

Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

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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
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Next Half Term's Value is **TRUST**
 our British Value continues as **INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY**



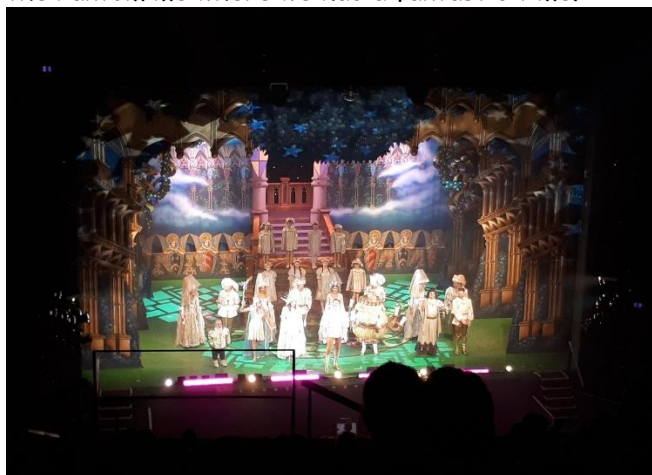
DATES AND EVENTS FOR SPRING TERM 2019 Starting Monday 7th January

	REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:
Monday	School weekly swimming lessons for Year 1 to Year 6: afternoon - don't forget your swim kit including hat.
Tuesday	Lunchtime ukulele club (nb. Mon 21 st Jan instead of Tues 22 nd Jan, & NO session w/c Mon 25 th Feb, Mon 25 th March instead of Tues 26 th) KS1 (Y1/Y2) After School Multisport Club - Benchball : 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	White Tigers & Penguins PE back to normal this week - remember your kits KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Multiskills : 3.30pm to 4.30pm Waterhouses Community Swim sessions: 6 to 9pm (Always check their facebook page to see if session taking place)
Thursday	Chess Club for participating pupils: Lunchtime Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Becky Hunt music lessons and Water Rapids Lunchtime Band with Water Voices Choir Waterhouses Community Swim sessions: 3.30/4pm to 5.30pm (Always check their facebook page to see if session taking place)
	OTHER DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM: <i>We look forward to welcoming you to some of these events. Please do check the website calendar for any changes as the term unfolds.</i>
Thurs 17 th Jan	School Census Day - please try to avoid your child being off school this day, to help us secure school funding. Thank you. SATS Information Evening KS1 & KS2 6.30pm (letters will be send out the previous week)
Fri 18 th Jan	Celebration Worship @ school: 9.10am
Wed 23 rd Jan	Phonics Parents/Carers meeting 4pm
Wed 30 th Jan Fri 1 st Feb	Y4 Laches Wood Parents/Carers Meeting at Waterhouses (Peak Cluster schools parents/carers invited): 4pm Celebration Worship @ school: 9.10am
Wed 13 th Feb Fri 15 th Feb	Foundation Stage Open Morning for parents/carers): from 9.30am Celebration Worship @ Waterhouses Chapel: 9am. Please take children directly to Chapel. Volunteers to walk back much appreciated. School closes for the half term.
18 th to 22 nd Feb	Half term holiday
Mon 25 th Feb Tues 26 th Feb	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS School re-opens for pupils. (Regular weekly events restart)
Tues 5 th March Thurs 7 th March Fri 8 th March	Pancake café (organised by Y5&6) - 1 pancake per child, cost tbc World Book Day - (details tbc) Celebration Worship - World Book Week, @ school: 9.15am
11 th to 15 th March Tues 12 th March Thurs 14 th March Fri 15 th March	Comic Relief Week & British Science Week Penguins class visit to Churnet View: 'Journeys' Science event - (details tbc) Y5 & 6 Standon Bowers Peak Cluster Meeting at Waterhouses: 6.30pm Red Nose Day - details tbc
Fri 22 nd March	Y5 & 6 visit to QEGS to see performance of 'Sister Act', 2.30pm performance. (Letters will be sent out)

Fri 29 th March	Mother's Day Celebration Worship @ school: 9.15am
Mon 8 th April Tues 9 th April Fri 12 th April	Parents' Consultation Evening: 3.45 to 6.30pm (Sign up for appointments in the foyer when text confirms available) Parents' Consultation Evening: 3.45 to 6.30pm Celebration Worship @ Waterhouses Chapel: 9am. Please take children directly to Chapel. Volunteers to walk back much appreciated. School closes for the end of term.
15 th to 26 th April	Easter Holiday - Have a lovely time!
<u>SOME DIARY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM</u>	
Mon 29 th April Wed 1 st to Fri 3 rd May	School re-opens for pupils for the summer term. Peak Cluster schools Y4 pupils Laches Wood visit
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May Thurs 16 th May	KS2 SATs Week School Census Day
Tues 21 st May Wed 22 nd to Fri 24 th May	Tempest Photography - Class photos Peak Cluster schools Y5 & 6 pupils Standon Bowers visit
Thurs 6 th June	Bag2School collection: 9am. Please bring in items anytime for school to store. Some bags are available outside the school office.

End of term message from Mrs Lafford

Wow! What a term we've had at Waterhouses CE Primary Academy! The last few weeks have been a flurry of festivities starting with our Early Years Nativity and Christmas Fayre & ending today with a beautiful church service with Reverend Alan joining us for our Carol Concert in Grindon. A very big well done to all of the children for their outstanding Christmas performances- the singing, readings, acting and smiling faces bring Christmas cheer to us all. As well as being lots of fun, they have also been successful in their mission to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas & set the tone for the holidays. An enormous thank you to all who have supported the children & the school in our preparations for the festive season but especially to the PTFA who have purchased Christmas gifts for all of the children in school, housed Santa in his grotto & took us all out to the Pantomime where we had a fantastic time.



We wish you all a very peaceful and joyous Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Y3/4 Museum of Cannock Chase Museum Visit

What a fantastic educational visit! Penguins spent the morning learning more about evacuees from our excellent guide Penny. We then worked in groups to prepare and present a drama based around the stages of evacuation, from being informed at school to settling in with their hosts in the countryside. Well-acted Penguins!



Following lunch we experienced an air raid with Cadence making an excellent ARP Warden. All the Penguins put their gas masks on, got to safety through the blackout and kept each other company crammed into their shelters waiting for the all clear to be sounded. They then enjoyed the opportunity to put on their cotton gloves and investigate some real and replica World War II artefacts.



For our final activities we split into smaller groups. Both groups got to complete some rationing activities - identifying foods such as powdered egg and Camp coffee, working out the real and fake wartime meals - is it crow pie OR jellied fish eyes?

Each group also visited a 1940s room complete with rag rugs, radio, taped windows and examples of wartime toys.

A big thank you to Mrs Matthews, Ms Blakemore and Mr Cooper for accompanying us and well done Penguins for listening so well and your great question answering!! Mrs Davies.

Ladybirds' Nativity

The children in the Ladybird class performed their Nativity Play, which was called 'The Magical Christmas Tree'. The staff in the class were extremely proud of the children as they sang, danced, spoke their lines and added British Sign language actions to all the songs.

School Nativity Picture Special

inside *The Sentinel*
Thursday 20th Dec



Otters' Nativity

Last week, the children in Otters' class took part in their annual Nativity Production. This year they delighted us with their dazzling dance show 'Lights, Camel, Action' It's Strictly the Nativity. We were entertained by a jam packed cast of nativity celebrities including some funky camels, & a disco star to a Christmas celebration with dance styles ranging from the tango to ballet, from line dancing to disco. It was a super performance and the teachers in Otters were so proud of their children.



Thank you for the donations, a total of **£40.09** was collected on the night. This will go towards further productions.

The Cheadle & Times photographer visited to take photos at the Dress Rehearsals of both Otters and Ladybirds' performances.

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>

Ladybirds at Amerton Farm

Last week the Ladybird class went to visit 'Amerton Farm'. The children all had an amazing time feeding the reindeers, looking at the different animals, going for a tractor ride, exploring the new adventure play barn & speaking to a very special man in a red suit.



The Elf who was helping Father Christmas commented to Mrs Hulme about the children's excellent behaviour and polite manners.



Waterhouses Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fayre, there was a wonderful atmosphere with lots of stalls and games and the highlight of the afternoon: a visit from Father Christmas. He seated himself comfortably in his grotto and welcomed a long line of children noting down what they wanted under their Christmas tree on the 25th!

The children had been busy in their D&T lessons creating for the stalls: beautiful decorations, lanterns and yummy cakes in baked bean tins!

The stalls on the night raised a wonderful **£291**.

Thank you to the PTFA for providing refreshments on the night, helping Santa as well as manning their tombola stall, raising just over **£750!**

Thank you to all those who donated prizes for the Christmas raffle and the PTFA for organising it. All have been delivered to some very satisfied winners.

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.

"Under the Sea"

Mental Maths

The children have been very busy this half term with their under the sea maths targets. Well done to all the children listed below:

Shrimp - Harry J, Harry H, Isabella A, Iris R, Evalyn S, Archie B, Orla, Freddie F, Charlie Ho,

Sea Urchin - Georgia, Ruby, Lexi R, Isabel Hi,

Starfish - Raif, Mia, Harley, Oscar, Leah, Thomas B, Willow B, Alfie Br, Ryan P,

Shrimp, Seahorse & Sea Urchin!! - Beatrice, Lexi B, & Ryan B

Seahorse & Sea Urchin - Lucas, Leighton, Bethany

Seahorse, Sea Urchin & Starfish - Kathryn P

Sea Urchin & Starfish - George H

Angel Fish - Constance, Hattie

Puffer Fish - Gylan

Stingray - Serita & Annabel

Shark - Jamie

Joe G has achieved his **Shark & Blue Whale** becomes a **Maths Ambassador** -

Maths Ambassador Katelyn has achieved her Self set Target: **Roman Numerals**

Sports Clubs

The sports clubs all start the first week back at school **w/c Monday 7th January**. Please ensure we have payment and parental consent before the day of the first session. Y1/2 will be doing Benchball on Tuesdays, Y3 to Y6 Multiskills on Wednesdays and Taekwondo is on Thursdays. Each club costs £6 for the half term.

School Swimming

Please remember school swimming will restart the **first** day back at school on **Monday 7th January** for Y1 through to Y6. Please remember swim kits including swim cap.

Beau's Boots Sponsored Swim

In November a sponsored swim was organised by Louise Redfern to raise money for Beau's Boots. A fantastic **£1,054.50** was raised! Well done to all the swimmers for their many lengths of the school pool that raised such a magnificent total. A huge thank you from Beau's Mum, Georgina!



Thank you to Lafarge Cement for donating our magnificent Christmas Tree again this year. As well as our usual baubles every child has made a wonderful decoration depicting peace which they then hung on the tree.



Thank you also to Lafarge for the calendars again this year. There are some lovely pictures from the pupils. Each pupil has brought one home.

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 - **starting 7th January**.

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 were sent home. We have some spares in the office if required.

News from the Kitchen

Golden Table

Congratulations to the following children who have had a place on the Friday Golden Table for their beautiful manners:

Ellie-Mae, Iris, Lucas, Isabella Ho, Lola, Savannah and Ryan P, Grace, Charlie Ho, Alec, Amber B.

The Christmas Table on the last day is for those pupils that have shown consistently good behaviour over the half term. Well done Jack, Thomas, Ethan, Beatrice, Ruby and Esme.

Toast price change

The cost of morning break toast from January will reduce from 30p to **20p**. Please do send in the correct money on the day as the pupil monitors that day collect the money for this.

Milk for the Spring Term

A **payment** of **£12.80** has been raised for Spring Term Milk for those who are currently having it at break time. Please pay promptly to confirm your child is still to have it. If you wish your child to either stop or start having milk please let the office know so amendments to the order can be made and payments removed or added.



2019/2020 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2019

Inset day: Monday 2 September

Inset day: Tuesday 3 September

Term starts for pupils: Wednesday 4 September

Inset Day: Friday 25th October

Half term: Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November

Term ends: Thursday 19 December

Inset Day: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2020

Term starts: Monday 6 January

Half term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Term ends: Friday 3 April

Holiday: Monday 6 April - Friday 17 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 12 April

Summer Term 2020

Term starts: Monday 20 April

May Day: Monday 4 May

Half term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May

Term ends: Friday 17th July

Inset Day: Monday 20 July

Holiday: Tuesday 21 July - Monday 31 August

Accelerated Reader Achievements

What a term it has been, bookworms! We have now read over 6 million words and we are well on the way to 7! Keep up the good work, children!

Points targets certificates were presented to target-toppers during last week's celebration worship at chapel. Certificates and book prizes were also awarded to the 'Most Improved Readers' in each class. The winners of this accolade were as follows:

Ladybirds - Archie B

Otters - Kathryn P

Penguins - Flo R

White Tigers - Belle N

Our 100% raffle winner this half term was George Harvey. He also chose a book to take home as a prize for his quizzing success.

And finally, attached to the newsletter is our Accelerated Reader word count leader board. Have a lovely cosy Christmas, curled up with a favourite Christmas story.



Accelerated™ Word Count Leader Board Reader

Total Words Read This Year

6,756,763



1. Darcie M
262,521



2. Saffron M
195,917

3. Belle N
172,071



4. Cameron M
144,874

5. Serita R
123,171



6. Katelyn C
115,551

7. Joe G
96,574



8. Imogen P
76,210



9. Mollie C
43,959



10. Cadence H
39,276