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NEWSLETTER

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

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Our Next Half Term's Value is Compassion (Give)

"Compassion is the wish to see others free from suffering" Dalai Lama

Where has the last 6 weeks gone! It certainly got off to an eventful start with our Ofsted inspection, and then the inevitable disruption that snow can bring. Thank you for being understanding - it's always a difficult balancing act when making the decision as to whether the school can remain open or not, especially in the part of the world in which we live.

Over the next half term we will be launching our Twitter account. Our Twitter handle is @WaterhousesPA We will be using this to keep you up to date with the exciting learning that is taking place every day across the school, both indoors and out. Further details will follow.

Mr Mason has been carrying some amazing work out in our newly refurbished garden area. He has been creating some raised beds which the children will be putting to good use later on in the spring.

On a practical note, can you please check that your child has the correct full PE kit with them in school. It consists of the following:

Indoor/summer - pale blue or white collarless t-shirt (with or without logo) and navy blue shorts.

Warm/outdoors - trainers, navy blue, black or grey tracksuit/jogging bottoms and sweatshirt.

Please see our website for more details.

We hope that you all have a super half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 24th February.

Mr D Wood - Headteacher

OFSTED - GOOD

We are thrilled with our latest Ofsted report and are really pleased that the comments of the inspection team recognise all the great work going on here at

Waterhouses, and what a caring and welcoming school we are. The inspectors could not praise the children highly enough. There is a lot to be proud of and we have already begun to look at how we can make the school an even better place for your children.

Thankyou to all the pupils, parents, staff and governors for your continued support and dedication, which has helped to make Waterhouses such an amazing place to learn, grow and succeed.



Children's Mental Health Week 2020 - Find your Brave



During 3-9th of February, the children joined other schools, youth groups, organisations and individuals across the UK to take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was "Find your Brave".

Children at Waterhouses found out that bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. **Finding your**

Brave can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

Life often throws challenges our way. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself.

We all have times when we need to **Find our Brave**.

Mr M Dodson - Deputy Headteacher



Safer Internet Day 2020

This week we have joined schools and youth settings across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2020**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and the wider community, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and celebrating **Safer Internet Day** is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. Therefore, this week we have been encouraging our children to explore how they manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others. We want **Safer Internet Day 2020** to celebrate difference and help us work towards creating a truly inclusive internet.

Please see our website for links to resources you may find useful in supporting your child online.

Mrs. K Cooper - Online Safety Lead



On Tuesday 4th February representatives of local company Lafarge visited school to present some wonderful art gifts to the children whose artwork had been selected for the 2020 Lafarge calendar. As the Early Years Ladybirds' class had been a whole class effort two pupils were selected to represent the class in the photograph. Well done to all the children for producing some lovely

artwork in an interesting variety of mediums for the calendar, which this year was the theme of 'Nature'.



Copies of the calendar were given to our school community including parents, staff, volunteers and Local Governors. Thank you to Plant Manager Stuart Hutchings and Calendar Co-ordinator Michelle Simpson for coming along to make the presentation.

Explorer Dome

In January the Otters and Ladybird classes were able to explore space when we had a visit from a star dome. It was set up in the hall and the children had a magical time learning about and seeing images of space and stars. Below is a write up from the Ladybirds class.

"We had a visit from Explorer Dome which was a great big star dome and Jim and Kia led the Ladybird class on an exciting journey into space. The children saw images



projected onto the inner dome of the moon, planets, sun and stars. They heard stories about Orion and his dog, how the sun rotates and is actually a star and how the sun moves across the sky causing the

different phases of the moon. The children looked at stars in the sky and created their own pictures joining them together creating their own wonderful images.



We role played taking off in a rocket before landing on the moon and putting on our space suits and walking on the moon just like Neil Armstrong did over fifty years ago."

Mrs Hulme



Tree Planting Event

We had a wonderful turn out for our tree planting event on Friday 31st January and I would like to thank all the adults and children who



attended and Katie, our Forest School Educator, who made the event possible. I would also like to say a big thank you to the Woodland Trust and the Conservation Volunteers for their kind donation of the trees.

Our website article has lots of pictures - do take a look!

Mr M Dodson

Forest School

Next half term **Otters class** will be enjoying 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!



Accelerated[™]
Reader

Accelerated Reader Achievements

It has been another successful half-term for our fantastic readers across the school. All of the children achieving their points targets for this half-term have been presented with a certificate during today's celebration worship. A big well done to you all! Certificates and book prizes have also been awarded to the 'Most Improved Readers' in each class. These are as follows:

Ladybirds - **Scarlett H**

Otters - **Isabella H**

Penguins - **George H**

White Tigers - **Cayden C**

As always, we also held our 100% raffle prize-draw. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children have been collecting raffle tickets for sharing and reading their library and phonics books at home. Our winner this half term **Isla B** has also taken home a book prize to celebrate her success.

And finally, attached to the newsletter is our Accelerated Reader Word Count Leader Board. Another well done to our 'top ten' readers who have each read an incredible amount of words since the last Celebration Worship.

Writing Awards

We continue to be wowed by the writing in school. This half term's writers of note are:

Imogen H, Felicity S, Iris R, Beatrice T, Willow B, Harry F and **Millie H**.

They were congratulated and received their certificates this morning in worship.

TT Rockstars

The children continue to be inspired by the TT Rockstars website doing tests at school and at home. Congratulations for their speedy times table recall this half term go to:

Rock Legend: **Ryan P, Alfie Br, Charlie K**

Rockstar: **Amber B, Savannah C**

Headliner: **Esme B, Faith G, Harry S**

Support Act: **Alec P, William F, Oscar G, Harry F**

Breakthrough artist: **Flo R,**

GIgger: **Cayden C**

"Under the Sea" Mental Maths

Congratulations to **Felicity S** who has passed the first level of the scheme and has achieved her Shrimp level.



World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 5th March 2020** and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion.

Here at Waterhouses we will be celebrating World Book Day by asking the children to **dress up as their favourite book character** and will be awarding prizes for:

- the best homemade costume
- the most original costume

We shall also be holding a **Design a Bookmark** competition. A blank bookmark will be sent home this weekend for your child to design as part of their half term homework. All entrants will be judged by one of our Local Governors and there will be prizes for the best entrants in

- EYFS/KS1 and
- KS2.

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining your local library if you are not yet members. For more information about World Book Day and ideas on sharing books at home, visit worldbookday.com

Children are never too young to start their journey with books and the benefits of reading are enormous - so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.

Best wishes.

Mrs K Cooper

School Swimming Lessons

School swimming lessons provided by Entrust will restart on **Monday 24th February**. Lessons will be for **Reception** through to **Y5**. Please remember to bring swim kits including swim cap.

Caps may be purchased from the school office in house colours. We have a list in the office if you are unsure as to which house your child belongs! We have new stock in and the cost is now £1.50 each.

Y6 will use Monday afternoons for concentrating on their studies for their SATS in May.

Keeping Warm!

Please remember to ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed with a **warm coat, hat, gloves, scarves etc.** Playtime isn't pleasant if you're cold.

When there is snow on the ground the children will often go out to play on the field at breaktimes, but only if they have suitable clothing and footwear - sturdy shoes or wellingtons to change into; please bear this in mind, thank you.

Shrove Tuesday, 25th February

Shrove Tuesday falls on the first Tuesday in the new half term, 25th February. The occasion will be marked with a couple of culinary events:

Pancake Café is back! Pancakes with a choice of topping will be available to all pupils in the morning. The cost will be 20p per pancake (1 per pupil), brought in on the day please. There will be no toast that day (toast payments raised have been adjusted accordingly).

Mrs Andrew will also be cooking up a themed dinner that day:-

Sadie celebrates Pancake Day

Tuesday 25th February

Pancake Day

Choose a Main Meal...

Local Sausages, Creamy Mash & Gravy
or
Staffordshire Oatcakes with Cheese (v)

On the Side...

Fresh Carrots
Sweetcorn

On the Side...

Lemon Pancakes
or
Cooks Homemade Traybake

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PTFA Chocolate Bingo

This annual event will take place on **Friday 27th March**. Doors will open 6.30pm with eyes down 7.00pm. It is always a busy and fun night.

There will be a **Non School Uniform day on Friday 13th March** in exchange for chocolate donations for the main event.

Mrs Bradbury Swimming for Diabetes UK

Starting on **Saturday 22nd February** I will be starting my 22 Mile sponsored swim challenge raising money for Diabetes UK. Any money raised will help fund life saving research and support for people living with Diabetes.

The challenge will be over 12 weeks and involve 1539 lengths of our pool. Roughly 128 a week! I will be sending regularly updates of my progress and if you would like to sponsor me please come and see me or call in at the office. Thank you.

Mrs A Bradbury



No Smoking Please!

Of late we have been finding used cigarette butts in the school playground. We would like to reiterate that we **do not allow smoking** on our school premises or grounds and we have asked groups that let our pool and premises to pass this on to their clients.

We also ask that e-cigarettes are not used on school grounds. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Free School Meals

Parents claiming some benefits may be eligible to claim free school meals status (FSM) for any school age.

Registering your child for Free School Meals not only provides free healthy meals every lunchtime, it raises funding for the school from the government. This money, pupil premium, is used by the school to offer pupils invaluable additional support and to fund after-school activities.

FSM are available to any family in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

To check whether your child is eligible you can search <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and then apply on the Local Authority's website.

You can apply at any time, and Staffs County Council will contact you with more information once your application has been accepted.

Thank you for your support and for helping to make sure the school receives as much funding as possible

Community Links

An Invitation to all school age children

join the J-Team

on Tuesdays from 4.00pm to 5.00pm
at Waterhouses Methodist Chapel

There will be Bible stories, drawing, craft,
singing and refreshments.

Starts Tuesday 25th February

to give every pupil the support and education they deserve.

Staff Changes

We would like to welcome **Mrs Brenda Fallows** to the team, she will be assisting Mrs Rushton with keeping our school spick and span!

We are also pleased to welcome **Mrs Sarah Russell** and **Mrs Maria Shilstra** as volunteer readers. They are helping out listening to pupil's reading their school books.

Amy Louise Dance

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MONDAY 17TH FEB **FOOTBALL FRENZY**
Action packed day full of football. Put your skills to the test as we tackle lots of skills and drills as well as mini matches and competitions.

TUESDAY 18TH FEB **MIXED SPORTS MADNESS**
Come and join us as we take part in lots sports including Benchball, Dodgeball, football & much more. Learn new skills and make new friends.

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEB **FIFA 20 COMP + ACTIVITY DAY**
Think you've got what it takes to be crown the FIFA 20 champion? Take part in a battling day to become the FIFA 20 Junior champion. As well as the competition there will be other sporting games and challenges throughout the day. Lots of prizes!! Not to be missed!!!

THURSDAY 20TH FEB **SPORTY SPECTACULAR**
Finishing this week with the ultimate sports events. Take part in many sporting games & Competitions.

10am - 3pm | £15 only | Horton St Michaels School - ST13 8RU

For Booking, contact Adrian now: **07972361660** **adrian.ltfccommunity@hotmail.com**

Regular Events for Spring Half Term FROM Monday 24th February 2020

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

<https://waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk/parents/calendar-term-dates/>

	Regular Weekly Events:
Monday	School swimming lessons R to Y5 - remember kits including swim hats. Starts 1st day back!
Tuesday	Street Dance Club (Y1 to Y4): Lunchtime - from 25 th Feb for 6 weeks Otters' KS1 After School Sports Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm - from 25 th Feb for 6 weeks
Wednesday	KS2 (Y3 to Y6) P.E.- afternoon KS2 After School Sports Club - Cricket & Benchball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm - from 26 th Feb for 6 weeks
Thursday	Otters' Running Club: Lunchtime Chess Club (Y3 to Y6) - Lunchtime Ladybirds P.E. - afternoon Taekwondo: 3.30pm to 4.20pm - from 27 th Feb for 6 weeks
Friday	Music Lessons and Lunchtime Water Rapids Band & Water Voices Choir KS2 Running Club - Lunchtime KS1 P.E. - afternoon Forest School for OTTERS - afternoon

Some Future Dates for Your Diary

Spring 2 Half Term

Tuesday 25th Feb: Shrove Tuesday - Pancake café.

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day

Friday 6th March: Celebration Worship 9.15am

Friday 13th March: Non Uniform Day for PTFA Chocolate Bingo Donations

Friday 20th March: Mothers' Day Worship 9.15am

Friday 20th March: White Tigers visit to Legally Blonde production @ QEGS

Friday 27th March: PTFA Chocolate Bingo Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.00pm

Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st March: Parents Evenings

Friday 3rd April: Celebration Worship

Summer Term

Monday 20th April: School Re-opens

Wed 22nd to Fri 24th April: Year 4 residential visit to Laches Wood

Friday 8th May: Bank Holiday

w/c Mon 11th May: KS2 SATS week for Y6

Tuesday 19th May: Tempest Photography - class & leavers photos

Wednesday 10th June: Bags2School Collection

Tuesday 16th June: Smalls Schools' Cluster Swimming Gala

Friday 19th June: Fathers' Day Worship

Wednesday 24th June: KS2 Summer Production 2pm - Dress Rehearsal; Performance 5.30pm to 6pm

Thursday 25th June: KS2 Summer Production Performance 5.30am for 6pm start

Tues 30th June to Thurs 2nd July: QEGS Transition Days

Monday 6th July: Inter House Swimming Gala - afternoon, split into 2 galas (ltd to 1 family supporter)

Tues 7th to Thurs 9th July: Churnet View Middle School Transition Days & within our setting.

Monday 13th July: Sports Day: lower school am, shared picnic, older children pm

Tuesday 14th July: Contingency Sports Day

Friday 17th July: Leavers' Assembly 2pm

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Total Words Read This Year

9,388,218

Spring 1

30/1/20 -
14/2/20

1. Gylan A
370,997

2. Cadence H
228,112

3. Faith G
209,111

4. Mollie C
182,868

5. Joe G
118,215

6. Skyler C
100,697

7. Sam R
92,733

8. Grace S
79,193

9. Daisy D-A
48,190

10. Alfie B
40,405

