

# 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 email [Derbyshire.D@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Derbyshire.D@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk)



This Half Term's Value is RESPECT & our British Value is MUTUAL RESPECT



### DATES AND EVENTS FOR WEEKS BEGINNING Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Monday	<b>INSET DAY - school closed for pupils</b>
Tuesday	INSET DAY - school closed for pupils
Wednesday	<b>SCHOOL REOPENS FOR PUPILS</b> Waterhouses Community Swim restarts: 6.00pm to 9.00pm - TBC (Check their Facebook page for updates)
Thursday	
Friday	<b>Becky Hunt music lessons for all her pupils (Band to restart after half term)</b> Friday Waterhouses Community Family Swim: 3.30pm to 5.30pm - TBC



#### "Thank you and Goodbye"

Come September and the new academic year Mrs Lockey, Mrs Hallam and Mrs Carr will all be off enjoying their well-earned retirements. It sounds like there are many adventurous and creative things planned. I'm sure you join with the whole school in saying "Thank you" for all their hard work,

dedication and enthusiasm and helping to make this such a thriving school.

Each of them wanted to say a few words:

"I would just like to say a final goodbye and thank you to the whole school community for all the support you've given me for more than eight years. I am proud to be leaving the school in a fantastic position and I know that Mrs Lafford, Mrs Hulme and all the team will continue to ensure it remains the happy, thriving and strong place that it is. I wish all our leavers from Year 4 and Year 6 and also Mrs Hallam and Mrs Carr all the very best for the future. Have a great summer." **Anne Lockey**

"Thank you to everyone - Governors, staff, parents and especially the children, for making my time at Waterhouses very special. There have been so many happy memories created. I know the school will continue to go from strength to strength and I wish you all well." **Suzanne Hallam**

"I have had the privilege of finishing my teaching career in a wonderful school. Thank you to all the children who have made teaching so rewarding and all the staff, governors and parents who have made this school a great place to work in. I wish everybody the best for the future." **Karen Carr**

#### Inter-House Swimming Gala

Our annual school swimming gala took place on Monday afternoon. There was some fantastic swimming with several blanket finishes in some very competitive races. To finish the gala there was the traditional "burger" race - white and orange floats alternatively collected and stacked to make a very tall multi layered burger in a bun! All the children in Penguins and White Tigers took part in this and it was a very splashy tightly contested affair.

When all the points were added up the winning house was **DOVE**. The last time they won the shield was over 6 years ago - Well Done!



lovely to see so many family and friends come along to share the lunchtime picnic.

The children were very enthusiastic and cheered on their team mates and, after much running, skipping, jumping and dressing up (!), the final scores saw **MANIFOLD** triumphant for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. Congratulations!



Thank you for the loan of the **gazebos** which were very useful in the hotter parts of the day.

## House Shield



Well done to **MANIFOLD** who won the House Shield this year for the most house points earned over the whole year. Children in the Manifold team were rewarded with a play in the park and some treats. Come on Dove and Hamps - you can do it next year!

## Accelerated Reader Achievements

Well done on another year of fabulous reading achievement! Not only do we continually get excellent results from Accelerated Reader, but our KS1, KS2 SATs and Year 1 phonics check results have been fantastic; reading is a real strength for the school. Thank you to you, parents, for your continued support at home to make this happen.

As always, certificates were awarded to our points target-achieving book worms in chapel on Thursday alongside our 'Most Improved Readers' for this half term who were:

Ladybirds - **Georgia A**

Otters - **Adam N**

Penguins - **Adam H**

White Tigers - **Amber DSH**

Each of our winners was awarded with a book to take home and chill out with over the summer.

Our 100% raffle winner was also drawn at chapel. **Saffron McC** was the lucky ticket holder and also chose a book to take home as a prize for their reading successes.

On Wednesday The Word Millionaires attended a tea party with Mrs Lockey. There were 10 of them in total. They included the latest to join their ranks which was **Cameron McN**, well done to him. He was presented with his certificate and book token at the chapel on Thursday.

And finally, attached to the newsletter is our Accelerated Reader Word Count Leader Board. Once again, well done children for all your reading successes this year.

Mrs Lafford

## PTFA Events

Thank you to the PTFA for the two events they organised last Friday: **the climbing wall** experience and the **school disco**.

All the children from Reception to Year 6 got a chance to go on the Peak Pursuits wall and it was an amazing experience for them.



The school disco once again proved very popular with tiny boppers and older children strutting their stuff!

## Musical Performance

The **Water Rapids Band** performed with **Water Voices Choir** on Wednesday, producing a lovely swell of sound with a number of songs including 'Roar' and one called "Pizza" where the children had penned the words themselves and got the audience clapping along! Relatives of the performing pupils really enjoyed the show which provoked alternately smiles and hankies from the proud family audience. Thank you again to Becky Hunt for all her hard work.

The band will restart again after the autumn half term in the new academic year. Becky Hunt music lessons start the first Friday back.

If anyone at any time wishes to opt out of receiving texts or email communications from us, please put your request in writing and specify if you are opting out of school related communications, 3<sup>rd</sup> party communications (e.g. PTFA, Community Swim events), or both. Thank you

## 'Under the Sea' Mental Maths

It has been another successful year for children achieving their 'Under the Sea' targets and final congratulations of the year go to **Saffron** and **Carynna** who have both achieved their self-set target of Roman Numerals.

Also, a special "Well Done!" to **Ellie-Mae** who has completed the scheme by passing her Blue Whale level and becomes a Maths Ambassador.

## Pupil-Led Summer Newsletter

The second edition of our pupil-led newsletter has sold well. It's a bumper summer holiday edition jam packed with fabulous features and fun activities to fill a spare few minutes!

## Arrangements re clubs in September

Letters to join up to the after school activity clubs will be coming out during the first week back and payments will be raised on SchoolMoney.

## Dinner, Milk and Toast Payments

**Dinners** - for the new academic year these will continue at **£2.30** per meal (£11.50 a week) for Nursery and Year 3 to Year 6 pupils (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals funded by the Government). There will no cost for those eligible for Free School Meals. Payments should be made in advance.

**Milk** - for those required to pay (children over 5) the cost for the full Autumn Term will be **£14.40**. A payment request will be raised on SchoolMoney. If you wish to order please make the payment online, or send your payment to school in a sealed envelope (cheques payable to **QEGSMAT**) with your child's name, class and "Autumn Milk" written on the envelope **and return it on the first day back at school**.

**Toast** - The cost will continue at **30p daily** if required. Pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 are responsible for bringing in the correct change each day. Foundation Stage have their own arrangements, please speak to a Ladybird staff member.

## Sportacus! Alias Mrs Bradbury

Well done, Mrs Bradbury, you did it! A hilly half marathon in hot conditions; you are an inspiration to all us to get active this summer.

## Diary Dates

**Wed 12th Sept** from 8.30am: Tempest Photography Family groups and individual pupil photographs

**Tues 18th Sept:** KS2 Open Evening (Y3 & 4 parents/carers)

**Mon 8th & Tues 9th Oct:** Parent Consultation Evenings

Term dates for 2018/19 have been emailed to parent/carers and a copy can be found in the letters' section on our website. The dates are also in our website calendar, where other events will appear early in September.

**Have a fantastic holiday, and return refreshed. We look forward to welcoming all pupils, including Nursery, back to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Local News**

A vacancy has arisen at Grindon Parish Council for the position of Clerk. The Council meet in the evening, on the first Monday of every month. This administration role is a part time, paid position (approx. 2 hours per week) that supports the running of the Council. For further information please contact:

Chair of Parish Council Geoff Nutter, Ladyside Farm, Grindon 304275

or, Parish Councillor Nicola Distin, Cawbrook, Grindon 304535

**Community Swim Duck Race**

The Community Swim Duck Race and BBQ takes place on **Sunday 22nd July** (in the field opposite Waterhouses shop). The first race will be at 2pm. Come down and join in and have some fun.



**TRIBUTE NIGHT**

**SATURDAY the 25<sup>th</sup> of AUGUST 2018**

**TICKETS - £7.50 available from THE CROSS INN**

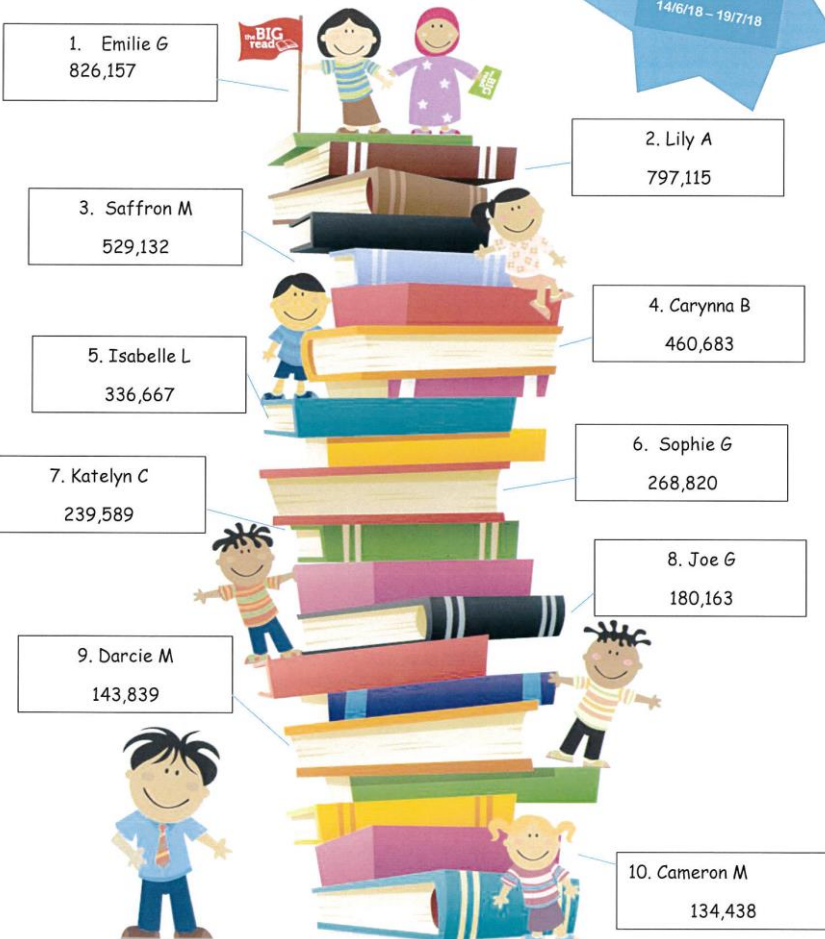
**\*\*\*CHARITY EVENT\*\*\* to raise funds for Cauldon Lowe Village Hall**



**Accelerated™ Word Count Leader Board Reader**

**Total Words Read This Year**

**29,824,625**



# Summer excitements

## Family events from Stone and Water

Join our team at these events over the next few months  
Events are free

- No booking is needed – just come along and join in
- Children under 8 need to bring a grown-up with them
- Each day will offer a mix of storytelling and art activities around different themes

### JULY

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

## Dove Valley Meadows Meander

Dove Valley Centre, SK17 0PR

12 - 4

Art, stories and exploring the beautiful meadows of the Dove valley

### AUGUST

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

## The lost castles of the moorlands

Warslow Village Hall

10 – 12, 1- 3

Haunted houses and lost castles: the buildings of the Moorlands – make your own strange or mysterious, wild, weird or wonderful house!

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

## Wild beasts and fabulous flowers

St Bartholomew's School playing field, Longnor

10 – 12, 1 – 3

Bees, flowers, butterflies and wildlife: fill your fingers with a field full of creatures

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> (August)

**Details to be confirmed (see contact below)**

Taxal: event planned beside St James' church: check for details  
10 – 12, 1- 3

OCTOBER

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

## Apple Day

Dove Valley Centre, SK17 0PR

(times to be confirmed)

An orchard full of puppet people!

**There are more dates still to confirm**

**For more information, look at**

Stone and Water facebook page

Stone and Water blog: <https://stoneandwaterblog.wordpress.com/>

Email: [stoneandwater@btinternet.com](mailto:stoneandwater@btinternet.com)

**Emergency excitement event!** We have a day available to a community or community group in the South West Peak area for sometime in August or September: we will bring activities if you can offer a space and an opportunity open to anyone. Talk to Gordon or Sarah at our email address or at an event



**LOTTERY FUNDED**

**SOUTH WEST PEAK**  
LANDSCAPE AT A CROSSROADS

