



NEWSLETTER

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

No. 5

Date: 13th November 2020



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)
or email Derbyshire.D@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk



Our Value for this Half Term is **LOVE**

Remembrance Day



The children created some lovely artwork for the 11th November. We wanted to

somehow reach out to the community, as the children were unable to deliver harvest boxes to the elderly this autumn. The artwork has been displayed on railings at the front of our school for passers-by to see and reflect upon. The younger children also painted leaves red and used black pins to create a display of poppies pressed into a tree bark.



aims to make outdoor play and learning part of every child's day as organisers say it is critical to children's health, wellbeing and happiness.

All four classes enjoyed a range of activities, including Maths, English



(story telling), Orienteering, Art, Design and Technology and much more.

"There is a wealth of evidence that suggests that outdoor learning and time to play outdoors throughout the school day are beneficial to children, and I couldn't agree more with this initiative. When our children are outdoors they are more engaged, their mood is lifted and they are more active. This links with our Forest School ethos and the children had a fantastic time in both of our wooded Forest School areas during the day."

Mr Dodson
Deputy Headteacher

Outdoor Classroom Day

Our children joined thousands of others across the country to show why time outdoors should be part of every school day. They went outdoors to play and learn on Thursday 5th November as part of the Outdoor Classroom Day campaign. The global movement - started in the UK in 2012 -

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Staff Changes

We say goodbye and best wishes to Educarer **Tracey Fowler** who finished in our setting at the end of the half term. Ms Fowler did not want any fuss and asked that we only announce her departure once she had left. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

We welcome **Anna Medgyesy** who started this week as a Midday Supervisor. We hope she will enjoy her time with us looking after the children over the lunchtime.

We are always pleased to hear from anyone who may be interested in working as a Midday Supervisor a few hours a week. It is an important and rewarding job.

We have a further **vacancy for a Midday Supervisor** and are looking for an energetic, positive and resourceful person to join our team to supervise our children during midday routines.

Start Date: 15th December 2020.

Hours: term time Tuesday to Friday 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours from Noon to 1.15pm term time only at an hourly rate of £9.24 (£17,842 FTE).

If you or someone you know would be interested please do get in touch on 01538 308356 or Email: office@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk

Even if you would not be able to cover every day we would still love to hear from you.



Scholastic Book Catalogues

Catalogues went home with pupils this week. Please take a look, it is a great opportunity to pick up some Christmas presents and benefit the school. For every book purchased the school receives reward points which we can then put towards increasing our library stock with interesting reads for the children.

Completed orders should be returned to school by **Thursday 26th November**. Mrs Bradbury will collate them. This time we have raised a payment request on your new ParentPay account, which allows you to customise your payment amount. We can also take cheques (payable to QEGSMAT) if necessary.



We have now switched our online payment provider to **ParentPay**. Activation letters were emailed out before the end of the half term. Credits and arrears have been transferred. If you have not activated your account, please do so with the username and password advised in the activation letter. SchoolMoney will be shortly be deactivated so please do not make payments on that system.

Dinner payments are dealt with in the same way as on SchoolMoney - a top up amount can be made and will be allocated as meals are taken. From 2nd November a similar system has been introduced for the **Sunshine Club**. Mrs Derbyshire will update the system when a session is taken and the cost will appear on your account. Top ups can be made as per dinner payments and will be allocated as sessions are taken.

If you have any questions please ask.

Thank you for your support during this transition.
The School Office.

Calendar 2021

The Lafarge calendar will be published again this year with some wonderful artwork from our pupils. Save a space on your wall!

News from the Kitchen

All Day Breakfast - remember **Eat It to Keep It!** - on Mondays in November Mrs Andrew will be putting on her 'All Day Breakfast' and if there is increase in our dinner uptake it will stay on the menu.

Pupil Christmas Dinner 2020 - Mrs Andrew our cook will be putting on a full Christmas dinner for the pupils on **Tuesday 15th December**. You will need to pre-rder your child's meal for that day, further details to follow.

Admission to primary and middle schools September 2021 entry

You need to apply for September 2021:

- if your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 for a place at first, infant or **primary** school

- if your child will be in year 4 at a first school in September 2020 for a place at **middle** or primary school

[See the timetable](#) for key dates in the process.

Letters have been emailed out to our current Nursery children today. Parents wishing their child to start in our **Reception** in September 2021 can now apply for a place online via the Staffordshire County Council web page:

https://ems.staffordshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

The closing date is Friday 15 January 2021.

Children in Year 4 who are staying in our setting into year 5 do not need to apply for a place. No further action is required to stay on.

SCC want your childcare views

Staffordshire County Council Early Years Team are currently asking parents to give their views on childcare and what they might need in the future. This is part of the team's sufficiency duty to gain parental views as well as those of providers.



They have developed a survey for parents to complete via the link below. The responses will help them to understand the market and how it might shift and change in the future.

The link is <https://tinyurl.com/y2ane8hu>



This year we have decided as a school to acknowledge the event on **Friday 13th November** with the children in class, but we will not be collecting donations. If you would still like to donate money to this worthwhile charitable cause, you can do so via the BBC Children in Need website:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Anti-bullying week

(kindness and friendship week)

16th – 20th November

To mark the end of this awareness week on **Friday 20th November** children are invited to **come to school in odd socks!**

Blue Peter

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV in the world and you may be interested to know they have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](#) at CBBC. They will be uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. There will be world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. It will also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about the presenters.



You can subscribe free to:

<https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>

Their live programme is on CBBC at 5.30pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Covid-19

Cases Update - Just to update you on the current situation locally: There are still no confirmed cases in our school currently.

A reminder on symptoms and how we can keep ourselves and the community safe:

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> .

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

If a positive test is returned, the 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Further information about positive test outcomes is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



Thank you to one of our parents, Mr Hunter, for donating a banner for our school.

Keep safe, everyone.

