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NEWSLETTER

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

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Our half term value this autumn is **Generosity (Give)**.

DATES AND EVENTS FOR WEEK COMMENCING Monday 30th September

Please check out our website calendar to keep up to date re our activities:

Monday	Tempest orders deadline for school order School swimming lessons - remember kits including swim hats! Parents' Consultation Evening: a copy of the appointments will be on a board in the Community Entrance area
Tuesday	Otters KS1 After School Sports Club Parents' Consultation Evening: a copy of the appointments will be on a board in the Community Entrance area
Wednesday	KS2 After School Sports Club
Thursday	CENSUS DAY - Please ensure children are in school on this day, to help us secure our funding. Chess club Taekwondo
Friday	Forest School Penguins Class - remember the extra clothing you need for soggy days!



going on and this newsletter brings together all the 'Latest news.'

Thank you to all the staff, parents & children for making me feel so welcome. Your support with the costumes for the Rockstars launch and your generous donations for our Harvest boxes is very much appreciated.

Mr Matthew Dodson
Deputy Headteacher

"Under the Sea" Mental Maths

The children are still working hard on their mental maths targets. This half term so far has seen success for:

Scarlett H & Harry M - Shrimp level

Irs R, Poppy B, Elizabeth-Rose O &

Evalyn S - Seahorse

Jensen B - Shrimp, Seahorse & Sea Urchin

Lucas W - Starfish

Congratulations to all of you!

It has been a very busy start to our autumn term with educational visits to Tatton Park, & Sainsburys; pupils settling into their classes and getting going on their learning including their new class topics. Staff and pupils enjoyed dressing up for the launch of the TT Rockstars, and in our Harvest Festival Worship this morning we celebrated many pupils hard work and successes in the classroom. Our website has been keeping you up to date with much of what has been

Census Day

Next **Thursday** is our school census day. To ensure we gain the funding to cover the teaching costs, books, etc for you child **please ensure they are in school on that day.**

For children in **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2:** if you child **EVER** has a government funded **Universal Free School Meal**, please would you ensure that they have one on our **Census** days? The school **only** gets funding for the dinners if your child has a meal **on our census days in the autumn and spring terms.** If they don't have a dinner, school **still** has to cover the cost of any meals taken, but using our learning resouces funding. Thank you for support.

Census Day Special menu

Turkey burgers in a bun -
tomato sauce

Beef burgers in a bun

Quorn burgers in a bun

Broccoli

Baked beans

Salad Bar

Pasta, Cheese & Beans

Jacket potatoes: cheese, beans or tuna mayo

Sandwiches: ham, cheese, tuna mayo & egg

Chocolate Rice Crispy Bar

Yoghurt

Fruit



Wow. What a day for the launch of TT Rockstars at Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery. The weather was glorious and the children and staff didn't

disappoint as they all looked amazing dressed as rock stars. Children and staff also experienced a once in a lifetime moment as a live band performed before them.

The rock band, 'Winging It' had been hastily

assembled and produced their best performance to date, wowing children and staff alike. Band members; Mrs Joanna Porteous (lead vocals), Mr Gary Mason (drums) and Mr Dave Cooper (lead guitar)



put on a show to remember and had the school hall rocking.

But we now **need your support** to make sure TT Rockstars takes off. Please can you encourage your children to play for at least 10 minutes per day to help them become TT Rock Legends and ultimately a **Rock Hero.**



There are lots of photos on the website showing the fun of the day which we hope you enjoy and thank you for making this day such a success by providing such fabulous costumes. Your support as ever is much appreciated and valued.

Times Table Rock Stars provides a fun and motivational way to assist children in mastering their times tables. It focuses on speed and accuracy- both vital recall skills.

Congratulations to Skyler C, Cameron McN & Kaiya McC, our headline acts, 3 to 4 seconds calculation times; **Annabel W & Cadence H** for 4 to 5 seconds calculation times and **Mollie C** for 5 to 6 seconds.

Brooke W-A has played online the most, earning a massive 36364 coins in White Tigers, with **Amber B** from Penguins with 34616 coins & **Isabel H** in Otters with 4154 coins. Great effort!



2019/20 House and Vice Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice Captains! Following our whole-school ballot, **Cameron M** (Hamps), **Joe G** (Manifold) and **Annabel W** (Dove) were elected as

House Captains. **Cayden C** (Hamps), **Brooke W-A** (Manifold) and **Millie H** (Dove) were elected as deputies. We wish our new captains and vices a very successful year.

Educational Visit: Tatton

Our White Tigers have today, Thursday 12th September, experienced a day 'in service' at Tatton Park Country Mansion. At the request of Lord and Lady Edgerton, the children were taken to the house by their 'Governess', Mrs Lafford, and trialled for employment under the watchful eye of the housekeeper! Our hard workers did not let us down and excelled in their new roles as chamber maids, footmen and cooks. The children experienced a realistic day in the life of a Victorian servant: scrubbing floors, making beds, laying fires, polishing silver and baking scones. Because they performed their chores so well and demonstrated outstanding knowledge of the Victorian era, they were also treated to a tour of the magnificent rooms in the house and were allowed to take home their baking to share with families. As always, our children were exceptionally behaved and did us proud.

Mrs Lafford, White Tigers Class Teacher



Tempest photograph orders - the deadline for school orders and payments is **Monday 30th Sept**. You can still order directly online after this.

Scholastic Book Club Please return any Scholastic Book Club catalogue orders and payments (cheques payable to QEGSMAT) back to Mrs Bradbury by Friday 11th October. Thank you.



Victorian Classroom Experience for White Tigers

Monday morning looked a little different for the White Tigers this week as they stepped back in time to the Victorian era for the launch of their new topic, Revolution. Greeted by a very stern looking Mrs Lafford, the children were transformed with Victorian costumes before they made their way silently into their row - girls on one side of the classroom and boys on the other! They experienced what life would be like for a Victorian school child with a morning of drill (exercises by their desks), practise of the three R's - Reading, (w)riting and (A)rithmetic and prayers. Of course, any giggling or failure to recite facts quickly enough or indeed accurately, would be met with either the cane (our children luckily escaped this!) or the dunces hat. After lunch, we tried our hand at sewing a small sampler in cross stitch. Both boys and girls completed this although we learned that it would usually only be the girls. We all had a really fun day and learned lots about school life. We continue on our mission to find out what life would be like for children in the Victorian times when we try out life 'in service' on Thursday when we visit Tatton Park. Check out our website for more updates later in the week!



Sainsbury's

The children in Penguins had a fantastic and informative morning at their local Sainsbury's in Leek on Tuesday 10th September. They learnt all about where produce originates from and the journey it takes to arrive on our plates.

They also got an opportunity to explore and see behind the scenes, learning how important it is to be sustainable and what we can do to help our environment. Children also enjoyed exploring the shelves, looking for as many Fairtrade products as possible. We even got to take some goods back to school which will be used for an upcoming art project.

Finally the children and staff of Penguins would like to say a big thank you to Mr Tang and his staff for offering us such a warm welcome.

Mr Dodson, Class Teacher

PTFA

The **PTFA AGM and meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 15th October at 3.40pm** in the **White Tigers Classroom**. All are welcome to come along, to appoint new committee members and discuss arrangements for **Bonfire Night**.

Accelerated Reader Achievements

Our word count for this year is already over 1 million words. Well done, children! The Leader Board is attached to this newsletter.

Sports clubs have restarted; we now have a waiting list for the Taekwondo club. A letter re next half term's sports with Ade Warwas, (activities chosen by pupils), will be sent out in the last week of this half term.



To **Christine Martin** who is finishing now as a volunteer after many years supporting our children with their reading.

To **Mrs Georgina Garratt** who has been our Clerk to the Local Governors for the last year. She was presented with a card and flowers at our Harvest Festival.

Thank you to **Mrs Jackie Pakes** and **Mr Gordon Kneller**, two of our Local Governors who provided the refreshments at our Harvest Festival.

A letter has been emailed and sent out about **Mr Mark Longson**, our Chair of Local Governors, standing down. We hope to invite Mark to school to say a big thank you at an event in the near future.



We welcome **Mrs Elizabeth Dunn** to our staff who is supporting a pupil in our Foundation Stage.

Conqueror of Snowdon for a great cause

Congratulations to one of our Year 6 pupils, **Joe G**, who completed a charity climb of Mount Snowdon



on Sunday 1st September raising money for **The Multiple Sclerosis Society**. The fantastic amount of **£1676.82** was raised by the group taking part. He



was accompanied by his sister Emilie, a past Waterhouses pupil who is now a QEGS student. Well done to you both!



LAFARGE CAULDON DIGS DEEP FOR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Three staff members from Lafarge Cauldon lent a helping hand at Waterhouses C of E Primary Academy near Stoke on Trent on Thursday, as part

of the company's employee volunteering 'in the community' days.

Thank you to Mick Lea, Mick Gough and Hannah Clark who spent the day at the school transforming an underused area of its grounds into an educational garden.

Gary Mason, Site Supervisor at Waterhouses C of E Primary Academy, said: "We are really grateful to the staff at Lafarge for working with us to regenerate this space. The area will provide a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about gardening, the different species of plants and how to take care of them. We would like to pass on our thanks for their hard work and efforts, we are looking to further improve the area with:

- Top soil
- Sleepers/timber for further raised beds

and donations from the community and local business are welcome, please contact the school office on 01538 308356."

Hannah Clark, environmental co-ordinator at Lafarge Cauldon, comments: "We are happy to help out local schools whenever we can and our community days are a great chance to do this. We really enjoyed the day - it's surprising how much of a difference you can make in such a short time. We had some great feedback from teachers and pupils alike and look forward to seeing them putting their new garden area to good use."

Mr Mason our Site Supervisor was wondering if anyone has got a mini digger or tractor with a front loader and a spare half hour to load some rubble into a skip at the rear of the swimming pool. If so, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you.