



## 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 HOPE (Explore) & our British Value will be Mutual Respect, including tolerance and respect of opinions and diversity**

**DATES AND EVENTS FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> AUTUMN HALF TERM FROM Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

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

	Regular Weekly Events:
Monday	School swimming lessons Y1 to Y6 - remember kits including swim hats! Sign Club 3.30pm to 4.00pm (from 11 <sup>th</sup> November)
Tuesday	Otters KS1 After School Sports Club - Dodgeball & Benchball
Wednesday	KS2 (Y3 to Y6) P.E.- afternoon KS2 After School Sports Club - Hockey & Cricket 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Thursday	Chess Club - Lunchtimes Ladybirds P.E. - afternoon Taekwondo 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday	Music Lessons and Water Rapids Band Running Club - Lunchtime KS1 P.E. - afternoon Forest School for Penguins - afternoon

The end of the half term is upon us and I would just like to say a huge thank you for all your support in making Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery such a vibrant and happy place.

During the term all the children have had the opportunity to experience lots of exciting educational opportunities and have been working extremely hard in their new classes.

If you have not had the chance please check out our website to look at some of the fantastic learning taking place. My highlight is the new outdoor learning area (Forest School) which was made possible by our wonderful PTFA. We hope to give the opportunity for parents to come and experience the facilities next half term. Keep an eye out for updates regarding this.

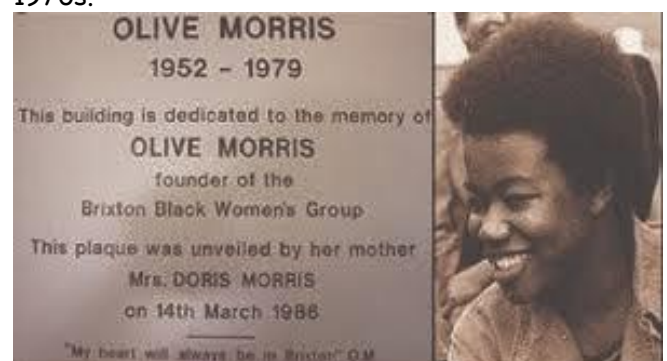
Finally, have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

Mr Matthew Dodson Deputy Headteacher

### Black History Month

As part of collective worship we have spoken about 'Black History month'. We have talked about equality and diversity and life in modern Britain. Please ask your child about why all people should be treated with dignity and respect, no matter what their skin colour.

We introduced Olive Morris to the children. She was a civil rights activist in Britain during the 1960s and 1970s.



## World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 children had the opportunity to dress in their own clothes to celebrate how we are all unique and to give children the opportunity to discuss and learn about mental wellbeing at an age appropriate level.

We know from recent research, that across the UK, mental health issues in children are increasing while child wellbeing is deteriorating. In view of this we understand that we have a vital role in promoting mental and emotional wellbeing whilst developing children's resilience. Therefore, we have already introduced the Zones of Regulation (this helps children to understand their emotions and feelings), Nurture Provisions and LEGO Play from September 2019 which we believe will have a positive impact for our children here at Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery.

With this in mind we would like to encourage children to wear a yellow item of clothing or accessory on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019** to help the Mental Health charity, Young Minds. If you wish to make a donation, 50% of the collection will go to the Young Minds charity and 50% will come directly to ourselves to help develop provisions to support your children's Mental Wellbeing and Health. This Fund raising is in partnership with our catering company Chartwells - Young Minds is their partner charity.

If you would like anymore information regarding any of our new initiatives please speak to our SENCo Mr Dodson.

## TT Rockstar awards this term



Firstly, I would like to thank parents who have supported us in helping to ensure TT Rockstars has had a successful launch this half term. We have already seen the positive impact it is having on your children and how it is helping to develop children's mathematical confidence. Thank you for making it such a success to date.

Just 10 minutes a day on this fun and motivational programme helps them to master their times tables through speed and accuracy.

The latest awards go to:

**Joe G** who is a Rock Legend for Fastest Speed - 1.64 seconds per question!

**Mollie C** is a Rock Star - her speed per question is 2.46 seconds.

Our KS2 headline acts (3 to 4 seconds per question) are **Annabel W** - 3.03, **Serita R** - 3.30, **Kaiya McC** - 3.31, **Grace S** - 3.35, **Eva R** - 3.64.

Our most improved children, who have obviously been practising hard, are: White Tigers - **Gylan A**, and Penguins - **Eva R**

The highest earners, playing online and collecting the most coins are: White Tigers - **Grace S** and Penguins - **Savannah C**

## "Under the Sea" Mental Maths

We are also continuing with our mental maths targets, and the children are working hard to master their times tables and number bonds. Those that have been successful with their targets over the last few weeks are:



**Alfie G** - Shrimp

**Isabella A, Hugo R, Harry H,**

**Harriet B** - Seahorse



**Iris R, Scarlett D** - Sea

Urchin

**Jack B** - Starfish



Well done to you all!



Accelerated<sup>™</sup>  
Reader

## Accelerated Reader Achievements

Accelerated Reader continues to motivate our pupils in Years 2 - 6 to read at home, and yet again this year, we are seeing some fantastic results from those who make the extra effort with their home reading books. All pupils achieving their Accelerated Reader points targets for this half-term have been presented with a certificate during today's celebration worship at chapel. Certificates and book prizes have also been awarded to the 'Most Improved Readers' in each class. The winners are as follows:

Ladybirds - **Alfie G**

Otters - **Corey C**

Penguins - **Kathryn P**

White Tigers - **Charlie P**

For each quiz passed with 100%, the children have collected raffle tickets to enter into our half-termly prize draw. The winner, **Charlie F**, was drawn out at chapel this morning. He has also taken home a book prize to celebrate his successes.

And finally, attached to the newsletter is our Latest Accelerated Reader word count leader board. Another big well done to our 'top ten' readers who have been working so hard on their reading over the past couple of weeks.

## Writing Awards

At Chapel this morning we celebrated our writing in school. All aspects of writing are looked at: mark making for the younger children, sentence structure and grammar as they get older coupled with style and content. Hard work and neatness are also taken into account. This first half term's awards went to:

Ladybirds - Isla B and Sophie L  
Otters - Freddie C and Freddie F  
Penguins - Willow B and Esme B  
White Tigers - Millie H and Cameron M



Well done to all of them.

### Forest School

This autumn we have been lucky enough to start our own forest school run by a qualified Level 3 Forest School Practitioner from Tanglewood, using the copse at the bottom of our school field. We have set up a log circle that we use as our base camp and we go out in all weathers (except severe winds). If it is wet, we put up a canopy and wear our wet weather clothing and boots.

### **What is forest schools?**

Forest School is a holistic learning process that offers all learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees.

### **What do the children do?**

Every week is different at forest school, but we do develop a special forest school routine. Once at our woodland site the children sit down and sing the forest school song followed by a calm discussion often about what happened last time they were in the woods and then about the session ahead. Children learn new skills and develop existing ones. Examples of activities the children will experience include fire building and lighting, campfire cooking, shelter building, nature crafts, using woodland hand tools (e.g. bow saws), wildlife and sensory activities, team building and trust games—and of course drinking hot chocolate! By attending Forest School we hope the children will develop a lifelong love and understanding of the natural world whilst building their social skills, self-esteem and confidence.

Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery would like to say a massive thank you to the PTFA who by a kind donation of £500 has enabled us to create an outdoor learning environment to help develop our Forest School ethos. This will help and support the fantastic work being carried out by Katie, a qualified Level 3 Forest School Practitioner from Tanglewood over the coming months and years.

We hope some of you will get to experience the fabulous facilities with your children over the course of the year.

Once again a big thank you to our wonderful PTFA. Without their donation and your support this would not have been possible.

PS. Keep an eye out for Stage 2, coming in March 2020.

### Otters' Class Wedding of the Year!



Otters' Class topic this half term is 'Memory Box'. On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October we decided to celebrate the wedding of **Lola A and Harry H**. The children chose

their Best Man and Bridesmaids to accompany them down the aisle. Reverend Alan kindly conducted the wedding in the morning to make it extra authentic. The children then celebrated in style in the afternoon with a wedding reception party in the hall, learning about the different dances people might do at a wedding. Once all the partying was over the children watched the wedding back whilst enjoying a piece of wonderful wedding cake, baked by Miss Hall. Many thanks to all those involved.

The Otters' team.

### Hockey at QEGS

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, children from White Tigers class took part in an Inter school hockey competition at QEGS. 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. Winning two, and drawing one of our five games left us in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Well done team! Great teamwork and sportsmanship was displayed by all. As always, behaviour was excellent.

Team: Cadence H, Grace S, Serita R, Cameron M, Joe G, Gylan A

PE Lead Mr Simon Walker



### Waterhouses staff member Mrs Salt's sporting achievement



Huge congratulations to Mrs Salt, one of our Lunchtime Supervisors and Play Leaders who, inspired from running the Wirksworth 10k Tunnel Race for our chosen QEGMSAT charity CRY in the summer, has trained hard and completed her first half marathon on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, the

36<sup>th</sup> Congleton Half Marathon, in a super time of 2

hours 12 mins. Her husband and her brother ran and supported her the whole way. She is an inspiration to us all: getting exercise out in the fresh air is great for mental health and wellbeing, our focus on Thursday 10th October, and is a super sporting achievement, which was the theme for our Celebration Worship on Friday 11th October. We wish Mrs Salt continued enjoyment and success in her running.

### Ladybirds go adventuring!

On Thursday 17th October children in Ladybirds' class toggged up in coats



and wellies and trekked off up the field in search of adventure. There was a wonderful world to explore: leaves, the sky, crab apples and they even found the moon in the sky, and an aeroplane flew by! They discovered a delightful Forest School and, amidst the woodland, sat down to enjoy a story, 'Fox finds a friend.' The sun shone and everyone had a lovely time, all friends together. Check out our latest news for some more lovely pictures.



### Children in Need

Children in Need is on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** this year and we shall be joining in with a special exercise streaming event by their new Schools

Ambassador, Joe Wicks. For a donation to the Children in Need fund the children will be able to come in to school in sports kit so they are ready to get active!

The School Council may have other fund raising projects for the day. Further details of the day will follow.

### Becky Hunt Music



Next half term Becky Hunt will be restarting the Water Rapids Band. It will take place on Friday lunch times. Letters have gone out. Please complete the slip if your child wishes to take part.

It is an opportunity for the children to have fun making music.

Hopefully the choir will recommence next year. Letters will be sent out nearer the time.

### Kitchen News

The new menu has gone home this week and can be found on our website. Our cook Mrs Andrew has worked with her catering company to bring some favourites to the children. If you would like to pre-order please let us know.



### Bonfire Night Menu

On Tuesday 5th November there will be a school dinner marking "Gunpowder. Treason & Plot" with Guy Fawkes Pork Sausages or King James 1<sup>st</sup> Veggie Sausage, followed by steamed syrup sponge & custard. Yum!

### British Roast Dinner Day

The w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November is British Roast Dinner Week and to mark this on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** the school dinner will be



### Roast Topside of Beef and Yorkshire Pudding with chocolate sponge for dessert.

There will be the usual selection of pasta, jacket potatoes and sandwiches available.

In relation to that day our catering company Chartwells are offering the chance of a **free Christmas Lunch** for the whole school! The primary school that has the greatest percentage increase in meal numbers on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov (British Roast Day) from the previous week will win! Our cook, Mrs Andrew, is geared up for 100% of pupils having a meal that day!!

### Running Club

This new sporting club will be starting next half term for pupils in KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6). Mr Walker will be out there every Friday lunchtime encouraging the children around a circuit or two. Numbers are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. Letters have gone out today. If interested, please return the slip when we return after half term. The club will start the first Friday back, 8<sup>th</sup> November.



### Sign Club

Another exciting club which will be open to Year 1 pupils, is a Sign Club where the children will learn British Sign Language. This will be run by Mrs Lizzie Dunn who is a specialist learning support teaching assistant in our Reception class, on Mondays next half term starting 11<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm to 4.00pm. Letters have been sent out, please return the consent slip if interested.



### Flu Immunisations

The Flu Immunisation team will be in school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December for Reception to Year 6 pupils.

Information packs will be coming home the first week after the half term holidays. Please look out for them and return consent forms promptly, thank you.



There will be a **Bag2School** collection on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9am**. A bag has been sent home for you to fill with any good quality unwanted clothing for re-use. Details of what can be bagged up are on the bag wrapper and on the Bag2School website.

It is fine to drop bags into school before this date; we can store them in school. We have extra bags available from the leaflet area just outside the school office.

Our last fundraising collection raised £220 for the benefit of the children.

Thank you for your support.

### Office "Housekeeping"

Toast, Dinners



LafargeHolcim

Thank you to Lafarge who have kindly donated some flowers for our new garden area at the back of the school near the tennis court. This is an area that employees from Lafarge helped to clear up on their volunteer day.

### British Legion Poppy Appeal



When the school reopens after half term we shall have the traditional poppies and a variety of other "poppified" items available, including wrist bands, pencils, erasers, pencil

sharpeners and rulers, for the pupils to choose in exchange for a donation in support of the Royal British Legion. Don't forget your pennies.



### Scholastic Book Club

Catalogues will be coming out the w/c **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**, the first week of the new half term. Please take a look, it is a great opportunity to get in some Christmas presents at bargain prices and the school benefits too. To ensure we get the books before Christmas please return any orders and payment (cheques payable to QEGSMAT) to Mrs Bradbury by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you.



### PTFA

At the **PTFA AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> October** all the committee members stood down. Unfortunately there was no one at the meeting who wished to take over the roles. The majority have agreed to remain in post to the end of 2019 to ensure planned events already set in motion are fulfilled. We thank the committee very much for all their hard work and for staying on board till the end of the year.

The PTFA is now looking to fill all their committee positions, if you would like to get involved please let the PTFA or school know. The Association does a lot of wonderful work for the pupils and has helped enrich the children's learning and given them some wonderful experiences.

The next big event the PTFA has organised is the Bonfire Night and Fireworks on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Gates open at 5pm and Fireworks at 6.30pm. Please see the attached flyer.

**The next PTFA meeting is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3.40pm @ School in the White Tigers Classroom.** A crèche will be available.

### Staff News

We welcome **Eleanor Payton** to our school. She is a teaching student who is joining us this year mainly in our KS2 setting to gain work experience.

Casual Midday Supervisor Vacancy - If you would be interested in or know of anyone who may be interested in the occasional shift at lunchtimes please let us know. With our school and nursery numbers expanding we are looking to have some extra help occasionally.

### School Cleaner Position



### Job Opportunity

#### Waterhouses Primary School

#### Waterfall Lane Waterhouses Stoke on Trent

#### M – F 10 Hours Per Week

**15:30 to 17:30**

Telephone Paul Gater Group Manager

**07584155866**

This position is subject to an enhanced disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offences Act 1974 Uniform & Training Provided

If you are interested, or know of anyone who may be interested, in a few hours cleaning each day please get in touch with Paul Gater at Entrust at the number above.

	<p><b>Dates for your diary:</b>  <b>For more information and updates please see the website calendar.</b></p>
<p>Mon 4th Nov  Thurs 7th Nov</p>	<p>Severn Trent Assembly &amp; Workshops for Pupils  PTFA Meeting in White Tigers Classroom (crèche available): 3.40pm</p>
<p>w/c Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov  Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov  Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Nov  Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov  Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</p>	<p>Anti-Bullying Week  Rememberance Day  Bag2School: 9.00am pick up  Celebration Worship &amp; Children in Need Day: 9.10am  PTFA Bonfire Night: 5.00pm start</p>
<p>w/c Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov  Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</p>	<p>Road Safety Week  Y5&amp;6 Safe &amp; Sound visit to Cheadle Fire Station: morning</p>
<p>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</p>	<p>Celebration Worship in school: 9.10am</p>
<p>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec  Fri 6th Dec</p>	<p>Ladybirds Nativity: 9.30am  Christmas Fayre in school hall: 3.00 to 5.00pm</p>
<p>Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Dec  Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec  Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec  Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec  Fri 13th Dec</p>	<p>Pupil Christmas Dinner  Otters Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal: 2.00pm  Ladybirds Christmas Visit: Out all day  Otters Christmas Production Evening Performance  Celebration Worship @ Waterhouses Methodist Chapel: 9.00am</p>
<p>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec  Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec  Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec  Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec  Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</p>	<p>Flu Immunisations for R to Y6  Thank You Assembly: 2.30pm  Whole School Pantomime Visit to Regent Theatre (Organised by PTFA)  Nativity and Carol Service @ Caudon Church: 9.00am  <b>SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b></p>

Waterhouses Methodist Hall Café

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays in the month  
11am - 2.00pm

All are welcome for a chat,  
tea/coffee & cake or a hot lunch

The first Café opening will be on  
7<sup>th</sup> November.

We look forward to seeing you.

We now have a text messaging service for parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire. Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

**TEXT: 07520 615722**



Feeding and nutrition

Child development



Parenting advice and support

Emotional health and wellbeing



Behaviour difficulties

Family health



We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number missing' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



**Proms Night**  
At  
Caudon Lowe Village hall  
With  
Warslow silver band

On  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
7.00 start

Bar available

Tickets £7.00

tel: Wendy 01538308480  
Sue 01538308271  
Alison 07837180905



Have a lovely half term holiday! We look forward to welcoming children back into school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November!