends Werrington Primary, or your child attends our Nursery, you will still need to apply for a place in Reception.

For more information, please contact the School Admissions Team at

admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk

If you have any questions, please do come into school and speak to us or call the above number.

If you need access to a computer to make your application, we can provide this.

We are aiming to provide opportunities for parents to visit the school – More details to follow soon.

Nursery applications will formally open in January, although we are now taking expressions of interest – Applications for Nursery should be made directly to our school office.

Christmas Events

In more 'normal' times, Christmas in primary schools is a wonderful opportunity to invite families into school to watch Nativity plays and join in with Christmas carols.

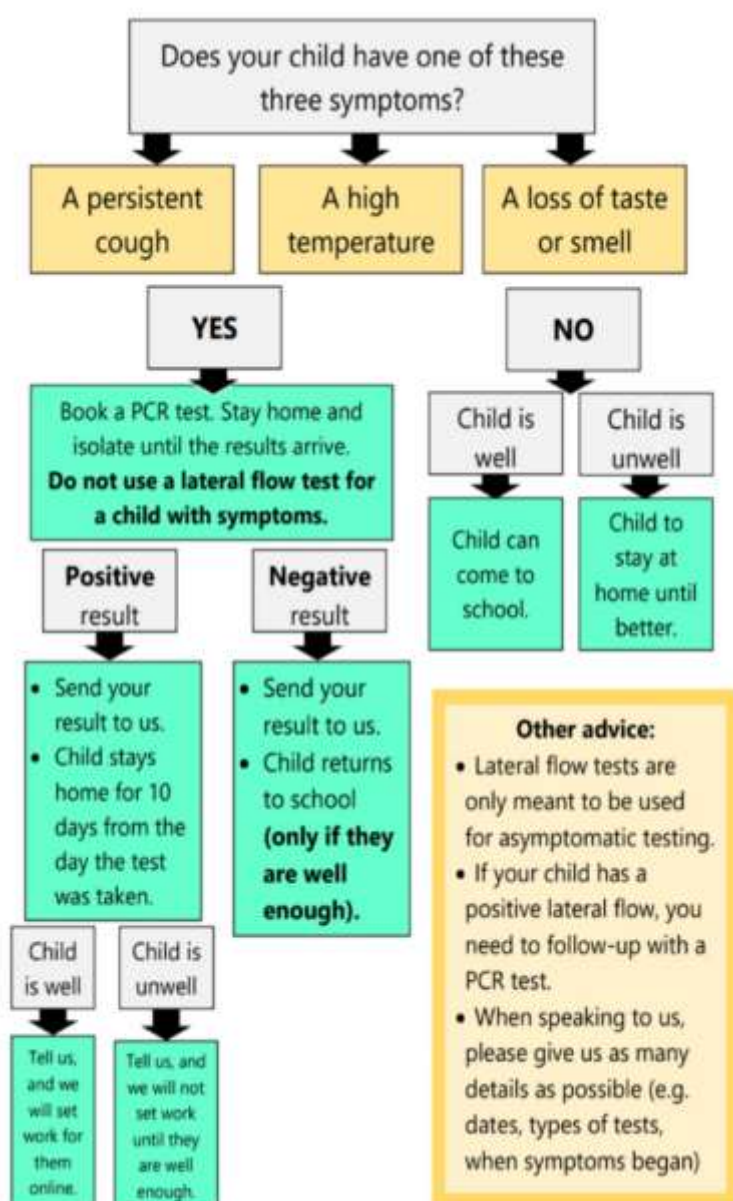
Unfortunately, it is becoming increasingly obvious that we won't be able to celebrate Christmas in the usual way. However, we are determined that children and families should not be deprived of Christmas good cheer and are arranging a series of 'virtual' celebrations with the children which we will share with families through Dojo and other social media.

In school, we still expect to have a visit from Santa and we will be learning and singing Christmas carols and celebrating the nativity – **Some Christmas dates can be found below**

Date	Event
18/11	Governors' Resources committee meeting 6 p.m.
19/11	Children in Need non-uniform day. Donate here
24/11	Werrington Connects meeting 2:30 – all welcome.
2/12	PTFA Present room
4/12	Werrington Christmas Market at Scout HQ. School choir performing and a school craft stall. 6 – 9 p.m.
6/12	Werrington Village Christmas lights switch on. 4 p.m. School choir performing.
7/12	Magic Show treat for Nursery and Reception pupils in school
7/12	Year 4 trip to the Museum
8/12	Christmas dinner day (pre-orders must be sent in by 26 th November)
9/12	Dick Whittington Pantomime in school for Years 1 – 6
10/12	Christmas Jumper Day – in aid of Dougie Mac/ Donna Louise charity – cash donations to be collected in school.
13/12	Special visitor in school - he will be bringing gifts!
13/12	Termly reports out to parents
17/12	END OF TERM

All events are also posted on the Events Calendar on the school website which can be found at:
<http://www.werringtonprimary.org.uk/events/>

Covid Protocols



Safeguarding

For your information: every school must have a designated lead and deputy designated lead officer for safeguarding issues.

Mr. McLauchlan is our designated safeguarding leader and Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Bolton are the deputy designated safeguarding leaders.

If you believe that a child is at risk of significant harm or is in need, then please do come to talk to us.

If you feel that you can't do this, then please phone either Staffordshire County Council First Response Team on 0300 111 8007 or Stoke on Trent Children and Young People's Services on 01782 235100. If you feel that a child is in immediate risk of harm, phone 999.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed you may now qualify for free school meals. Parents can check eligibility via this link:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Overview.aspx>

Following the link will tell you if you are eligible and it will also alert the school. Please note that this is different from Universal Free Meals which all Infant children receive.

Football

Congratulations to our football team. After a thrilling 3-3 draw with Crescent Primary Academy, the boys went on to win the game on penalties and progress to the next round where they will play St. Teresa's Primary School. Good luck boys. We'll keep you informed on how they get on.

Parking

Thank you to all those who are respectful of the parking rules around the school both in the mornings and at the end of the day.

This is to keep our community safe. However, it saddens me that there is still a small number of parents / carers who continue to park in breach of the law - please do not; I would hate there to be an accident as I am sure you would! Please also think carefully about where you are parking and do not block people's driveways, this causes a lot of upset for residents.

Werrington Connects

Our next Werrington Connects meeting takes place at 2:30 on Wednesday 24th November.

It's a great opportunity to contribute to our school improvement ideas, volunteer to support school events and/or to meet other parents.

Term dates

Our term dates for 2021/22 can be found below – Please note that 4th January is now an INSET day and that Summer term finishes at 1:30pm on WEDNESDAY 20th July 2022.

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Term dates 2021/22

	Pupil's Year	Staff Year
Autumn 2021.		
School Opens	Thursday 2 nd September	Wednesday 1 st September
School Closes	Thursday 21 st October	Friday 22 nd October
School Opens	Monday 1 st November	Monday 1 st November
School Closes	Friday 17 th December	Friday 17 th December
Spring 2022.		
School Opens	Wednesday 5 th January	Tuesday 4 th January
School Closes	Thursday 17 th February	Friday 18 th February
School Opens	Monday 28 th February	Monday 28 th February
School Closes	Friday 8 th April	Friday 8 th April
Summer 2022.		
School Opens	Monday 25 th April	Monday 25 th April
School Closed - May Day Monday 2nd May		
School Closes	Friday 27 th May	Friday 27 th May
School Opens	Tuesday 7 th June	Monday 6 th June
School Closes	Wednesday 20 th July	Wednesday 20 th July

Inset days:

- **Wednesday 1st September**
- **Friday 22nd October**
- **Tuesday 4th January**
- **Friday 18th February**
- **Monday 6th June**

Autumn Term 2022 starts Monday 5th September for staff and Tuesday 6th September for pupils.