

# Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

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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  
 To book either please telephone **01538 308356 Option 3** (Mrs Derbyshire)  
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**Next Half Term's Value is FRIENDSHIP**  
 & our British Value continues as **MUTUAL RESPECT AND TOLERANCE**



### DATES AND EVENTS FOR SPRING TERM 2019 starting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February (Mon 25<sup>th</sup> is an Inset Day - school closed for pupils)

	<b>REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:</b>
Monday	School weekly swimming lessons for Reception to Year 5: afternoon - don't forget your swim kit including hat.
Tuesday	<b>Lunchtime Ukulele Club</b> (NB. NO session w/c Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb, and for w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> April club on Mon instead of Tues) <b>KS1 (Y1/Y2) After School Multisport Club - Dodgeball 3.30pm to 4.30pm</b>
Wednesday	White Tigers & Penguins (Y3 to Y6) PE <b>KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Cricket: 3.30pm to 4.30pm</b> <b>Waterhouses Community Swim sessions: 6 to 9pm (Always check their facebook page to see if session taking place)</b>
Thursday	<b>Chess Club for participating pupils: Lunchtime</b> <b>Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm</b>
Friday	<b>Becky Hunt music lessons and Water Rapids Lunchtime Band with Water Voices Choir</b> <b>Waterhouses Community Swim sessions: 3.30/4pm to 5.30pm (Always check their facebook page to see if session taking place)</b>
	<b>OTHER DIARY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM:</b> <i>We look forward to welcoming you to some of these events. Please do check the website calendar for any changes as the term unfolds.</i>
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b> School re-opens for pupils. (Regular weekly events restart)
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> March Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> March Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Otters' Class visit to Tamworth Castle. Please arrive 8.40am for prompt departure <b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Café: Pancakes with choice of toppings 20p (1 per pupil)</b> Full Governors' Meeting 6.30pm (tbc) <b>Visit from Olympic Athlete.</b> Celebration Worship - World Book Week, @ school: 9.10am
11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> March Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief Week & British Science Week <b>Penguins class visit to Churnet View: 'Journeys' Science event - (letters will be sent out)</b> Y5 & 6 Standon Bowers Peak Cluster Meeting at Waterhouses: 6.30pm <b>Red Nose Day - details tbc</b> Y5/6 Visit to Big Bang Fair @ NEC (letter will be sent to parents)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> March Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Non Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate for PTFA Chocolate Bingo <b>Y5 &amp; 6 visit to QEGS to see performance of 'Sister Act', 2.30pm performance. (Letters will be sent out)</b>
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> March Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 PE this afternoon rather than Wed this week. <b>Mother's Day Celebration Worship @ school: 9.10am</b>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April	PTFA Chocolate Bingo: Doors open 6.30pm. Eyes down 7.00pm

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> April Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> April Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents' Consultation Evening: 3.45 to 6.30pm (Sign up for appointments in the foyer when text confirms available) Parents' Consultation Evening: 3.45 to 6.30pm <b>Celebration Worship @ Waterhouses Chapel: 9am. Please take children directly to Chapel. Volunteers to walk back much appreciated.</b> School closes for the end of term.
15 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Holiday - Have a lovely time!</b>
	<b><u>SOME DIARY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM</u></b>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> to Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School re-opens for pupils for the summer term. Peak Cluster schools Y4 pupils Laches Wood visit
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Laches Wood Assembly 9.15am
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Week School Census Day - please try to avoid your child being off school this day, to help us secure school funding. Thank you
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Tempest Photography - Class photos & Leavers Peak Cluster schools Y5 & 6 pupils Standon Bowers visit Celebration Worship (tbc)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> April	HALF TERM WEEK
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> June Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Bag2School collection: 9am. Please bring in items anytime for school to store. Some bags are available outside the school office. Standon Bowers Assembly 9.15am
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> June Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Inspire Visit to Lichfield Cathedral (Letters will be sent out) R to Y1 Transition Meeting Fathers' Day Worship 9.15am
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> July to	Y6 Transition Days (3) @ QEGS
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> July Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School Swimming Gala Sports Day Celebration Worship @Chapel Leavers Assembly @ school 2.00pm SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS



You may have seen Mr David Wood around school. He is the QEGSMAT Director of Education focusing on Primary Schools. He has been supporting our school a little more than usual of late while we have been a few staff members down through illness, including

doing some teaching in White Tigers' class.

This is what he has to say about himself on the QEGSMAT website:

*"I have worked in education for 15 years, all of which have been in the Primary sector. Prior to joining QEGSMAT I held the position of Regional Director for a large national Trust where I supported 8 academies in both rural and urban settings, providing effective and timely School to School Support in order to achieve improved outcomes. This also encompassed quality assurance of the systems and programmes in place across the academies, including Academy Improvement Plans, Self-Evaluation documents, monitoring of the quality of teaching and learning and pupil progress and attainment.*

*Previously, I have been the Headteacher of a C of E Primary school, leading it successfully through Ofsted and Church School inspections. I am also an accredited SIAMS Inspector.*

*I am passionate about raising the aspirations of pupils, students and communities, in order to give the young people we serve the best possible life chances."*

Information about other members of the QEGSMAT central team who visit and support our school can be seen on the team page of the QEGSMAT website:

<http://www.qegsmat.com/central-team/>

## Staff changes

### Play Leader

We are delighted that Amanda Murray, who already knows our children very well in her role as a Lunchtime Supervisor, has joined the Sunshine Club. We wish Amanda a warm welcome and hope she enjoys her additional role. She will generally be covering the Club on Thursdays.



Just a reminder that the Sunshine Club can now be contacted by selecting option 3 on the school telephone number 01538 308356, or emailing [Derbyshire.D@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Derbyshire.D@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk)



### Farewell to Mr Ham

On Thursday 14th February we sadly said farewell to Mr Ham, one of our lunchtime supervisors. He has worked with us here at Waterhouses for exactly 5 years to the day! He will be missed by both staff and children alike, for his entertaining stories and jokes.

The children said a fond farewell to him at lunchtime, though they now know their puddings are safe!

We are still seeking a new lunchtime supervisor. If you or anyone you know would be able to cover 1 lunchtime or more, up to 5 sessions Monday to Friday, please do get in touch. Working with children can be very rewarding, & keep you young at heart! If interested please contact the school office on 01538 308356. The role would be term time from Noon to 1.15pm.

### SPORTS REPORTS

Mr Walker has been busy organising our sporting teams. Reports of the activities have been celebrated on our website in our 'Latest News' and on our Sports page, but here is a round up.

#### Gymnastics @ QEGS

Four of our older pupils attended a Gymnastics event at QEGS on Thursday 10th January. Mrs Hallam, proud parent watching the event, provided the following:



*"Our children were fabulous. Very well behaved and enthusiastic despite the nerves. Their routine was very well put together, demonstrated all the essential components required for the completion plus a few extras. The children showed great teamwork and supported each other throughout. They came 7th out of 15 entries so can be very proud of their performance. Go Waterhouses".*



Well done to **Annabel, Darcie, Ellie-Mae & Gregory.**

#### Sportshall Athletics Competition

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January children from White Tigers took part in a Sportshall Athletics Competition at QEGS. The event comprised of a series of track and field events including Relay races, Obstacle races, Javelin, Speed Bounce, Triple Jump, and Chest Push. Our highly competitive team brought home the gold in their heat of the

track events, taking second place overall. Superb sportsmanship was



demonstrated by all the children and a great team spirit contributed to their fantastic victory. Well done team!!

Team: **Annabel, Brooke, Carynna, Star, Cameron, Joe, Gregory & Gylan.**

#### Y3/4 Cross Country

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, children from Year 3/4 took part in the Inter School Individual Cross-Country competition at Westwood College.

Despite the cold weather and energy-sapping course, all the children successfully completed the run, showing great stamina, strength and determination.

However, a special mention has to go to **Katelyn.** After 50 metres, she led the



girl's Y4 race from the front and never looked back. On a very difficult course which took her around playing fields and through woods, she emerged victorious with a lovely smile on her face. Well done Katelyn!

Our Runners: **Amber B, Mollie C, Faith G, Evie P, Skye C, Oliver C, Alec P, Charlie H, Harry F, Jamie C, Jay B, Grace S, Katelyn C, Hattie F, Tilly F, Amber A**



#### After School Sports Clubs

The sports clubs all start the first week back at school w/c **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.** Please ensure any £7 payments owed and parental consent forms are received before the day of the first session. Y1/2 will be doing **Dodgeball** on Tuesdays, Y3 to Y6 **Cricket** on Wednesdays and Taekwondo, R to Y6, is on Thursdays.

#### School Swimming Lessons

School swimming lessons provided by Entrust will restart on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** for **Reception** through to **Y5.** Please do remember to bring swim kits including swim cap. Caps may be purchased from the school office in house colours, at a cost of £1.25 each. We have a list in the office if you are unsure as to which house your child belongs!

Y6 will use Monday afternoons for concentrating on their studies for their SATS in May.

#### Becky Hunt music lessons

The lesson missed owing to Becky being ill last week will be rescheduled in the next half term, times and date to be arranged.

## "Under the Sea" Mental Maths

We have had another great term with the mental maths targets. Well done to all the children listed below:

**Shrimp** - Poppy B,  
Hugo R, Isabella H  
**Sea Urchin** - Jack B  
**Shrimp, Seahorse & Sea Urchin** - Imogen F  
**Shrimp, Seahorse & Sea Urchin & Starfish** - Corey C

**Clownfish** - Oliver C,  
Savannah C, Daisy DA  
**Octopus** - Cadence H

A special "Well Done!" to **Jamie C** who after great determination has achieved his **Blue Whale** level to become a **Maths Ambassador**.

Congratulations also to Maths Ambassador **Ethan H** who achieved his Self-set Target working with **Roman Numerals**.



## Foundation Stage Open Morning

We had a busy morning with a number of special visitors (parents and their little ones) coming along to visit our Foundation Stage setting, and seeing some of the lovely things our Nursery and Reception children get to do, whilst learning at the same time! 3 children will join our Nursery in the summer term and others are applying for a place in September. The **Nursery admissions for September** is open until **8<sup>th</sup> March**. An application form should be sent directly to the school. It can be printed from a link on our admissions page on our website, or please pop and ask for a form from the school office.

## Online Safety

Thank you to those who were able to come along to our online safety event on Friday 8th Feb, sharing children's learning in the classrooms of Ladybirds, Otters & Penguins' classes. (The White Tigers class event was postponed.) Mrs Cooper has provided pack handouts to those attending, with information drawn from the online safety website and copies have been emailed out. A few spare packs are available outside the school office in our leaflet area for those wishing to look at a hard copy.



## School Money

You now have the power to customise your password once you have logged into your account. Parents and carers will be emailed a guide on how to do this.

## News from the Kitchen

### Golden Table

Gaining a seat on the Friday Golden Table as a reward for beautiful manners in the dining hall continues to be a treat the children get excited by. Well done to all those children who have gained a place this term and have been applauded at our Celebration Worship.



### Adventurous Appetites

Mrs Andrew always enjoys it when children try something new and so would like to give a special mention to **Ruby-May** who over time has broadened her palate from a simple ham sandwich to now enjoying a wide variety of food including fish fingers and pasta. "Well Done Ruby!"

### School Parent Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has opened up on the school's governing body for a new parent governor. If you are interested in being involved and would like to find out more about what is entailed please talk to Mrs Lafford or Mr Steve Richman, one of our current governors.

### Sponsored Sky Dive

Our Teaching Assistant Miss Beth Hall will be doing a charity sky dive next week to raise money for the local charity Beau's Boots. If you would like to donate please see Miss Hall on her return or go online to the Just Giving website via the link below <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Bethany-Hall6>

### Samaritan's Purse Update

At Christmas a couple of shoe boxes were put together for Operation Christmas Child. We tagged a box and have learnt that it went to a child in the Ukraine. We hope this thoughtful act of gathering together things they might need and items they might want brightened their day and gave them some fun.



If you require information about SEND support in Staffordshire please check out the link

[www.staffordshireconnects.info](http://www.staffordshireconnects.info)



## Accelerated Reader Achievements

Our latest Word Count Leader Board is alongside.  
Most improved reader certificates:

- Ladybirds - **Scarlett D**
- Otters - **Willow B**
- Penguins - **Alec P**
- White Tigers - **Annabel W**

The raffle prize winner, for all those pupils who achieved 100% on their AR quizzes, was **Alec P**.

### Writing Awards

At Chapel we celebrated some wonderful writing over the term. Writing certificates have been presented to **Harriet B** in Ladybirds, **Bethany** and **Oscar** in Otters, **Florence** and **Ethan** in Penguins and to **Belle N** and **Kaiya McC** in White Tigers.  
Very Well Done, Everybody!

The Waterfall Benefice Newsletter for February is attached to this newsletter.

### Half Term Holiday Sports Club

Below is a flyer from our After School Sports coach Ade Warwas of activities that are being run over the half term. Contact him on 07972361660 if you are interested.

**LEEK TOWN COMMUNITY SPORTS FEB HALF TERM ACTIVITIES**

**18TH FEB - 21ST FEB**

NINJA WARRIOR  
FOOTBALL DAY  
MAN CITY STADIUM TOUR  
BOWLING & LASER QUEST

CONTACT:  
ADE 07972361660

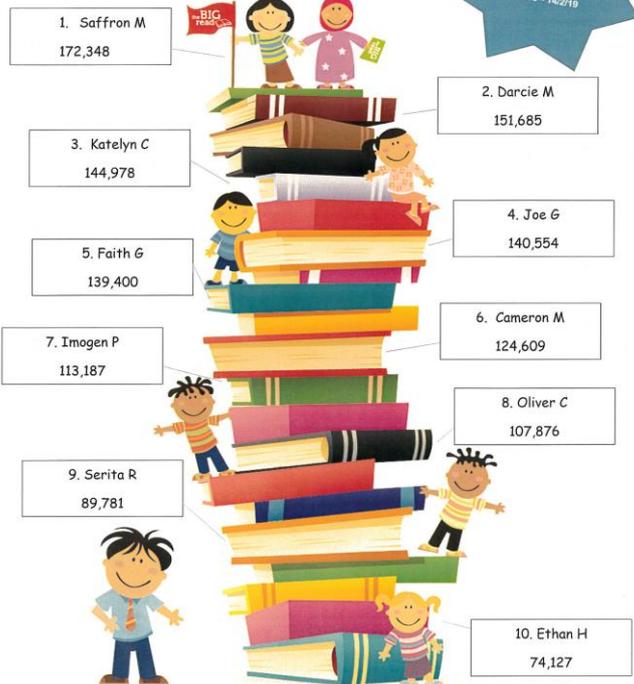
## Accelerated Reader Word Count Leader Board

Total Words Read This Year

**11,551,169**

Spring 1  
Week 6

31/1/19 - 14/2/19



*Have a lovely half term holiday, let us hope that the sun shines.*

*We look forward to seeing some smiling faces eager for learning on*

*Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February*