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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 **COURAGE**
 & our British Value is **INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY**

DATES AND EVENTS FOR SUMMER TERM 2019 starting Monday 29th April

	<u>REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:</u>
Monday	School weekly swimming lessons for Reception to Year 5: afternoon - don't forget your swim kit including hat.
Tuesday	KS1 (Y1/Y2) After School Multisport Club - Football 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday	White Tigers & Penguins (Y3 to Y6) PE KS2 (Y3 to Y6) After School Sports Club - Dodgeball/Benchball: 3.30pm to 4.30pm Waterhouses Community Swim sessions: 6 to 9pm (Always check their facebook page to see if session taking place)
Thursday	Chess Club for participating pupils: Lunchtime Taekwondo Club: 3.30pm to 4.20pm
Friday	Becky Hunt music lessons and Water Rapids Lunchtime Band with Water Voices Choir Waterhouses Community Swim sessions: 3.30/4pm to 5.30pm (Always check their facebook page to see if session taking place)
	<u>OTHER DIARY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM:</u> <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 29 th April	School re-opens for pupils for the summer term. Lunchtime Ukulele Club (1 session for this term on Mon 29th April. If Mrs Porteous is able to do a Tuesday club practise we will text parents the day before to ask children to bring their ukes in.)
Tue 30 th April Wed 1 st to Fri 3 rd May Thurs 2 nd May	Reception & Year 6 Measurement Programme. Peak Cluster schools Y4 pupils Laches Wood visit Ladybirds Superhero Dressing Up Day
Mon 6 th May Fri 10 th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed for day Laches Wood Assembly 9.15am
Mon 13 th to Fri 17 th May Thurs 16 th May Fri 17 th 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 Celebration Worship @ Waterhouses Methodist Chapel 9.00am
Tues 21 st May Wed 22 nd to Fri 24 th May Fri 24 th May	Tempest Photography - Class photos & Leavers Peak Cluster schools Y5 & 6 pupils Standon Bowers visit School closes for the end of half term

Mon 27 th May to Fri 31 st April	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 3 rd June Thurs 6 th June Fri 7 th June	School Re-opens Bag2School collection: 9am. Please bring in items any time for school to store. Some bags are available outside the school office. Standon Bowers Assembly 9.15am
Mon 10 th June Tue 11 th June Fri 14 th June	Y4 Inspire Visit to Lichfield Cathedral (Letters will be sent out) R to Y1 Transition Meeting Fathers' Day Celebration Worship 9.10am
Tue 18 th June Wed 19 th June	Small Schools Cluster Swimming Gala for participating pupils Y6 visit to Annual Goblin Car Event @ NEC
Wed 26 th June Thurs 27 th June Fri 28 th June	Key Stage 2 (Y3 to Y6) Summer Production: Dress Rehearsal 2pm, Evening performance 6pm Summer Production Evening performance 6pm Celebration Worship 9.10am
Tue 2 nd July to	Y6 Transition Days (3) @ QEGS
Tues 9 th to Thurs 11 th July	Y4 Transition Days (3) @ Churnet View Middle School and within Waterhouses school setting
Mon 15 th July Tue 16 th July Thurs 18 th July Fri 19 th July	No after school sports clubs this week School Swimming Gala School Sports Day Celebration Worship @ Waterhouses Methodist Chapel - 9am Leavers Assembly @ school 2.00pm SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS New Term starts for pupils on Wednesday 4th September

Tamworth Castle Visit



On a sunny but blustery Tuesday on the 5th March Otters' class visited Tamworth Castle as part of their topic on castles. The children were excited to see the armoury

and to have a chance at trying on the different kinds of armour that the knights wore long ago. They visited the castle, exploring the different chambers, looking at how people lived long ago. They also had the opportunity to climb to the top of the tower. The children then went back to medieval times where they learned how to be a servant, using their reverences and trained to be a knight. The children excelled in the knowledge they displayed doing us proud!



GB athlete visit

On Thursday 7th March, Great Britain athlete Emily Campbell visited the school to talk to the children about her life and career. Emily is the current British weightlifting champion and record holder in the 90kg+ class and won a Bronze medal in the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia. During her visit, Emily held a special whole-school assembly where she shared her sporting journey with the students, allowing them to understand the hard work and dedication needed in order to achieve success. She talked about what it takes to be an elite athlete - from the foods she eats, to the



competitions she takes part in and the difficulties she faces trying to balance her studies, her training and her work commitments.

She then held some Question & Answer workshops with the children where she showed them some of her medals, before putting them through an intense mini-training schedule to get their hearts and minds working faster. Following Emily's visit, we handed out sponsorship forms for children to complete if they wanted to help fund her training. We raised an incredible £290 - a fantastic effort and a big well done and thank you to all those who took part.



Red Nose Day 2019

Well done to everyone who entered our design a T-Shirt competition it was fantastic to see all the entries and all the hard work that went into them. Worship and School Council had a hard time deciding on our top three winners.

The house and vice captains made the final decision on whose T-shirt won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Well done to **Darcie McC** 1st, **Scarlett D** 2nd and **Bethany G** 3rd



Thank you for all the donations, we raised a wonderful £39.51

Science Workshop

Pupils in years 3 & 4 enjoyed an exciting afternoon as part of Science Week, attending a number of activities at Churnet View Middle School. This included making and launching rockets and planting sunflower seeds. We also explored our five senses around the school grounds and the farm. Thank you to Mrs Matthews and Mr Walker for accompanying the children to this event.

Mother's Day Celebration Worship

We had a lovely celebration of Mothers' Day with all the classes performing some beautiful songs and plays. Many a tear of joy was shed by the watching audience.

Thank you to all who came and the Governors for providing refreshments.

Hockey Quicksticks



On Tuesday, children from Penguins class took part in an Inter school hockey competition at Westwood college. With gum shields firmly in place, shin pads strapped on, and hockey sticks primed

for action, our children competed well and fought hard against some tough opposition. Great teamwork and sportsmanship was displayed by both our teams. A special mention goes to our "A" team who won three and drew one of their six games, with Will F smashing in an amazing six goals - well done Will! As always, behaviour was excellent.

Team: Will F, Amber B, Ethan H, Alec P, Jamie C, Harry F, Charlie H, Tilly F

Litter Pick

On Thursday 28th February, children from White Tigers went on a community litter pick around the village of Waterhouses.

Following on from a PSHE lesson in which the children learned



about the devastating effect of plastic pollution on our oceans, the White Tigers made pledges to pick up litter wherever they found it and this resulted in the idea of a group class litter pick.

Our environmentally responsible children split up into two groups; one group scouring the hedgerows and grass verges in front of the school, the other group heading to the local park. The children used protective gloves and litter-pickers, and, armed with two large bin-liners, went about their task to clean up the village.

They were disgusted at how much litter they found in such a small area - litter that included takeaway wrappers, glass bottles, beer cans, plastic bags, cigarette ends, car mats and even playground equipment. They also found a total of eight dog poo bags thrown into the hedgerows. Together, the children collected two bin liners full weighing over 4.5kg.

Their message after the event was simple "We would love it if you could put your rubbish in the bins provided around the community and encourage everyone to join in and stop littering"

"Under the Sea" Mental Maths

The children are still working hard on their mental maths targets and the older children have the new Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS).

Congratulations this half term to: **Riley C, Lola A & Freddie C** for achieving their Shrimp level, **Scarlett D** and **Archie B** their Seahorse level, **Harry S** his Clownfish.



Accelerated Reader Achievements

Points targets certificates were presented to target-toppers this morning and certificates and book prizes were also awarded to the 'Most Improved Readers' in each class. The winners of this accolade were as follows:

- Ladybirds - **Isabella H**
- Otters - **Georgia A**
- Penguins - **Millie H**
- White Tigers - **Gylan A**

Our 100% raffle winner this half term was **Alec P**. He also chose a book to take home as a prize for his quizzing success.

Writing Awards

At this morning's worship we celebrated some wonderful writing over the term. Writing certificates have been presented to **Jessica C** and **Harry H** in Ladybirds, **George H** and **Isabel H** in Otters, **Cadence H** and **Esme B** in Penguins and to **Cameron McN** and **Ellie-Mae H** in White Tigers. Very Well Done, Everybody!

And finally, attached to the newsletter is our Accelerated Reader word count leader board.

After School Sports Clubs

The sports clubs all start the first week back at school **w/c Monday 29th April**. Please ensure any payments owed and parental consent forms are received before the day of the **first session**. For this short 4 week half term Y1/2 will be doing **Football** on Tuesdays, Y3 to Y6 **Dodgeball/Benchball** on Wednesdays and Taekwondo, R to Y6, is on Thursdays.

Y4 Laches Wood Visit

Just a reminder for parents of our Year 4 pupils going on the Laches Wood visit that it takes place the first week back after the Easter holidays on 1st to 3rd May. The balance payment of £90 is available on SchoolMoney and needs to be paid by **29th April**, thank you. Please remember to bring your consent forms in on the first day back, completing them after Easter.

Lafarge Calendar



Representatives from Lafarge visited the school with some super gifts for the pupils whose art work had been chosen to go on their 2019 calendar. The photo also made the newspaper!

News from the Kitchen

Golden Table

Well done to all those children who have gained a place on the Golden Table this term as a reward for their beautiful manners.



This week Mrs Andrew would like to make special mention of Ethan who, through his lovely manners, was on the Golden Table again, however, he felt someone else should be given the opportunity in his place. He kept his place but nominated one of our new pupils, Charlie K, to have a seat as well. Well Done Ethan!

New Menus

The new dinner menus are attached to this newsletter. Mrs Andrew has worked with her company Chartwells to ensure that she is able to cook the dishes the children like. A copy can also be found on our noticeboard and will be uploaded onto our website.

Foundation Stage

On **Thursday 2nd May** Mrs Hulme is organising a **Superhero Dress Up Day** for the Ladybirds' class as part of their class work. There are many outfits at school if you cannot lay your hands on one.

To help with their studies Mrs Hulme would also be appreciative of any reuseable small cardboard boxes (shoe box size) and tubes (eg kitchen towel inners). These will be used to make Superhero traps!

Sunshine Club

Parents and carers complete separate paperwork to access this club, as the school office is not open during the hours the club runs before and after school. The policy re this club states that payment should be received in advance of the booking. However, to facilitate online payment Mrs Derbyshire does offer to arrange for a payment to be raised retrospectively on SchoolMoney, on the basis that prompt payment will then be received. Thank you for your support.

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

PTFA Chocolate Bingo

The PTFA annual chocolate bingo on Friday 5th April was once again a great success. Thank you for all the wonderful chocolate donations to go for prizes. There was a good spread of winners on the night, and they went away with some fantastic prizes. Thank you to Tracey Fowler Staff and Local Governor for stepping in at the last minute to do the calling.



Sponsored Sky Dive

Our Teaching Assistant Miss Beth Hall did a charity sky dive in February to raise money for the local charity Beau's Boots.



"I would like to say a massive thank you to everybody who has donated to Beau's Boots. After 3 attempts at the skydive we finally got to do it. We have raised a fabulous £564 for the charity. Thank you!"

New Starters

The school continues to grow and has welcomed several new students this term and will have 5 new starters after Easter including in our expanding Nursery. We now accept children the term after their 3rd birthday.

We will also be welcoming back **Mrs Lavery** to the team as a Midday Supervisor. She will hopefully be starting the first week back after the holidays.

Long Service

Congratulations to **Mrs Rushton** she has been keeping our school "spick and span" for **15 years**, since April 2004. Thank you for all the tidying up after us she does!

New Enterprise at the Hub

Teddy Bears Day Nursery will be opening up after Easter at the Hub next door to school. This is a reminder to please not park on the Hub car park as it is for use of the new Nursery. Thank you.

Thank you

We would like to say a thank you to the Parish Council Lengthsman for clearing some of the trees that were causing stress on the fencing on the tennis court area. We are very grateful for the work done, Thank you.

SCHOOL CLEANER VACANCY

CHARTWELLS ARE SEEKING A SCHOOL CLEANER
FOR 10 HOURS PER WEEK TERM TIME.

If you would like to hear more about this opportunity in your local school, please contact Paul Gater, Group Manager, Chartwells on 07584 155866 or via email:

paul.gater@compass-group.co.uk

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

*Have a lovely Easter break,
We look forward to seeing
you all raring to go for our
summer term on*



Monday 29th April

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