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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

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Next Half Term's Value is PEACE
& our British Value is INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY



DATES AND EVENTS FOR WEEKS BEGINNING Monday 5th & 12th November 2018

Monday	5th November Bonfire Night Lunch for pupils School swimming for Year 1 to Year 6: afternoon - don't forget your swim kit including hat.
Tuesday	NSPCC Own Clothes Day workshops: Years 1 to 6 (Non-uniform Day for small donation) Y1/Y2 After School Multisport Club - Multiskills: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Benchball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursday	Stoke City 7s Assembly for pupils Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Remembrance Worship 11am for pupils
Monday	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 12th November School swimming for Years 1 to 6: afternoon
Tuesday	Y1/Y2 After School Multisport Club - Multiskills: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	Reception Parents Phonics Games Workshop: 2.30pm KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Benchball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursday	BAG2SCHOOL collection 9am Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Celebration Worship - Children in Need, at school 9.15am White Tigers' class visit to Cheadle Fire Station - Safe & Sound event Becky Hunt music lessons

NSPCC

After half term, on **Tuesday 6th November**, the NSPCC's "Speak out. Stay safe." programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5/6 on the same day.

We shall be raising funds for the important work the NSPCC does by holding a non-uniform day on **Tuesday 6th November** in exchange for a small donation.

A hard copy of a letter about the programme is in book bags today, an e-mail copy has been sent out. If you would like any more information, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools.

Viking Raiders!

The White Tigers marked the end of their Viking topic with a celebratory Viking Day on Thursday. Choosing a Viking name and then learning how to write it in runes, the children adopted an alter-ego for the day. They then took the mounds of plastic and cardboard bottles and cartons to task, turning your donated recycling (thank you) into fantastic Viking long ship creations. At the end of the day, we 'raided' the Penguins class for treasure, with Gylan (aka Gart) locating the loot in record time!



Gladstone Pottery Visit

On Wednesday the children in Otters' class visited Gladstone Pottery Museum as part of their learning about Clarice Cliff. The children were treated to a tour of the Victorian working pottery factory where they learned to throw a pot and make clay flowers. They found out about the role of a Saggermaker and a Saggermaker's Bottom Knocker and went into a bottle oven kiln.



The children were also treated to a painting workshop where they created their own designs on plates based on the style of Clarice Cliff. The children excelled not only in their behaviour but the knowledge they exhibited and the questions they asked. A big thank you Otters.

Also a big thank you goes to Mrs Derbyshire, Mrs Hallam, Mrs Garratt and Mr Cooper who accompanied us on the trip.

Mrs K. Cooper

A balanced diet for the Otters' class

In our science lessons the children in Otters' class have been finding out about themselves. They have explored what they need to survive, the importance of exercise, hygiene and a healthy diet. As part of their learning the children designed a sandwich based on a balanced plate. On Thursday the children made their sandwich and invited their parents in for a picnic. This was enjoyed by all the children who learned skills such as cutting, peeling and grating to accompany their science understanding. Thank you to all the parents who attended and for taking part in this culinary delight.



Mrs Cooper.

Children in Need

This year we are asking for your donations of pennies to cover Pudsey as we raise money for Children in Need on **Friday 17th November**. A couple of years ago we managed to completely cover Pudsey with a mass of copper! Please, if you are able, begin to save your 1ps and 2ps in time for this event.



4Stoke City 7s Assembly

On Thursday 8th November, representatives from Stoke City FC will be visiting the school to deliver a short, specially designed assembly aimed at introducing **Year 2** pupils to their local club. As part of City7s membership, youngsters will be presented with an official replica Stoke shirt and two tickets to watch Gary Rowett's men in action at the bet365 Stadium. Last season more than 8,000 children across Staffordshire benefited from the scheme which is thought to be the biggest of its kind in English football.

Accelerated Reader

It's been another superb start to reading achievement this year with a staggering **3,018,344** words read in just 7 weeks! As always, we have celebrated our reading achievements together at chapel this morning - a collection of points target certificates were given out as well as our termly 'Most Improved Reader' awards. The following children were this term's nominated readers:

Ladybirds - **Jack B**

Otters - **Alfie Br**

Penguins - **Daisy DA**

White Tigers - **Cameron M**

Congratulations on your achievements and we hope you enjoy curling up with your book prize during a cooler autumn afternoon this half-term holiday.

The winner of our half termly raffle for quizzes passed at 100% (Y2 - 6) or frequent reading at home in Y1 was **Orla S** who was drawn at chapel this morning.

Finally, attached is the latest Word Count Leader board for the half term. Our top ten readers will now be displayed on our super-size display in the long-corridor in school. Please take a look when you are next in school!

Writing Awards

Here at Waterhouses we have some amazing writers and we have decided to acknowledge this by presenting an award each half term to the person who has particularly wowed us with their writing. This takes into consideration a wide range of skills such as composition, grammar and punctuation, spellings and handwriting. The children who received the award this half term are:

Y6 - **Darcie Mc**

Y5 - **Gylan A**

Y4 - **Katelyn C**

Y3 - **William F**

Y2 - **Constance G**

Y1 - **Ruby F**

Rec - **Jack B**

Nursery - **Tommy B**

Well done to those children. Their writing will be displayed in the long corridor for all to come and see.

"Under the Sea" Maths Targets



Congratulations this week to, **Elizabeth O** and **Harriet B** who have passed the first level on the scheme, the Shrimp target, and **Jack B** who passed both his **Shrimp** and **Seahorse** levels and to **Georgia A**, **Alfie Bu**, **Lexi R**, **Ruby F** and **Isabel H** who have all attained their Seahorse level.



Also to **Amber A** for passing her Pufferfish level.



A **Bag2School** collection for quality unwanted clothing for re-use will take place on **Thursday 15th November at 9.00am**. Details of what can be bagged up are on the bag wrapper or for more details go to

<http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Data Collection sheets

These will be coming out the first week **after** half term for parents/carers to check the details, sign & date the forms and return them to the school office. Please ensure that any people on your contact list have given their permission for us to have this information. Thank you.

News from the Kitchen

Golden Table

Seats at the Golden Table were secured last week by **Raif, Mollie, Millie, Bethany, Thomas and Mia** for their lovely manners.

Seats on the last table of the term this week went to **Monty, Alfie G, Ruby, Jack, Harry J, and Elizabeth**

Dinner Menu Amendments

An electronic copy of the new Lunch menu is on our website: [LINK](#)

Please note that chicken burgers are being replaced with **beef burgers** in the future.

There is a special meal on the first day back, to celebrate **Bonfire night**: Guy Fawkes Pork Sausages or King James Veggie Sausage with mashed potato, beans or peas followed by steamed syrup sponge & custard. Yum!



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 now be recruiting after Christmas, letters will be sent out nearer the time.

Flu Immunisation Vaccinations - Reception to Y5 pupils

You can still return your Flu Immunisation Pack after half term, if you have not done so already and you wish your child to have the vaccine. This will take place on December 7th. 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

We have had some further information from Staffordshire County Council regarding flu vaccinations for younger children aged 2 or 3, please see below:

Important information for parents of young children about flu

Flu can be serious for younger children, they may need hospital treatment, and very occasionally a child may die from flu. So it's important that they're vaccinated. It's not an injection it's just a quick and painless nasal spray.

In Staffordshire the flu nasal spray is free for:

- children aged two or three on August 31st 2017
- children in reception class and school years one, two, three and four
- children aged 2 to 17 with long-term health conditions

Your child's GP or school should have contacted you about getting your child vaccinated, if you haven't heard anything please contact them.

The nasal spray is recommended by the NHS to help protect younger children and also to reduce the spread of flu to their family, carers and friends.

More detailed information and answers to common questions about the flu vaccine are on the NHS Choices web pages visit: www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/child-flu-vaccine.aspx

"Walk to School" Month

Well done to all children, parents and carers making a special effort to make a journey on foot/by bicycle this October to celebrate Staffordshire's Walk to School month. Because there are so many healthy bods, certificates for all those taking part in the challenge were given back at school after chapel.

Keeping Warm!

The clocks will go back over half term heralding darker days and temperatures are dropping so just a reminder to please ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed with a **warm coat, hat gloves, scarves etc.** Playtime isn't pleasant if you're cold and it always surprises us how many children come to school without a coat!



Prompt start to our school day

Please do try to ensure that your child is in the classroom in time for registration in the mornings. It is very unsettling for the class having to sort out latecomers' dinners and toast, and prevents all the pupils from getting started on their learning. The doors open at 8.45am and we encourage all parents & carers to have delivered their children before the Community entrance door closes at 9.00am.

Thank you for your support.



Poppy Appeal

When the school reopens after half term we shall have the traditional poppies and a variety of other "poppified" items available including pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners and rulers. for the pupils to choose in exchange for a donation in support of the Royal British Legion.



Cotton Remembers

This half term, we are inviting the children to take part in a community competition to mark the centenary of WW1. Attached to the newsletter is a poster detailing the commemorative events being held on **Sunday 11th November** in and around Cotton. Alongside The Faber School, Waterhouses pupils will have their work displayed at the Cross Inn pub. A prize draw will then be held at 8.00pm with County Councillor Mike Worthington drawing winners in Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 categories. There will be prizes for each winner. A homework task sheet detailing ideas for the competition is coming home in book bags tonight and you are warmly invited to attend the events in and around Cotton on the 11th November. Please note the deadline for this competition is the **7th November**.

You may also wish to come and view the very striking soldier silhouette, donated by Cotton Parish Council for our involvement in the commemoration events, currently on display in our reception area.

Thank you for your continued support.



Waterfall WI Poppy Bombing

In addition to the Cotton commemorative events, we shall also be displaying some of the children's artwork and writing at the Remembrance event planned for the **10th November** at Waterfall Village Hall. The 'Poppy Bombing' will be open to the public from **10.30 to 3.30** where refreshments and some handmade mementos will be available for sale. All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion. The children will be working on their art and writing projects for this event the first week back after half term.

"Channel Swim"

Alison Bradbury is once again swimming the virtual channel. She has managed to swim 13 miles of the 22 miles required. Her progress can be seen on the sports sheet in the school corridor. Keep going!

Sponsored Swim

Attached to this newsletter is an invite to come and join a Sponsored Swim event on 17th November at our pool, raising money for the Beau's Boots charity. A sponsor form is overleaf from the invite. Please contact Louise Redfern on 07843 462372 if you are interested in swimming or for more information.



PTFA News

The PTFA Fireworks Night is on **Saturday 10th November**. It should be another great night with a blazing bonfire and whizz-popping fireworks! Advanced tickets are available from members of the PTFA, please contact Kayleigh 07866 027120, Hailey 01538 304253 or Rachel 07870 692309.

The event will again be accessed off Cross Lane and there is a best dressed guy competition (they must be registered by 6pm on the night.)

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.



Waterhouses Christmas Fayre: Friday 7th December

Yes it is quickly approaching that time of the year. Ask Mrs Bradbury and she will happily let you know how many days to Christmas!

A plea from school council for any much-loved unwanted soft toys for a teddy bear stall at the christmas fayre. Please could you have a hunt around. This is always a popular stall.

If you know of anyone who would like to bring their wares to sell at our Christmas Fayre please would you ask them to contact the school office. We charge £10 for a table, payable on the day. We already have a few tables booked but would be lovely to have some more from the community.

Many thanks.

National Bug Busting Day Wednesday October 31st

The aim on national Bug Busting Days is to find all the head lice and zap them in one fell swoop. This stops them from circulating endlessly. Please treat all your family and help keep them at bay!

Half Term Sport Club

Attached to the newsletter is a flyer from our regular sports coach Ade Warwas about some half term activities. If you are interested please get in touch with him asap.

Grindon Church events

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

There is also a Church Services sheet attached to this newsletter.

Dates for Your Diary

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

31st Oct: National Bug Busting Day! Please check everyone's hair & treat as necessary.

Saturday 10th November: PTFA Bonfire & Fireworks Night

Thursday 15th November: Bag2School

Friday 16th Nov: Celebration Worship @ School 9.15am

Fri 30th 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: Otters Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm

Wed 12th 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