



Werrington Primary School



Newsletter
1st December 2021.



Christmas Lights Switch on

Our School Choir will be performing at the Werrington Christmas lights switch on at 4pm on Monday 6th December – The switch on takes place by the Werrington memorial/Jubilee Garden, near to where Oak Mount Road joins Ashbank Road. Everyone is welcome to come and join in with the Christmas singing. Mince pies will be provided.

Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget – Christmas Jumper day is on Friday 10th December.

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.

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.

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.



Christmas Dinner – 8th December.

Christmas dinner day is 8th December – please note that the ordering window for dinners on this date is now closed. Anyone who has not ordered a Christmas dinner for 8th December will need to bring in their own packed lunch on this date. All children, whether they have a school dinner or a packed lunch from home, are invited to bring in their own Christmas cracker to open whilst they eat their lunch.



Christmas Panto

All children in Years 1 to 6 will be invited to watch the Christmas panto in school this year. The panto is Dick Whittington and takes place during the school day – We have added an extra performance to allow for the year groups to social distance

Potteries Educational Trust

There are lots of exciting things going on in the background with our Academy partners at the moment.

You will soon start to see IT and technology opportunities for children get even better as we join forces with the 'Digital Schoolhouse' initiative. We will also start to take delivery of a large number of Chromebooks which the children will have access to in their classrooms – More information to follow soon.

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
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 – 3
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	Dick Whittington Pantomime in school for Years 4 – 6
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 Symptoms

Be clear on COVID

The most important symptoms we all need to know!



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.

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.

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.**

Funky Fillerz

A huge 'Thank you' to Funky Fillerz for donating a real Christmas tree to school this year.



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

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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

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our practitioners.

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Christmas Market

December 4th

At the

**Scout hut Bridle path
Werrington 6pm-9pm**

**Stalls such as: Plant pub,
Sweet about me, Scentsy,
Carolyn's creations cakes,
handmade cards, Crafts,
fragrances, children's
books, Werrington Primary
craft stall, trinkets and a
novelist, Hot food kitchen.**

**There will be performances
from singer Jo and the
Werrington primary school
choir.**

Gifts

Food