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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 **01538 308356 Option 3** (Mrs Derbyshire)
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Our Next Half Term's Value is **FORGIVENESS (Question)**

Regular Events for Spring Half Term FROM **Monday 6th January 2020**

Please check out our website calendar to keep up to date re our activities:

	Regular Weekly Events:
Monday	School swimming lessons Y1 to Y6 - remember kits including swim hats! Starts 1st day back, Mon 6th Jan
Tuesday	Otters KS1 After School Sports Club - Football: 3.30pm to 4.30pm - from 7 th Jan for 6 weeks
Wednesday	KS2 (Y3 to Y6) P.E.- afternoon KS2 After School Sports Club - Football & Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm - from 8 th Jan for 6 weeks
Thursday	Chess Club - Lunchtimes Ladybirds P.E. - afternoon Taekwondo: 3.30pm to 4.20pm - from 9 th Jan for 6 weeks
Friday	Music Lessons and Water Rapids Band & Water Voices Choir Running Club - Lunchtime KS1 P.E. - afternoon Forest School for WHITE TIGERS - afternoon

Foundation Stage Nativity

The children in the Ladybird class performed their Nativity Play called "Our First Nativity" to a hall packed full of very proud parents, grandparents and family friends. on Friday 6th December. All the children sang their songs, used British Sign



Language to say the words and spoke beautifully. The the Early Years staff were very proud of the children.

Thank you to every one who came along to enjoy this traditional start to our festive season.

Thank you to Lafarge



Thank you to Lafarge who once again provided a wonderful Christmas Tree which presided over our festive season at school. We thank them for their continued support.



The school has provided art work again for their **2020 calendars**. They are kindly providing the school with copies but are a little delayed and will be with us at the beginning of January so keep that wall space free!

Thank You Assembly

At a special assembly on Monday, the children said thank you to volunteers, governors, PTFA, staff and all who help them at the school. It is an opportunity for the pupils to recognise and appreciate the strong support team we have within the community.

Those who attended were treated to a hot drink and mince pie served to them by the White Tigers class while the Penguins lead the assembly which included songs and a lovely acrostic thank you poem.

Otters Nativity

Otters' class performed their nativity "A Midwife Crisis" on the evening of Thursday 12th December. It was a triumph with all the children giving a sparkling performance. Thank you to all that came to support the event; it was a packed house.



Thank you also to the PTFA for providing refreshments. Most of all a great big thank you to the children for their amazing performance. Mrs. Cooper, Mrs Derbyshire and Miss Hall are so proud of you all.



Thanks to your kind generosity a total of **£136.36** was raised towards next years costumes and licences.

Christmas Fayre Friday 6th December

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fayre on the 6th December, it was lovely to see so many families and friends.

Santa was in his grotto and had a steady stream of eager children wishing to tell him they had been good this year and what was on their Christmas list - he was even able to give them a pre-Christmas treat. Thank you to Santa for taking time out of your hectic schedule to join us.

The children had been busy in their D&T lessons creating for the stalls beautiful decorations and soap carvings. The White Tiger pupils manned the hoopla and Rudolph bean bag throw and Mrs Dunn did a roaring trade with her face paints. In total the stalls raised a wonderful **£223.13**

Thank you to the PTFA for providing refreshments on the night, helping Santa as well as manning their tombola stall, raising just over **£450**

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 surprised and happy winners.

Christmas Lunch

A big thank you to Mrs Andrew and Mrs Salt for providing the children & staff with a



wonderful Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 10th December. The children were very excited & thoroughly enjoyed their food (as were the staff!)



Ladybird visit to Burton Adventure Farm - 12th December 2019.

On a very wet December morning Ladybird class left on a magical adventure to visit Burton Adventure Farm and to see a special man in a red suit. On arrival we went visited the barn and acted out the Nativity story surrounded by the animals. We went to see the Elves at the sorting office and saw the letters we had written to Father Christmas before helping to sort out the different shaped parcels and posting them into the correct shaped parcel chutes. We also had to help the elves fix their magical machine by placing golden nuggets into the slots and pressing the golden buzzer.



We learnt about the North Pole and watched as the Northern Lights flashed

across the sky before we went on a very bumpy tractor ride to search for reindeers and scarecrows.



We enjoyed our packed lunches, visited Father Christmas and spent time exploring the indoor play area before returning home back on the coach to school. Very tired and extra sleepy.



Thank you Ladybirds your teachers are very proud of your behaviour and we hope you have a magical Christmas with your family and friends.

See our website for more photos



PTFA: Pantomime and so much more

A big Thank you to the PTFA who always play a major role in our celebrations at Christmas. They 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 all really enjoyed the the story of Sleeping Beauty.

There is more still to come as owing to the very wet weather in November the PTFA had to make the hard decision to postpone the Bonfire and Fireworks Night. They are hoping to reschedule for January.

It has been wonderful to see so many children extremely proud of their reading achievements this term. We want to say a big well done to you all but especially those who have met their targets for the first time, made excellent progress in their reading assessments or made it onto the top 10 leader board for the first time this term. Keep up the fantastic work!

Special certificates were given out at last week's celebration worship as well as book prizes for our 'Most Improved Readers'. These are as follows:

Ladybirds - **Monty T**

Otters - **Bethany G**

Penguins - **Thomas B**

White Tigers - **Skylar C**

The winner of our reading raffle was **Joe G**.

Finally, a massive congratulations goes to Cadence H who is our first word millionaire of the year. She took home a £10 book voucher to purchase more books to enjoy during these chilly evenings.

Ladybirds - **Freya J & Scarlett H**

Otters - **Harry J & Isabel H**

Penguins - **Alfie Br & Amber B**

White Tigers - **Cadence H & Kaiya M**

Well done to all of them.



"Under the Sea" Mental Maths

Congratulations to the following children who taken their next step in their maths learning.

Seahorse Level:

Lola A, Harry J and Freddie C

Sea Urchin level:

Evalyn S and Harry J

Starfish Level:

Francesca K, Beatrice T and Georgia A

Well Done to you all.

Forest School

Next term White Tigers will be accessing the Forest School on a Friday. More information will be sent out at the start of term. Protection from muddy and wet conditions will be required!

Becky Hunt Music



Next half term Becky Hunt will be restarting the **Water Voices Choir**. It will take place on Friday lunch times alongside the Band. We had a wonderful boyband trio last year. We know from our productions we have some great enthusiastic singers at school so come along and have some fun. Letters will come out in the new year. Please complete the slip if your child wishes to take part. The first session is Friday 10th January the cost for the half term is £6.

Keeping Warm!

The season of frosts, winds and damp weather and snow! are now upon us so a reminder to please ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed with a **warm coat, hat gloves, scarves etc**. Playtime isn't pleasant if you're cold and it always surprises us how many children come to school without a coat!

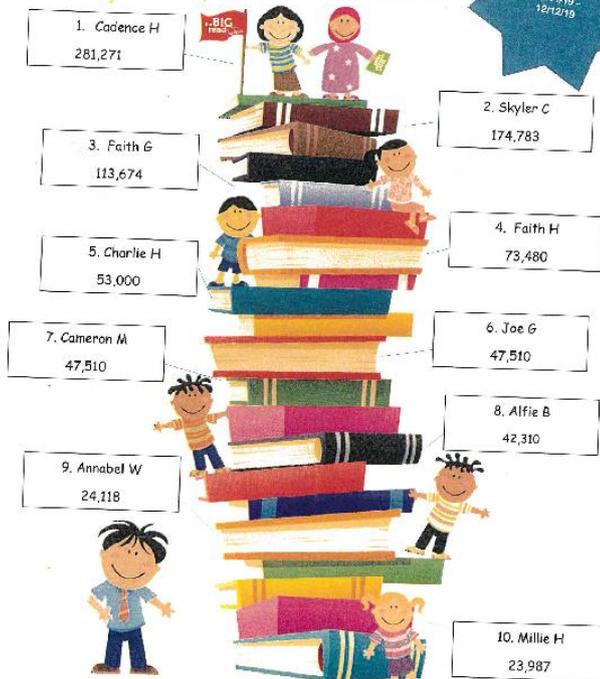
Warm, Winter PE Kit

A reminder for all children from Y1 - Y6 to have a warm tracksuit/leggings (plain grey or navy blue), as well as their shorts and T shirt, this half term please. When it is dry, we often try to go outside for games. Furthermore, to maximise PE time, we ask the children to change at the beginning of lunch time then go outside for break. With the cold weather approaching, we need to ensure the children stay warm. Thank you for your help.

Accelerated Reader Word Count Leader Board

Total Words Read This Year

5,665,324



Writing Awards

At the Celebration Worship last Friday we celebrated our writing in school. All aspects of writing are looked at: mark making for the younger children, sentence structure and grammar as they get older coupled with style and content. Hard work and neatness are also taken into account. This half term's awards went to:

British Legion Poppy Appeal



Thank you for your support for the local poppy appeal. Our school was able to raise a wonderful **£152.13** part of the £2,619 raised for the Waterhouses & District Royal British Legion total.

Old newspapers

Any old newspapers would be gratefully received. They will help in covering areas when the children are being creative!

Some Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 6th January: CENSUS DAY

Friday 20th March: Mothers' Day Worship

Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st March: Parents Evenings

Nativity and Carol Service

It was lovely end to the term at Caudon Church where the pupils lead the nativity story and we had a procession of candle lit christingles that the children had made at school.



The children had their Christmas parties today and were very excited to meet our special visitor and each received a gift from Santa.

**May the Waterhouses Primary Local
Governors and Staff wish everyone a very
Happy Christmas.**

We look forward to welcoming you all back
in the new year, on
Monday 6th January.