



Werrington Primary School



Newsletter

13th December 2021.



Christmas Safety

Christmas is a time for celebrations, with many family and friends coming together to enjoy the festivities. Without taking extra care, it is easy to become distracted with so much going on and easy for disaster to strike. Please take a moment to read the Fire Services top tips for keeping you and your family safe this Christmas and New Year.

Smoke Alarms

- Ensure you have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home. A working alarm can give you and your family the vital time needed to escape a fire.
- Ensure you test your smoke alarms regularly.
- NEVER remove the batteries from your smoke alarms.

Electrics

- Don't overload sockets. Ensure only one plug per socket.
- Always turn off plugs when they are not in use, except those that are designed to be left on, like freezers.

Enjoying a drink at Christmas

- The direct cause of 25% of all fires can be attributed to alcohol.
- In 33% of all fires alcohol consumption was a contributing factor.
- Don't Drink and Drive – get those taxis booked for any nights out on the town.
- Never cook after drinking – you can easily become distracted.

Candle Safety

- Keep candles away from decorations, Christmas trees, cards, wrapping paper, fires, lights and heaters.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Ensure candles are out of reach from pets and children.

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.



Learning Ladders

'Learning Ladders', our end of term pupil reports, will be sent home (Electronically) to parents on **today** – Please look out for them on Dojo.

Christmas

Thank you for all your support during this particularly 'challenging' term.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Christmas Break

We break up for Christmas at 3:20pm on Friday 17th December and return to school at 8:45am on **Wednesday 5th January**.

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
- Mark Tunstall – Co-opted Governor
- Robert Williams – Parent Governor
- Rebecca Mayer – Parent Governor
- Jocelyn Morrison – Co-opted Governor
- Caroline Prince – Staff Governor
- Anna Welford – Co-opted Governor

A huge 'thank you' to all our governors for all of your support this year.

Snow/Adverse Weather

I see that various weather forecasters are predicting some more 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 or message staff individually via Dojo.

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.

Be clear on COVID

The most important symptoms we all need to know!



KS2 SATs

Important diary date: The Government have confirmed that Year 6 SATs tests will take place during the week beginning 9th May 2022. All pupils MUST be in school during this week.

Contact Information

Please ensure that the school office has current, up to date contact details for your child so that we can quickly contact a parent or carer in case of an emergency.

Returning to School

We return to school at 8:45am on **Wednesday 5th January**.

Updated Government guidance requests that all pupils take a lateral flow test just before returning to school – Your support with this would be much appreciated.

Please remember, Christmas is not always a time of love and laughter for everyone and can bring with it many problems for some people who are struggling and/or living in difficult circumstances.

HOWEVER YOU CHOOSE TO CONTACT US

STAFFORDSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINE

FREE and confidential emotional support

0808 800 2234

www.brighter-futures.org.uk

Text: 07860 022821

Email:

Staffordshire.helpline@brighter-futures.org.uk

Instant message: www.brighter-futures.org.uk

**365 days-a-year: Open: weekdays 7pm - 2am,
weekends 2pm - 2am.**

For anyone aged over 18 living in Staffordshire

