



NEWSLETTER

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

No: 1

Date: 7th September 2018



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 RESPECT & our British Value is MUTUAL RESPECT



DATES AND EVENTS FOR WEEKS BEGINNING Monday 10th September 2018

Monday	BRITISH CITIZENSHIP WEEK School swimming for Year 1 to Year 6 starts: afternoon - don't forget your swim kit including hat. PTFA Meeting @ The Crown, Waterhouses: 8.00pm All Welcome!
Tuesday	Y1/Y2 After School Multisport Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	Tempest Photography in school - family groups & individual portraits from 8.30am (including siblings not attending this school) KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm Waterhouses Community Swim: Please check their Facebook page for session restart dates.
Thursday	Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Celebration Worship: 9.15am Becky Hunt music lessons for all her pupils (Band to restart after half term)

Welcome back! It has been great to see you and your child(ren) back at school - we've missed them. The children look so smart and they have been keen to impress their teachers - it's been lovely to see so many smiling faces (children and staff!). A special welcome goes out to our new children and their parents/carers - welcome to Waterhouses.

Of course, there is always a butterfly or two fluttering around on day one - as a new Head of Academy, I should know! Hopefully, the nerves have settled now as we all ease into old/new routines. Thank you all for your kind words of support.

I would like to take this opportunity to keep you up-to-date with a few changes that we are making to help everyone in our school community and the quality of learning for all our pupils. Our weekly 'Focus of Learning' will no longer be sent out on a Monday morning. Instead, we are changing our style of homework to reflect the children's learning in order to keep you informed about the work your child is completing in class that week. The first homework (for Years 1-6) will be sent out at the end of next week alongside an information letter which will explain more. As well as the homework letter, you will also be receiving our usual 'topic fact sheet' outlining work that your child will be completing this term in all subjects.

Our newsletters will now be fortnightly to coincide with our celebration worships. They will contain just as much, information and diary dates as before. Our fantastic new website is also a great place to keep up-to-date- www.waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk . Log in to see what activities the children will have taken part in next week for our British Citizenship Week!

I have been very excited to give a shiny, new school planner to each of the children in Years 3-6 this week (Reception and Otters planners to follow!). Our new-style planners will hopefully encourage the children to take even greater pride in their learning and we hope the range of resources included within them will help you to support your child's learning at home.

You should have already received a letter about the after-school clubs we are offering this half term. Please do return this to school as soon as possible if you would like your child to attend any of the clubs. Keep your eyes on the newsletter for developments - we will be developing the range of clubs available to the children as the year goes on.

Finally, may I also remind you of our open door policy - we are all happy to meet and discuss any issues or concerns with you in person or by phone.

I hope you and your family have had a great summer and we look forward to another successful school year.

Laura Lafford
Head of School

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, 3rd party communications (e.g. PTFA, Community Swim events), or both. Thank you