



Werrington Primary School



Newsletter

2nd October 2020.



Parents Evening

Under current restrictions we are unable to offer a 'Parents evening' this term. To compensate for this, staff will be sending a brief 'interim report' via Dojo during week commencing 19th October. The report will cover how your child has settled into school, any areas in which they are 'shining' and any specific areas where you might help support your child's learning at home.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

The school nurse team will be coming into school on 2nd December to administer nasal flu vaccines to children in Reception to Year 6. Permission forms will be sent to parents/carers before half term. Please return them to school as soon as possible.

Social Distancing

A huge 'Thank you' to all parents for continuing to wear masks whilst within the school grounds. We're constantly looking at how we can make the school even safer for everyone. The 'one-way' system around the school appears to be working well (and helping everyone increase their daily step count). Social distancing in some areas at the end of the school day can be a challenge. Can I ask that everyone is extra vigilant about this? As soon as we have a dry spell of weather, we will be painting some 2 metre markers on the main exit driveway to assist maintaining distances.

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!

School Meals

If your child has a school dinner, please try to order their meal using our Parentpay app, regardless of whether it is a 'free' meal or a paid meal. Our caterers have informed us that any order placed after 8am on the day of the meal might not be available and that an alternative meal might have to be provided instead.

Reminder - Mobile Phones

Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 are only allowed to bring their phones into school under the following strict conditions:

- Their parents have signed the physical consent form
- The phones are switched off before they enter through the school gates and remain off until they exit the school gates
- They are making their own way to and/or from school and need the phone so that parents can check that they are safe

Any pupil who does not adhere to the policy will have their phone confiscated. Their phone must then be collected by a parent from the school office.

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.

KS2 SATs

Important diary date: The Government have confirmed that Year 6 SATs tests will take place during the week beginning 10th May 2021. All pupils MUST be in school during this week.

Free School Meals

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of the most recent assessment periods (not including any benefits you get)

You can apply on at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx> or by emailing freeschoolmeals@staffordshire.gov.uk or phoning 0300 111 8007

School Office

We've been advised to ask parents not to visit the school office if at all possible. If your child has forgotten a piece of PE equipment or a drink, please don't pop back to school later in the day to drop it in to the office – we can always provide drinks to children who, as a one-off, have forgotten their bottle or wellies and we have plenty of clean, spare PE kit for children who need it

Reminder – Please note that side gate by the Village library is an exit only gateway



CORONAVIRUS

STAY ALERT TO

THE SYMPTOMS

**HIGH TEMPERATURE
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms.

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at nhs.uk/coronavirus