# **Waterhouses CE Primary Academy**

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# NEWSLETTER

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

No: 4 Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 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 15th & 22nd October 2018

Monday	15th 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	KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursday	Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	
Monday	22nd October
	School swimming for Years 1 to 6: afternoons
Tuesday	Y1/Y2 After School Multisport Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	Y1&Y2 Gladstone Pottery Museum Visit: Please arrive at school for 8.40am for 9am departure.
	KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Dodgeball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
	Full Governors' Meeting LA Agenda: 6.30pm
Thursday	Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Celebration Worship @ Waterhouses Chapel: 9.00am - Please take children directly to chapel
	Becky Hunt music lessons
	School Closes for Half Term

#### Dyslexia Awareness Week



Last week, we acknowledged Dyslexia Awareness week with the children by holding an informative assembly. The children were shown a short online video to help them understand the real challenges people with dyslexia face

whilst also acknowledging the fact that we all have different strengths, ways we learn and that we can all achieve our full potential if we want to.

A discussion about how we can maintain a dyslexia-friendly school followed, with the children offering suggestions of how we can help each other with our learning.

If you would like to watch the video at home, you can access it online through YouTube or The British Dyslexia Association. Search for 'Seeing Dyslexia Differently'.

# Parents Consultation Evening

Many thanks to all parents attending appointments this week. As always, your support towards your child's education is very much appreciated. All teachers were proud to share so many fabulous achievements already - keep up the good work, children!

It appears the new arrangements for booking appointments was also a success, with many parent's feeding back about how much more efficient the system was. Thank you for your comments and as always, if there is anything else you think we could improve on, please let us know.



# Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Accelerated Reader Workshop last week. I hope you found it useful. Letters were handed out detailing how to access Renaissance Home Connect - a place for you to log in to your child's Accelerated Reader account and check on their reading progress from home. Your Home Connect account can be set up to send e-mail notifications whenever your child takes a quiz.

Log-in details for pupils in Years 2 to 6 are being sent home in book bags today if you wish to access this free service. If you have any questions about this, or anything else about Accelerated Reader, please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Lafford.

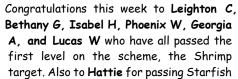
# Staff Updates

We welcome to the team Mrs Garratt who has joined our lunchtime supervisors. She is in place to cover for Mrs Murray to whom we send our wishes for a speedy recovery and recuperation.

We also welcome Mr Stephen Martin who has joined us as a volunteer and will be helping out with listening to reading and extra curricula maths.

Unfortunately Mr Mason has also been unwell and we wish him well in his recovery.

# "Under the Sea" Maths Targets





level, **Tillie** for achieving Clownfish level and **Jamie** for attaining Octopus Level.



A special "Well Done!" to **Ethan** who has passed his Blue Whale level and in doing so, becomes a Maths Ambassador.

#### School Census Dates

Thank you for your support on our Census Day at the beginning of October. It was greatly appreciated and will help secure funding to our school. The other 2 dates this year are:

Spring Term: Thursday 17th January 2019
Summer Term: Thursday 16th May 2019

#### Golden Table

Good manners in the kitchen continue to be rewarded with a seat at the Golden Table.



Our diners last week were:

Leighton C, Darcie M, Scarlett D, Lexi R, Saffron M, Alfie Bu This week, the kitchen staff have recognised: Kathryn P, Mia H, Esme B, Leah C, Faith H. Charlie Ho.

#### **Dinner Menu Amendments**

A couple of dinner menu amendments to let you know about. Please note that chicken burgers are being replaced with **beef burgers** in the future. Also owing to the Otters visit on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct the roast will be swapped to the **Thursday** that week.

New menus starting after half term were handed to children this Friday with a freshly baked biscuit from Mrs Andrew. Please take a look. If your child has any dietary requirements please do discuss them with the school.

# Flu Immunisation Vaccinations - Reception to Y5 pupils

Please remember to return your Flu Immunisation Pack next week, if you have not done so already and you wish your child to have the vaccine. This will take place in December. If you have any queries re this please contact either via the enquire line 0300 1240366 (option 1 - North Staffordshire/Stoke on Trent, option 2 - South Staffordshire) or email School.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk

#### Y3&Y4 Cross Country

On Tuesday, children from Penguins class took part in an Inter School cross country race at Westwood First School. The children showed great stamina and resilience to battle through the pain barrier and finish a very challenging course. The Year 3 children ran just over 600m, the Year 4 children ran just over 800m. A special mention must go to our Year 4 girls who finished a brilliant 2<sup>nd</sup> overall - well done girls! Mr Walker.



Teams: Y3: Harry F, William F, Charlie Hi, Connor A Evie P, Savannah C, Faith G, Flo R Y4: Ethan H, Jay B, Charlie P, Jamie C

# Walk to School Month

October is 'Walk to School Month' for schools in Staffordshire. Well done to those already making a special effort to make a journey on foot and to those cycling to school too - we are pleased to see the bike rack being put to good use this week!

Hattie F, Katelyn C, Tilly F, Millie H

We appreciate many of you do walk to school and as such, throughout this month 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. Certificates for those managing the challenge will be given out in our worship at chapel at the end of the half term.

# Water Rapids Band



If your child wishes to participate in this band on a Friday lunch time after half term please ensure the office is notified, letters have been sent out. It is a chance for the children to have fun making music together. The cost

for the half term is £14.

The Water Voices Choir will be recruiting a bit later in the term, letters will be sent out shortly.

In recognition of the value the school places on music the school has been nominated by our local music services /hub to become a member of Music Mark. We thank our external providers Mrs Harding Miss Hunt and Mr & Mrs Mundy for their support in enhancing our music provision.



#### Foot Health

Please could you check for verrucas and if your child has them, please bring in a spare sock or pair of socks to wear on the affected foot/feet for swimming until treated. Thank you.

# **Bottles and Cartons**

Please pass on any empty (and washed out!) milk or juice plastic bottles and cardboard cartons to Mrs Lafford for the White Tigers' Viking longboat DT project. Thank you.



### Lost Property

A KS2 girl's plain navy cardigan (no school logo) with the initials EH has been lost. Please could you check your child's school uniform and return it to the school office if found. Thank you.

#### PTFA News

The PTFA Fireworks Night is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November and will soon be upon us! Advanced tickets are available from members of the PTFA. It will again be accessed off Cross Lane. Please see details overleaf.

If you are able to volunteer to help out on the night, please see Mrs Lafford or a member of the PTFA to register your interest.

#### Grindon Church events

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

#### Dates for Your Diary

Mon 29th Oct to Fri 2nd Nov: Half Term

Saturday 10th November: PTFA Bonfire & Fireworks Night

Thursday 15th November: Bag2School

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov: Celebration Worship @ School 9.15am Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: Celebration Worship @ School 9.15am Fri 7<sup>th</sup> December: Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am Fri 7<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fayre 3.00pm - 5.00pm Tue 11th Dec: Otters Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Pupil Christmas Lunch

Wed 12th Dec: Otters Christmas Performance 5.30 for 6pm

Thurs 13th Dec: Ladybirds Visit to Amerton Farm

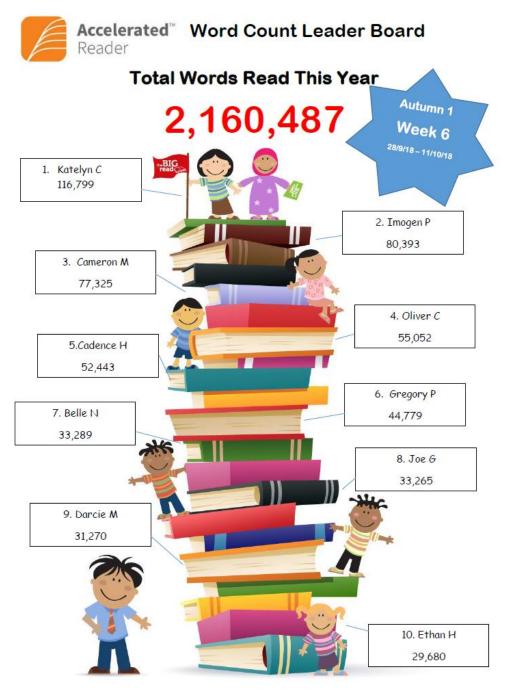
Fri 14th Dec: Celebration Worship @ Waterhouses Chapel 9.00am

Tue 18th Dec: Whole School Pantomime Visit

Thurs 20th Dec: Christmas Service @ Grindon Church 9.00am

Thurs 20th Dec: Last Day of Term

Mon 7th January: School reopens for new term





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