



# Werrington Primary School



## Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.



### **Primary School Admissions**

If your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 then you will need to apply for a place at primary school.

**Applications will close on 15 January 2020.**

If you are unable to apply online, please complete the paper application form and either: email the form to [admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk) or print out the form and post it to:

School Admissions and Transport Service  
Staffordshire County Council  
Staffordshire Place  
Stafford  
ST16 2DH

**If your child currently attends our Nursery, you will still need to apply for a place in our Reception class.**

**If you have a child whose fourth birthday is between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you can apply for a place at our Nursery. Applications for our Nursery must be made at our School Office**

### **Important dates for 2020**

Year 6 SATs tests will take place during the week beginning **11th May 2020.**

**All pupils MUST be in school during this week.**

Year 2 SATs will take place during May 2020.

Year 1 Phonics tests take place during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

**VERY IMPORTANT** - Please make sure that all of your child's uniform has their name clearly written on the labels so that we can return any lost uniform to its rightful owners.

### **PTFA Film Night**

Our PTFA have arranged a film night for KS2 pupils on 16<sup>th</sup> January – more details to follow soon.

### **School Funding – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

#### **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January is one of three dates throughout the school year known as Census Day. On these dates the school is required to collect and report certain information to the Department for Education, some of which is then used to calculate certain aspects of our school funding for the following school year. One piece of information collected is the number of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children having a meal on these dates. The more children having a meal, the more funding we receive. This is known as the Universal free School meal (UFSM) Grant – ALL children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals.

In order to maximise the funding that we receive next year, we would really appreciate it if your child could have a free hot meal on this **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – This would really help our budget in what, as I'm sure you are aware from the press coverage, is currently a challenging financial climate.

### **Smart Watches**

It has been very obvious that a significant number of pupils have had smart watches for Christmas and are now wearing them to school. Unfortunately, they are proving to be quite a distraction. We are concerned that pupils may be able to access both the internet and their phone service from school which may result in the disruption of learning or the potential for pastoral issues arising from the misuse of social media. For that reason, **we will not be allowing pupils to wear smart watches in school.**

A further concern is that pupils run the risk of incurring damage to this extremely expensive item as we are unable to guarantee the safety of the watches

Thank you for your support with this issue.

### **Discos**

Our PTFA have arranged for a Reception/KS1 disco and a KS2 disco on 5<sup>th</sup> February – Further details will be sent out closer to the date.

### **Keeping Fit and Healthy**

The following website is full of fun ideas for activities to keep the whole family fit and healthy  
<https://www.activekidsdobetter.co.uk/active-home>

### **Theatre Trip**

Our Year 6 pupils will be going to their annual trip to the New Vic Theatre on 23<sup>rd</sup> January to see the 'Prince and the Pauper'.

### **School Choir**

Our wonderful school choir will be performing at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham on 21<sup>st</sup> January as a part of the 'Young Voices' concert season. Along with almost 6,000 other children, they will be singing with Tony Hadley, The Shires and other performers. It promises to be a fantastic experience for everyone involved.