



# Werrington Primary School



## Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.



### **Miss. Craig**

Miss Craig, our Assistant Headteacher and SENCO, will be leaving us at the end of December to take up a new position as Headteacher at Tittensor Infants School. This is a well-deserved promotion and I'm sure that you'll join me in wishing her all the very best in her new role.

I am delighted to confirm that Miss. Grosvenor will be joining our staff as Miss Craig's class new teacher. Miss Grosvenor is well known to the children and will be a fantastic addition to our staff.

### **The Co-Op Local Community Fund**

A huge 'Thank you' to everyone who shops at the Co-op and who selected Werrington Primary School PTFA as their chosen community cause – You have helped raise an amazing £1723-39 for our school.

### **Book Fayre**

Our Book Fayre takes place from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Located in the School Hall, the Book Fayre will be open between 3:30pm and 4:20pm on the Monday and Wednesday.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE: Seven Stars – Changes to home time routine**

A meeting of teachers from the Seven Stars network of schools is taking place at Werrington on the afternoon of **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

Over 90 teachers will be arriving at Werrington from 3:30pm onwards and so we will have to use the playground as a carpark on this day. This means that the side driveway (by the Co-op) will be closed to pedestrians, and so will the KS2 half of the playground.

We are asking parents to use the side gate by the library or the main entrance gates to enter the school on this day – Year 4 pupils will exit the school via the main office entrance, Year 5 pupils will exit via the covered way (The way that they usually enter the school) and Y2 pupils will exit the school via the wooden doors next to the carpark/Reception play area. All other pupils will exit via their usual route.

### **Choir**

Our wonderful school choir are singing at Jackson's Nurseries in Bagnall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. It is the first of their Christmas performances and all are welcome to attend. The children will be singing between midday and 1pm.

### **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.

### **Children in Need**

Well done to everyone who dressed up for Children in need on Friday.

We raised £466 for this wonderful cause.



### **Polite Notice**

Staff at the Werrington Pharmacy have contacted school to ask us to remind parents that they are not allowed to park on the pharmacy carpark when they drop off and pick up children.



### **General Election**

A General Election is planned for **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

This was the day that the PTFA had planned for the Christmas discos. Fortunately, we have been able to reschedule the Christmas Discos for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Parents Evening**

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evening last week, especially to all who completed one of our questionnaires – The results can be found overleaf.

It was lovely to hear such positive comments about the school and our staff.

Your comments on what we can do to improve will be looked at as we continue to develop our School Improvement Plan.

As always, your support is very much appreciated by everyone in our school.

### **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.

Thankyou for completing our questionnaire at Parents Evening – We had 214 returned

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	I am aware of what my child is learning - My child's work seems interesting and varied	70%	28%	2%	-
2	My child is taught well at this school	78%	22%	<1%	-
3	My child likes their new teacher	86%	22%	<1%	-
4	There is a friendly caring atmosphere in school	78%	22%	-	-
5	My child feels safe in school	82%	18%	-	-
6	I receive sufficient information about dates, events, etc (Newsletters, Dojos, Blog, Website)	76%	23%	<1%	-
7	The school supports my child's wider personal development.	72%	26%	2%	-
8	My child has friends in their new class	80%	19%	<1%	-
9	I feel able to contact the school to share any concerns I may have	80%	20%	-	-
10	This school makes sure that it's pupils are well behaved.	76%	24%	<1%	-
11	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at Werrington Primary School.	81%	19%	<1%	-

#### What are the three best things about Werrington Primary School?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Brilliant teachers</li> <li>▪ Caring staff</li> <li>▪ After school clubs/activities</li> <li>▪ Lots of friends</li> <li>▪ Passionate staff</li> <li>▪ Great leadership</li> <li>▪ Children are at the heart of all decisions</li> <li>▪ Use of Dojo</li> <li>▪ School motto is well embedded</li> <li>▪ Fantastic emotional support for pupils</li> <li>▪ Playtime</li> <li>▪ Diverse learning</li> <li>▪ Broad curriculum</li> <li>▪ Strong community focus</li> <li>▪ Friendly atmosphere</li> <li>▪ Pupils feel able to express any concerns with ease</li> <li>▪ You can always speak to someone at anytime if you have a worry</li> <li>▪ SEN provision / inclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ High standards</li> <li>▪ Approachable staff</li> <li>▪ Any issues are always sorted quickly</li> <li>▪ Safe and secure</li> <li>▪ Fantastic facilities and clubs</li> <li>▪ Anti-bullying</li> <li>▪ A happy place to be</li> <li>▪ Maths</li> <li>▪ New outdoor play equipment</li> <li>▪ The amount of varied homework</li> <li>▪ Amazing environment</li> <li>▪ Good results</li> <li>▪ Head and Deputy always being available on the doors in the mornings</li> <li>▪ Family feel</li> <li>▪ My child loves school</li> <li>▪ Transition/links with Moorside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Close to home</li> <li>▪ Forest Schools</li> <li>▪ Good communication</li> <li>▪ Parent mornings</li> <li>▪ School trips</li> <li>▪ School dinners</li> <li>▪ School grounds</li> <li>▪ Awards/Commendation Assembly</li> <li>▪ The Choir</li> <li>▪ Library</li> <li>▪ Behaviour</li> <li>▪ Friendly office staff</li> <li>▪ Support/promotion of mental health /wellbeing</li> <li>▪ Counselling support</li> <li>▪ Compassionate and understanding staff</li> <li>▪ Solid brickwork</li> <li>▪ IT equipment – Chromebooks, Ipads, etc</li> </ul>
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#### What one wish do you have which would make our school even better?

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