



# Werrington Primary School

## Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> October 2019.



### Online Safety Week

Our Online Safety Week starts on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

We are working together as a school to help our pupils become more responsible and resilient when using the internet and social media in school and at home. Please take some time this week to discuss how your family uses the internet. We'll be doing lots of extra work at school on social media and safe internet use over the next week.



### Extra-Curricular Clubs - Fridays

For the health and safety of all of our pupils we will not be allowing any cars on to the school car park between 4.15 and 4.40 after school on Fridays. There are a large number of pupils attending after school clubs on a Friday and the past couple of weeks have been extremely dangerous on our car park - for pupils and parents.

Please respect the decision and allow yourself time to find alternative parking at the Village Hall car park.

### Half Term

School closes for half term at 3:20pm on **Thursday** 24<sup>th</sup> October.  
School re-opens at 8:45am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### Harvest Collection

A huge 'Thank you' to everyone who sent in donations for the Macari Foundation. Miss Craig will be delivering the donations this weekend. 'Thank you' also to Caroline for initially putting us in touch with this super local charity.

### Ten Pieces

Over the last few weeks each year group has been assigned a piece of music from the BBC 'ten Pieces' series. This is a series that aims to open up the world of classical music to children and inspire them to develop their own creative responses. Each Year Group has been allocated a space in the dining room and has produced a piece of art in response to the music. The pieces of music can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07kdz8k> Why not listen to the music at home and ask your child about the artwork that they have done?

### Parking

Please can all parents/carers be respectful of our neighbours within the area when parking your cars. I've been asked to remind parents that you cannot park on the Chemist, the Village Surgery or the Library car parks. The Village Hall car park has been resurfaced and we encourage parents to park there. Thank you for your continued co-operation and support in this matter.



### Reading at Home

Reading books with children is a great way to spend family time. Research shows that exploring books can have lots of benefits for children, and it's also just fantastic family fun.

Here are some tips to help with home reading:

- **Set aside some time**  
Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.
- **Ask your child to choose a book**  
Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.
- **Sit close together**  
Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.
- **Point to the pictures**  
If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.
- **Encourage your child to talk about the book**  
Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.
- **And lastly, above all - make it fun!**  
It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!