



NEWSLETTER

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

No: 3

Date: 28th 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 1st & 8th October 2018

Monday	1st October 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
Wednesday	Accelerated Reader Parent/Carer Workshop re Y2 to Y6: 2.30pm KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursday	CENSUS DAY Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Becky Hunt music lessons
Monday	8th October School swimming for Years 1 to 6: afternoons Parent Consultation Evening 1: 3.45pm -6.30pm Appointment times will be displayed on board in Community Entrance area
Tuesday	Y3&4 Cross Country @ Westwood First: 10.00am to 11.30am (tbc) Y1/Y2 After School Multisport Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm Parent Consultation Evening 2: 3.45pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday	KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursday	Governors' Leadership & Management Committee Meeting: 1.15pm Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Celebration Worship @ School: 9.15am Becky Hunt music lessons



Harvest Festival Celebration Worship

A very big thank you to all parents and family members for joining us for our Harvest Celebration Worship this morning.

Once again, we have been delighted with the generous donations of produce for our children to deliver to the elderly members of our village community. Thank you to all parents and children who have grown, hand-picked and collected the produce for our boxes - what a fabulous bunch you are!

A special thanks to Clare Richman and some of the Taekwondo Club parents for wrapping the boxes beautifully to make them look extra special.



The White Tigers have visited our elderly neighbours this morning after the worship, leaving everybody with one of the

offerings and a special card containing well-wishes, which they produced in their PHSE lesson this week.

Stafford Gatehouse Theatre Visit

On Wednesday the children in Years 1, 2 and 3 visited The Gatehouse Theatre in Stafford for an inspiring morning of drawing and stories.

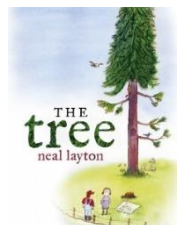
The children met children's illustrator and author, Neal Layton and found out about his



work, his creative processes, how he uses collage in his work and the wonderful array of materials that he uses to create his pictures. He shared his pictures on a large screen as he told his stories.

The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children and has helped to foster a love of reading and drawing.

Thank you to Mrs Derbyshire, Mrs Davies and Mrs Hallam (who joined us out of her retirement) for accompanying the children with me. Mrs Cooper



"Under the Sea" Maths Targets

Congratulations to **Imogen P** for passing Octopus Level - 9, 11 and 12 times tables and division facts.



Parents Evening

If you have not already done so, please ensure you have selected an appointment time slot for your child/ren. The clipboards for individual classes are in the foyer near the school office. If you are unable to make one of the listed appointments, please make alternative arrangements with your child's class teacher.

School Census Dates

The first of the Census Days for the 2018/2019 academic year is this **Thursday 4th October**. Dinner that day will be **sausage and mash** as well as a pasta option and the usual alternatives and pudding will be **sponge and custard**. Please support us on this day. 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 this date and the **spring** census day, otherwise school has to pay for those meals from our learning funds. The other 2 dates this year are:

Spring Term: Thursday 17th January 2019

Summer Term: Thursday 16th May 2019

Please try to avoid your child being absent from school on these days. Attendance on these days is what gives us our funding for children's learning (books, teachers etc).

Golden Table

A new initiative instigated by the kitchen staff is our Golden Table on a Friday. Pupils who have shown excellent manners during lunch times will be invited to take a seat at the splendidly laid table. It has proved very popular with the children who are all working hard to earn a place.



Our Golden Table diners last week were:

Cameron M, Brooke WA, Poppy B, Thomas B, Georgia A and Evie P.

This week, the kitchen staff have recognised that: Ethan H, Savannah C, Eva R, Phoenix W, Jack B and Harry J have all shown exceptional manners. Well done!

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Reception Phonics Workshop last week. It was very well supported and I hope you found it useful. A copy of the power point presentation has been e-mailed.

As a follow up please put **Wednesday 14th November at 2.30pm** in your diary when I will present a workshop on Phonics Games. Mrs Hulme

Summer Reading Challenge Certificates

We recognise that a lot of children competed the Library's Summer Reading Challenge during the holidays and we would like to celebrate their achievements as part of our daily act of worship. Please will any children who still have certificates at home bring them in for **Monday** so we can share our fabulous enthusiasm for books with the whole school.

Y5/6 Mini-Soccer Tournament @QEGS



On Monday, children from White Tigers' and Penguins' classes took part in a mixed football competition at QEGS. Our boys and girls showed great teamwork and determination in winning 3 of their 5 matches against some

tough opposition. Overall we finished a very creditable third in our league. Special mention to **Joe G** for an excellent return of 4 goals in 4 games. Mr Walker.

Team: Darcie M, Star M-B, Amber DSH, Joe G, Cameron M, Ethan H, Jamie C.

Parents in Sport Week

Parents in sport week is taking place from **1 to 7 October 2018**. We have attached some information with this newsletter to help ensure parents recognise their role in keeping children safe in sport and to help them understand how to positively influence their child's enjoyment and well-being in sport. For further information about making an informed choice about the club or activity your child attends and what to do if you have a concern search the website the cpsu.org.uk. Mr Walker.

Walk to School Month

October is 'Walk to School Month' for schools in Staffordshire. We appreciate many of you do walk to school and as such, we will be rewarding those who support a healthy lifestyle and cut down on pollution by walking all the way or part way to school throughout the next month. Certificates for those managing the challenge will be given out in our worship at chapel at the end of the half term.

New Bicycle Rack

You may have noticed a new installation this week near the Community Entrance. We are very pleased to have a new bike rack on site for the growing number of pupils and staff who cycle to school.



We would ask that parents ensure that their children do not play on the rack; it is for the safe storage of bikes only.

Home Time

If your child is being picked up by someone else at the end of the day please could you ensure the school knows in the morning, to avoid confusion and delays especially regarding busses.

'A Tissue' Please!

Ladybirds' class would be grateful for the donation of boxes of tissues, as we are entering into that sniffly time of year! Thank you. Mrs Hulme.

Conkers

Mrs Hulme would also be grateful for any donations of conker collections for the Ladybirds' autumn learning. The children will be using the conkers for counting and sorting. Thank you.

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

Lost Property

A pair of named pink goggles went missing a couple of weeks ago after the Monday swimming lessons. Please can you check your child/ren's swim kit and return them to school if you come across them. Thank you.

SCHOLASTIC Books

Please remember to return your order from the catalogue with payment (preferably by cheque payable to QEGSMAT) to Mrs Bradbury by Friday 12th October.



Grindon Church events

Harvest Festival Service: Sunday 7th October at 09.30am.

Harvest Supper and Auction will take place in the Village Hall on Monday 8th October at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 from Church Wardens (Karolyn and Brian).'

With effect from Sunday 28th October 2018 Holy Communion will be at 11am on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Dates for Your Diary

- Fri 26th Oct: Celebration Worship @ Waterhouses Chapel 9.15am
- Mon 29th Oct to Fri 2nd Nov: Half Term
- Thursday 15th November: Bag2School
- Friday 16th Nov: Celebration Worship @ School 9.15am
- Fri 20th Nov: Celebration Worship @ School 9.15am
- Fri 7th December: Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am
- Fri 7th December: Christmas Fayre 3.00pm - 5.00pm
- Tue 11th Dec: Christmas Thank you Assembly 9.15am
- Wed 12th Dec: Pupil Christmas Lunch
- Wed 12th Dec: Otters Christmas Performance 5.30 for 6pm
- Fri 14th Dec: Celebration Worship @ Waterhouses Chapel 9.15am
- Tue 18th Dec: Whole School Pantomime Visit
- Thurs 20th Dec: Christmas Service @ Grindon Church 9.15am
- Thurs 20th Dec: Last Day of Term
- Mon 7th January: School reopens for new term

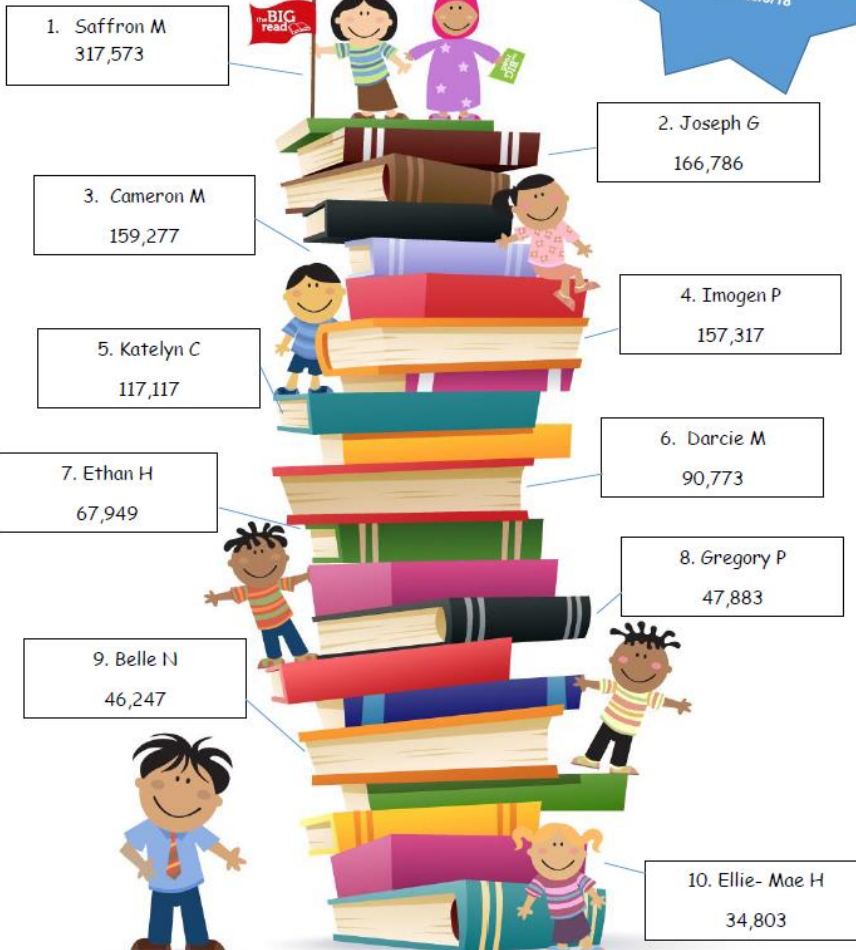


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Total Words Read This Year

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