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NEWSLETTER

"Celebrate Learning, Achieving and Friendship in God's Love"

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SUNRISE BREAKFAST CLUB available daily: 7:45am-8:45am
 SUNSHINE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB available daily: 3:30pm-6:00pm



To book either please telephone 07581 710209 (Mrs Derbyshire) or
 email Derbyshire.D@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk



This Half Term's Value is **PEACE**
 & our British Value is **INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY**



DATES AND EVENTS TO THE END OF TERM

Monday	3rd December School swimming for Year 1 to Year 6: afternoon - don't forget your swim kit including hat.
Tuesday	White Tigers & Penguins PE today this week - remember your kits Y1/Y2 After School Multisport Club - Multiskills (last session): 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Benchball (last session): 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursday	Chess Club for participating pupils: Lunchtime Taekwondo Club (last session): 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Ladybirds Nativity: 9.30am School Nurse visit: flu immunisations for R to Y5 pupils where consent given. Becky Hunt music lessons and Water Rapids Lunchtime Band Christmas Fayre: 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Monday	10th December School swimming for Years 1 to 6 (last session): afternoon
Tuesday	Otters Dress Rehearsal: Strictly Lights, Camel, Action! 2pm (for elderly or those unable to make the evening performance).
Wednesday	Pupil Christmas Lunch Otters Performance: Strictly Lights, Camel, Action! 5.30pm for 6.00pm start
Thursday	Ladybirds visit to Amerton Farm Chess Club for participating pupils: Lunchtime
Friday	Celebration Worship @ Waterhouses Chapel: 9.00am Becky Hunt music lessons and Water Rapids Lunchtime Band Reports out
Monday	17th December No Swimming: Restarts next term
Tuesday	Pantomime Visit: Robin Hood @ The Regent Theatre, buses depart 9.45am, estimated return 2 to 2.30pm
Wednesday	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday	Christmas Service @ Grindon Church: 9.00am - please take pupils directly to church. No Chess Club restarts next term
Friday	School Closed - INSET day

Road Safety Week

Last week we honoured Road Safety Week during our PSHE sessions by completing quizzes, practical demonstrations and holding circle time discussions with the children about keeping safe on and around the roads near the school and our homes. The older children in school also learned about the meaning of various road signs and explored the Highway Code in more detail. Without our crossing patrol, we must work together to keep our children safe on the road outside of school, and so it is encouraged that you park and cross in safe places to model and reinforce our key safety messages with the children.



With that in mind, you may have noticed that the council has resurfaced the road outside the school. Currently the bus bay and no parking yellow zig-zag lines are absent. Please be aware that this restricted parking zone is still valid and the school buses still require clear access. The council will be around to re-instate them in the very near future.

Children in Need

We have been astounded yet again by your generous donations to our chosen charities. It is amazing how a few pennies add up to make a significantly larger number of pounds! Well done to everybody for raising **£63.30** for Children in Need this year by covering our Pudsey Bear in copper coins. Pudsey acquired some polka dots and balloons to accommodate all of the 1p and 2p pieces you so kindly donated!



Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



Another big 'Thank You' to all parents and children who lovingly put together a shoe box gift for the Samaritan's Purse appeal. A total of 7 shoe boxes were delivered to Shoe Zone in Leek and we await to hear where our tracked

boxes end up and whose lives they may impact upon.

Well done also to Gylan, who chose to donate to Oxfam and has purchased a goat for his Christmas gift! Your generosity and sharing spirit is heart-warming this Christmas time.

Poppy Appeal



Thank you for your support with our collection for the Royal British Legion. We raised a wonderful **£115.66.**

The school also received a certificate recognising our fund raising efforts over the years.

Y1/2 Benchball Tournament

On Tuesday 20th November Waterhouses hosted the annual Y1 & 2 inter-school benchball competition. This is often the first time our children get to take part in competitive sport against other schools so it was a great opportunity for our young Otters to experience being in a tournament. The children played really well showing great teamwork and co-operation and really enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to Horton St Michaels who were the eventual winners of the competition. Mr Walker



Team: Willow B, Alfie Br, Raif, Faith H, George, Harley, Mia, Leah, Lucas & Isabel Hi

Y5/6 Basketball Tournament @ QEGS



On Monday White Tigers took part in an inter school basketball competition at QEGS. Despite being placed in a very tough group our children battled really hard, showing great resilience, teamwork and skill. Out of all the schools taking part, Waterhouses were the only ones to receive an award for

their grit and determination. Well done team! Mr Walker

Team: Saffron, Gregory, Cameron, Star, Annabel, Imogen, Joe, Kaiya

Y6 Cheadle Fire Station Visit



On Friday 16th November our Year 6 children were invited to Cheadle Fire Station to take part in a Safe and Sound workshop. The children were involved in a variety of activities put on by the three emergency services

ranging from Fire Safety, First Aid (which included performing CPR!), Anti-Social Behaviour, Mental Health and Well-Being and Road Safety. The children really enjoyed the experience, learnt a lot of valuable "keeping safe" techniques and were a credit to the school with their behaviour.



Y3/4 Museum of Cannock Chase Museum Visit

Our Penguin children had a very interesting visit yesterday at the museum. They learnt about life during the war on the home front hearing about the experiences of evacuees to air raid wardens. A full report will be on the next newsletter.

"Under the Sea" Mental Maths

Congratulations this week to Charlie Hi who has achieved his Starfish level.



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Waterhouses Christmas Fayre

Friday 7th December

Our Christmas Fayre is next Friday - yes we are in to December and Christmas is around the corner! It will run between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. As usual, each class will have a stall selling creations they have made in design and technology classes. The older children will be running some fun games and the School Council will be running their popular pre-loved soft toy stand.

Thank you for the donations of soft toys already received for the School Council stall; more are always welcome!

The PTFA will also be running a couple of stalls including a **tombola**. **If you have any reasonable quality items - child or adult friendly, to put towards this stall they would be gratefully received.** Please could they be brought to school by **Wednesday 5th December**, thank you.

We are also informed that Santa will again be in his grotto!

There will also be several stalls from the community selling a variety of items - crafts and gifts, handmade baby clothes, scented candles and "glittery things", knitted teddies, wreaths, wooden items and Hartington Farm Shop items, Many thanks.

Flu Immunisation Reception to Year 5

A reminder that the school nurses will be in school next week on the morning of **Friday 7th December**. Below is a message from the Immunisation Team:

"Polite Reminder to Parents/Carers from the School Age Immunisation Team.

We shall be visiting school on **Friday 7th December** to deliver the Nasal Flu spray programme to Reception to Year 5 children.

Thank you to those who have returned a completed consent form already.

If you have not done so and would like your child protected against Flu please complete the consent form and return to school as soon as possible.

If you have mislaid the form please contact the team on **0300 1240366** to complete a verbal consent form over the phone.

Thank you

If there are any health changes for your child or they have already received the immunisation please let the nurses know.

News from the Kitchen

Golden Table

Owing to illness a couple of weeks ago we had a substitute on the Golden Table **Jack B** - well done to him for his lovely manners.



Last week lovely manners were rewarded by a seat at the table for **Harriet, Kathryn, Willow B, Skye C, Ethan & Evalyn S**.

Dining in style this week were **Isabel Hi, Katelyn C, Gylan A, Star McC-B, Kaiya McC & Hugo R**.

School Parent Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has opened up on the school's governing body for a new parent governor. If you are interested in being involved and would like to find out more about what is entailed please talk to Mrs Lafford or Mr Steve Richman, one of our current governors.

The opening has arisen owing to Hailey Alcock standing down from the role. We would like to thank her very much for her contributions and hard work during her time as governor.

Tins for White Tigers



White Tigers would like to re-use your clean and empty food tins for a Christmas project. Rather than putting them in the recycling please send them in to school, thank you.

Lip Balm

If your child needs to bring in balm for chapped or sore lips please ensure that it is named and that they know it is **not** for sharing with other children. It should be put away until required and not played with during lesson time. Thank you.

Foot Health

It has been noticed during swimming lessons that there are quite a few children having to wear socks because of verrucas. Please check your children's feet and treat promptly if necessary. Thank you.

QEGS Fun Day Monday

The Monday after school sports club at QEGS for Years 3 to 6 has proved very popular and will continue through the year. The planned themes for each half term are:

Spring 1 - Sportshall Athletics

Spring 2 - Dance and Gymnastics

Summer 1 - Kwik Cricket and Rounders

Summer 2 - Athletics

Children must have a signed parental consent form to attend the club. Letters are in book bags.

Leek Library

Code Club has been running for 9 to 11 years olds from 4 to 4.50pm on a Monday. It is a free event.

Lego club has been running for 4+yrs Mondays 4 to 4.45pm. Different theme each week. £1 per child to fund new Lego&games. Call for more details.

Contact 01538 332061 for information.

Sponsored Sky Dive

Our Teaching Assistant Miss Beth Hall will be doing a charity sky dive in February to raise money for the local charity Beau's Boots. If you would like to donate please see Miss Hall or go online to the Just Giving website via the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Bethany-Hall6>



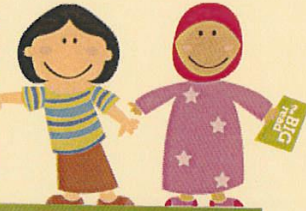
AcceleratedTM Word Count Leader Board Reader

Total Words Read This Year

5,336,660

Autumn 2
Week 4
15/11/18 - 29/11/18

1. Katelyn C
249,815



2. Belle N
112,671

3. Joe G
92,979



4. Imogen P
91,530

5. Cameron M
60,198



6. Cadence H
39,252

7. Carynna B
34,670



8. Ethan H
33,336



9. Charlie H
24,796



10. Mollie C
21,812

