



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

To book either please telephone 07581 710209 (Mrs Derbyshire) or
 email Derbyshire.D@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk



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



DATES AND EVENTS FOR WEEKS BEGINNING Monday 19th & 26th November 2018

Monday	ROAD SAFETY WEEK - BIKE SMART 19th November School swimming for Year 1 to Year 6: afternoon - don't forget your swim kit including hat.
Tuesday	KS1 Inter small schools' Benchball tournament for participating pupils: 9.45 to 11.30am 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 Full Governors' meeting (school agenda): 6.30pm
Thursday	Chess Club for participating pupils: Lunchtime Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Becky Hunt music lessons and Water Rapids Lunchtime Band
Monday	26th November School swimming for Years 1 to 6: afternoon Basketball @ QEGS for participating pupils in Y5 & 6: 1 to 3pm
Tuesday	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	Y3/4 Museum of Cannock Chase Visit: 8.45am Departure (Letters to follow next week) Chess Club for participating pupils: Lunchtime Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm (Grading due to take place, for those who wish to participate)
Friday	Celebration Worship @ School - 9.10am Becky Hunt music lessons and Water Rapids Lunchtime Band



Remembrance:

The teachers and visitors to our school have been absolutely stunned by the thoughtfulness and maturity of our children during the Remembrance commemorative events of last week. The standard of work produced by the children in school and at home has been outstanding and we were very proud to share it with our local community.



Home learning projects were entered into the 'Cotton Remembers' competition at the Cross Inn on Sunday evening. The Ladybirds' clay poppies were displayed in the stable opposite the war memorial in Cauldon Lowe and some beautiful poetry and artwork was shared at the 'Poppy Bombing' event at Waterfall village hall. The children's work has now been returned to school and is on display in the reception area (please do come to take a look and reflect if you have a spare quiet moment). We are pleased to share with you the competition winners for the 'Cotton Remembers' competition. These are as follows:

Jack B - Reception

Lexi B - Y1 **Willow B - Y2**
Savannah C - Y3 **Ethan H - Y4**
Joe G - Y5 **Darcie M - Y6**

These children will be receiving their prizes very soon. Councillor Mike Worthington will be visiting the school to present to the winners in person.



PTFA Bonfire and Fireworks

A big **Thank you** goes to members of the PTFA who ensured Waterhouses' annual bonfire and fireworks event went off with a bang! The evening was a great success with over **£900** raised from ticket sales, food and drink purchases, the raffle and sweet stand.

Thank you to everyone who came, all seemed to have a great time. The fireworks brought many utterances of delight! Congratulations to Savannah and Leighton whose wonderful guy was voted number 1 by Mrs Rushton.

A massive thank you to all those who volunteered and helped out on the night (including some of our current and ex-pupils!) and of course to our fabulous PTFA who worked so hard in the run-up to the evening and on the night itself. We have a fantastic community in the village and here at Waterhouses Primary and events like these just go to show how wonderful our school family really is.



NSPCC

Last Tuesday members of the NSPCC came into school to deliver the "Speak Out, Stay Safe" programme giving children the confidence to tell people about any worries or problems. If you would like any more information, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools.

Thank you for the generous donations towards the NSPCC. We were able to raise a wonderful **£91.90**.



4Stoke City 7s Assembly

On Thursday 8th November representatives from Stoke City FC visited the school to deliver a short, specially designed assembly aimed at introducing Y2 pupils to their local club. All our Y2 children were presented with an official replica Stoke shirt and two free tickets to watch Gary Rowett's men in action at the bet365 stadium. A spokesman for the club told us "The children were fantastic and we hope to see as many of them as possible enjoying the experience of a 'live' Stoke City FC fixture against Queens Park Rangers FC on **Saturday 24th November 2018** at 3pm."



Phonics Games Workshop

Thank you to all the Reception parents who came along to the phonics workshop. I think we all found it very useful and lots of fun. I hope you are finding the games fun to do at home too. Mrs Hulme.



Thank you to everyone who donated their clothing to our Bag2School scheme. Your generosity has brought the school **£111.20**. There will be another collection in the summer but we can accept and store bags at any time.

News from the Kitchen

Golden Table

The new half term has seen the pupils manners in the dining hall continue to impress and seats at the Golden Table were secured last week by **Gylan, Annabel, Thomas, Evie, Hugo and Kaiya**.



Dining in style this week were **Jay, Sam, Harry J, Eva, and Isabella A**.

Mrs Andrew would like to give a special mention to **Monty** for eating up his dinner with great relish.

Pupil Christmas Lunch

Just a reminder to ensure the pupil orders for their Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 12th December** are in by next **Friday 23rd November** so we can ensure there is enough food for everyone!

Scholastic Books

Please ensure your orders and payments (cheques payable to QEGSMAT) are with Mrs Bradbury by **Friday 30th Nov**. This will ensure they are received in good time for Christmas, hopefully without the snow disruption like last year!



Admissions: Reception & Middle School places

The window for applications for admissions to Reception and Middle Schools is now open, until **15th January 2019**. The link to apply online is:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/primary/home.aspx>

Should you wish your Year 4 child to head off to a Middle School setting at the end of this academic year you need to apply online. If you do not apply to a Middle School your child will be identified by Staffordshire County Council as staying on into our White Tigers setting here at Waterhouses.

Waterhouses Christmas Fayre: Friday 7th December

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 it would be lovely to have some more from the community. Many thanks.

Dates for Your Diary

- 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**

