



NEWSLETTER

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

No. 4

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SUNRISE BREAKFAST CLUB available daily: 7:45am-8:45am
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Our Value for next Half Term is **LOVE**

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been fantastic having the children back in school this term. As we all know, we have had to make many changes to the way that school operates to keep the whole community as safe as we can. I would like to thank you for maintaining social distancing when you are on the school site and ask that you continue to do so when we return after half term.

I am impressed with the children's excellent work ethic and by the standard of work they are producing. As we go into half term, I hope that you all stay safe and enjoy a well-deserved break. Thank you all for your ongoing understanding in these most challenging of times and the support you provide for your child's education.

We have heard that a member of staff at Churnet View has tested positive for Covid 19. Initial reports were that there had been no close contacts with other staff or pupils.

Mr Wood
Headteacher



Harvest 2020

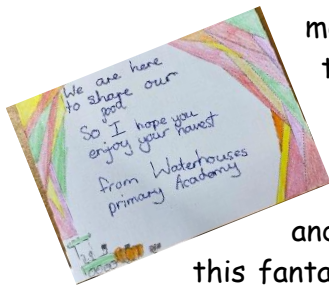
We have all missed coming together to celebrate Harvest this year - not just within our school, but in and around the local community. We pride ourselves on our rural location and heritage and as such, consider it especially important to acknowledge and celebrate the hard work our local farmers do to provide us with a good harvest. Sadly, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have had to change the way in which we can say this 'thank you' and how we share our harvest donations.



From all of the children and staff, we would like to say a big thank you for the kind donations of packaged food goods

which will be making their way to our local Food Bank and Parish Community Cupboard this weekend. The White Tigers class have written some Harvest

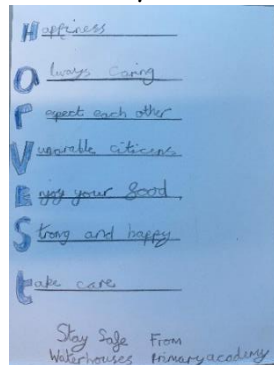




messages to be left with the items being donated to the Community Cupboard; we hope they bring about some cheer and hope to the users of this fantastic community outreach

facility.

Within each of our bubbles, we have been discussing the importance of Harvest and each class has produced a piece of work to contribute to our whole-school display.



The children in **Ladybirds** have been sharing stories linked with Harvest. Together we role played the story of Farmer Duck, drew story maps and learnt all about working together as a team to help our friends.



We learnt all about life on a farm and how the different vegetables, grains and animals provide us with food to eat.



The **Otters** have explored the journey of wheat from field to fork then demonstrated their artistic talents by recreating their own versions of *The Wheatfield* by Van Gogh using a range of different media.

The **Penguins** have written some fabulous acrostic poetry and the **White Tigers** have painted brightly coloured pop art pumpkin pictures in the style of Japanese artist Yayoi Kasuma.



When our display is complete, the teachers will upload a photo of it to Class Dojo so we can all share in the glory of our Harvest.

Harvest Prayer

Father, as we celebrate this season of Harvest, we give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment.

Please grow in us a Harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance.

Sow seeds of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness.

Sow seeds of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community.

May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a Harvest that can be shared by all.

Amen.

Achievements

We always have many things to celebrate here at Waterhouses but most of all, we like to celebrate our children's personal successes and achievements. Whilst we can't be together for Celebration Worship at the moment, we have been sharing our successes within our bubbles.

Lots of fantastic writing work has been shared with our friends, TTRockstars battles have been played and won, and we have been awarding our weekly Class Dojo winners in the Otters, Penguins and White Tigers every Friday.

Mr Walker and Miss Hall have been awarding a virtual PE medal each week and we continue to

share super examples of home learning with our class mates.

The Ladybirds' WOW moments board is fast filling up and in KS2 we have a 'proud work' board where the children have chosen their own pieces of work to display from this half term.

Such achievements are often shared with you all via Class Dojo; please keep checking on 'class stories' to keep up to date with all of the fantastic learning we are celebrating as a school.

Today, we want to share and celebrate our top 10 Word Count leaders, the board is attached at the end of the newsletter, some speedy TTRockstars superstars and our younger mathematicians who have achieved their first Under the Sea Maths certificates: these children have been working extra hard on the learning that has been set for them.

We want to say a big well done to all of these children, but also to everyone for a successful first half term back in school: we are so very proud of all of your achievements, resilience and 'can do' attitudes to make every day a success - keep up the good work!



TTRockstars

Well done to **Beatrice T**, **Phoenix W** and **Maddi M** who have all beaten their previous speeds to become 'Wannabes'.

Mia H has become a 'Busker' with an increasing speed and **Faith G** has been able to speed through the 4 second barrier to be a 'Headliner'.

Certificates have been uploaded to Class Dojo portfolios.

"Under the Sea" Mental Maths



Getting off to a flying start this term are **Ava H** and **Imogen H** who have achieved their Shrimp level - the first step on the ladder.

Forest School

We are very pleased and excited to have increased our Forest School provisions this year and are delighted to welcome back our Forest School Practitioner Katie, from Tanglewood, who will be with us all day, every Friday until July.

This half term, Otters and Penguins have enjoyed some fantastic outdoor learning with Katie.



Otters made hot chocolate using hot water from the outdoor

Kelly Kettle. The children learnt how to collect suitable fuel for the fire and the importance of keeping safe around the kettle. They were very sensible and all had a go at feeding a stick into the Kelly Kettle.



Penguins: Made Tarp Shelters in small groups using ropes, pegs, mallets, tarps and lots of excellent teamwork!

This has supported and linked with their Topics and all the children (and staff) have had great fun.

Next half term, Ladybirds and White Tigers will get the opportunity to experience some fantastic Forest School activities, making the most of both of our Forest School areas.

News from the Kitchen

Remember, remember the 5th of November..... In celebration of Bonfire night, on the first Thursday back after the half term holiday, Mrs Andrew will be putting on a special menu at dinner time.

*Bonfire Burger or Sausage Hotdog
with Carrots, Peas & Chips*



followed by:
Chocolate Cake



Please note other dietary options will be available as usual.

All Day Breakfast - this very popular dinner will be back on the menu next half term for a trial period. It will be **available each Monday in November from the 9th**. If it is well supported and there is an increase in our dinner uptake Mrs Andrew's All Day Breakfast will **STAY** on the menu. So let's **Eat It to Keep It!**

Golden Ticket - In a Willy Wonka-esque initiative from the kitchen, two or three times each week there will be a surprise Golden Ticket placed randomly amongst the dinner plates for one lucky diner to find. The



lucky pupil will win a family sized, freshly baked, sweet treat to take home! Yet another reason for



pupils to have one of Mrs Andrew's nutritious, warming, scrummy dinners from the kitchen this autumn.

Upcoming Awareness Days & Weeks

UK Parliament Week 1st - 7th November

Classes will be looking at parliament and democracy. Guy Fawkes "Gunpowder, treason and plot" may also be mentioned!

Outdoor Classroom Day - 5th November

Lots of plans for this day making the most of our outdoor spaces.

Inter-faith Week and Maths Week - 9th-13th Nov

These topics will be woven into class work.

Remembrance Day - 11th November

The British Legion poppies and other "poppied" items will be available after the half term holiday if children would like to bring in a donation in a sealed envelope which will be collated to pass on, rather than children handling money into the charity box. There will be a selection available within each bubble.

World Kindness Day - 13th November

Anti bullying week (kindness and friendship week) - 16th - 20th November

To mark this awareness day we shall be inviting children to come in odd socks! You may like to collect together the waifs and strays of odd socks found in the washing machine or down the side of the couch! Further information to follow.

Road Safety Week - 16th - 20th November

Flu Immunizations

We are still due to have the Flu Immunisation Team in on **Tuesday 10th November** for R to Y6 pupils. We are still awaiting the information to pass on to parents/carers for you to book online.



ParentPay Parent Pay

Please look out for your activation emails (or letters for Nursery children) and get set up onto the system ready for after the half term. Any credits will be transferred over from SchoolMoney to the new system. Please pay all outstanding amounts on SchoolMoney.

Thank you for your support.

The School Office.

School Admissions

Primary/middle school applications for September 2021 entry:

- The online admissions process **opens on 1st November 2020**. More information will follow next half term.

Secondary school applications deadline is Friday 30th October:

- Please ensure you have applied for a place by this date.

And finally....

Have a lovely half term break. Stay Safe.

We look forward to seeing you back on

Monday 2nd November.





Accelerated™ Word Count Leader Board Reader

Total Words Read This Year

1,755,237



1. Ellie B
73,424



2. Esme B
58,918

3. Grace S
54,444



4. Flo R
51,282

5. Phoenix W
45,677



6. Oscar G
42,503

7. George H
27,875



8. Willow S
27,085

9. Isabel H
20,822



10. Millie H
19,962

