



NEWSLETTER

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

No: 2

Date: 14th 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 17th & 24th September 2018

Monday	17th September School swimming for Year 1 to Year 6: afternoon - don't forget your swim kit including hat.
Tuesday	Y1/Y2 After School Multisport Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm Year 5/6 Open Evening for Y2,3&4 Parents at school: 6.30pm
Wednesday	Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents: 2.30pm KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm Governors' Site, Safety, Behaviour & Engagement Committee Meeting: 6.30pm
Thursday	Governors' Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting: 1.15pm Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Becky Hunt music lessons for all her pupils
Monday	24th September School swimming for Years 1 to 6: afternoons
Tuesday	Y1/Y2 After School Multisport Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	Years 1,2&3 Visit to Stafford Gatehouse Theatre: Please arrive at school for 8.40am for prompt departure, return 12.45pm KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm Governors' Curriculum & Attainment Committee Meeting: 6.30pm
Thursday	Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Harvest Festival Celebration Worship at school: 9.15am Becky Hunt music lessons for all her pupils
Dates for your Diary	Parent Consultation Evenings: Mon 8th & Tues 9th Oct

British Citizenship Week

Our focus for this week has been British Citizenship and British Values. Each class has been learning about what it means to be British; from finding out about the Union Jack, the countries that make up Great Britain and the faiths and cultures of the people who live here to the heritage of our country and fundamental values such as Democracy and Individual Liberty.

The highlights of our week had to be receiving talks from our special visitors - Mrs Gill Heath from the Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and Mr Bill Lomas, Leek's Town Crier. The White Tigers grilled Mrs Heath about being elected as a representative of our local area and gleaned some top tips from her for their own election campaigns!



The excitement culminated on Thursday when we held our school election following an assembly about democracy. Our



Y5/6 House Captain candidates delivered confident and inspirational speeches to the rest of the children in school before Mr Lomas opened the voting with a traditional cry (or proclamation as we learnt!). Voters swarmed at break

time to exercise their right to vote and the ballot box was sealed...Mr Lomas remarked on the children's enthusiasm and interest in the voting process; we hope that experiences such as these this week will continue to inspire the children to become active citizens of the future.



House Captains

We are very proud to announce our new House and Vice Captains for 2018/19. Winning the vote are:

Manifold Captain: Saffron M

Manifold Vice: Gregory P

Dove Captain: Ellie-Mae H

Dove Vice: Annabel W

Hamps Captain: Imogen P

Hamps Vice: Cameron M

Well done on your victories, wear your new badges with pride and we wish you all a successful year of leadership!

School Council and Worship Council

Within classes, secondary elections took place to nominate School Council representatives and Worship Council members. The following children form both of our new groups of pupils who will represent the school in their respective areas.

School Council: Y1 - Lucas W and Ruby F
Y2 - Mia H and Thomas B
Y3 - Esme B and Savannah C
Y4 - Katelyn C and Amber A
Y5/6 - Kaiya M and Brooke WA

Worship Council: Y2 - Alfie Br and Willow B
Y3 - Harry F and Skye C
Y4 - Jamie C and Jay B
Y5/6 - Star M and Gregory P

Homework

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, we are making changes to the style of homework we set. **Years 1-6** will be given weekly literacy/maths tasks instead of the menu of creative homework we previously sent out at the beginning of term.

We feel that the creative-style tasks had become less effective in moving the children's learning forward and so we have been working hard on a new scheme of maths fluency skills to supplement our highly successful 'Under the Sea' mental maths scheme. The maths tasks are not quite ready to go yet, but a letter will be coming home to explain more about these next week. Maths homework will be fortnightly in rotation with SPaG tasks to support the children's current learning in class. Children in Years 1-6 will have their first literacy homework to complete this weekend. **All homework will be sent home on a Friday and is due in the following Thursday.**

Creative-style homework will still be sent home throughout the year, but in the form of mini holiday projects. We thank you for your continued support with homework and recognise all of the effort you put in at home to support your child's learning.

Tempest Photography

Proofs and order forms have been sent home. Please return any orders and payments in the envelopes provided by **Wednesday 26th September**. Please ensure you complete the front of the envelope with name, class and order value, thank you.

Sports Clubs

Taekwondo will now start on Thursday 20th owing to Coach Peter Johnson representing Great Britain at a competition in Canada. A payment adjustment will be made next term.

"Under the Sea" Maths Targets

The children are already making headway with their mental maths targets. A letter explaining the revised levels is attached to this newsletter.



Congratulations this time go to **Kathryn P, Ruby F, Alfie Bu, Lexi R** who have all achieved the new first step of the scheme the Shrimp level,

George H and **Adam N** who have passed both their Shrimp and Seahorse levels



and **Constance G** and **Faith H** have achieved their Starfish. Well done to them all.

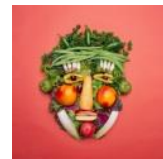


Also a big "WELL DONE!" to **Kaiya McC** who at the end of the Summer Term completed the whole scheme and is now a **Maths Ambassador**. She received her badge and prize at this morning's worship.



Harvest Festival Celebration Worship

Our annual Harvest Service will take place on **Friday 28th Sept at 9.15am at school**. As in previous years it would be wonderful if the children could provide food parcels (or goods which can be made into parcels), which will be distributed to our more elderly members of the community. Tinned and packet produce can be sent to school from **Monday 24th**, please send any fresh produce from the day before the service, **Thursday 26th Sept**. Thank you in advance for any donations.



If you have any spare shoe boxes, or similarly sized, they would be gratefully received for us to use as harvest boxes. If anyone is able to volunteer to help wrap these on the afternoon of **Thursday 26th**, we would really appreciate it. Please call in at the school office & let us know.

After the Celebration Worship we will be taking children in White Tigers' class out of school to deliver parcels; adult help with this would also be very much appreciated. Please stay behind after the service if you are able to help.

Nursery pupils who do not normally attend on a Friday morning are most welcome to come and join our Harvest Festival Celebration Worship.

SCHOLASTIC Books

Catalogues went out with pupils last week. Please take a look, and have any orders with payment (cheques payable to QEGSMAT) with Mrs Bradbury by **Friday 12th October**.

School Census Dates

The collection dates for the academic year 2018/2019 are:

Autumn Term: Thursday 4th October 2018

Spring Term: Thursday 17th January 2019

Summer Term: Thursday 16th May 2019

Please would you make a note of these 3 important dates and try to avoid your child being absent from school on these days. Attending on these 3 days is what gives us our funding for children's learning (books, teachers etc). Also, we only get funding for the Universal 'Free' School Meals (of children in **Reception, Years 1 and 2**) if your child orders a meal on the **autumn & spring** census days. Otherwise school has to pay for those meals from our learning funds. Please support us on our census days.

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