

Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

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



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

Anti-bullying week (kindness and friendship week)



The Anti-Bullying Week 2020 16th to 20th November manifesto for change:

"This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge."

Anti-Bullying Week is no different. Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference.

We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying."



During the week we promoted this message through our curriculum with the children being involved in reflective and thought provoking activities, stories and games. Our emphasis was on how kindness and friendship can benefit us all.

We all then had fun on Friday with our odd socks!

Christmas Jumper Days

Our Deputy Headteacher Mr Dodson, who is very fond of a Christmas jumper, has decided that we will have not one but two Christmas jumper days on the last week of school, the **Tuesday 15th December** when children will be enjoying their Christmas lunch, and on the last day of term, **Friday 18th December**. This will be a fundraiser for our PTFA. A voluntary donation payment will be set up on ParentPay.

You don't have to buy a Christmas jumper, you could get creative with an existing top, but don't sneak off with your Mum's favourite baubles!!



Admission to Primary and Middle schools September 2021 entry

You need to apply for September 2021:

- if your child's 5th birthday is between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 for a place at **primary** school
- if your child will be in **year 4** in September 2020 for a place at **middle school**.

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

Letters have been emailed out to our current Nursery children. 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 15th 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.

Pupil Christmas Dinner 2020

Mrs Andrew our cook will be putting on a full Christmas dinner for the pupils on **Tuesday 15th December**.

Letters have been e-mailed out and a pre-order request raised on your Parent Pay account. Please confirm if your child will be having a Christmas meal by **Friday 4th December**. The cost to those that normally pay for their dinners is £2.34. Any queries please speak to the office staff.

Owing to Covid restrictions our festive meal will be eaten within our class bubbles, not the usual whole school experience, but with a bit of music, a sparkling tree and some festive jumpers it will still be a happy celebration.



Christmas Card Post Box

The little red post box will be available for pupils to post their Christmas cards to their friends in school again this year. However this year there will be 2 posting days to allow for the cards to be quarantined before one person will sort and deliver.



Post Day Monday 7th December for delivery Friday 11th and

Post Day Monday 14th December for delivery Thursday 17th

The box will be in its regular position situated in the lockers area near the Community Entrance Doors

Staff Changes

Mrs Murray will be finishing in December as a Midday Supervisor and we thank her for all her hard work in this role over the last three years. We are pleased that she will continue in her Play Leader role for the Sunshine Club.

We therefore 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. 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.

Local Governor News

Thank you to **Mr Steve Richman** who is now standing down as a Local Governor. We thank him for all his support over the last few years, in particular for being the link Governor for Safeguarding, LAC & Health and Safety, and PE.

We welcome **Mr Gavin Boydon** who submitted a nomination form for this role and who will be starting as a Parent Local Governor in

January. We did not receive sufficient nomination forms to require a ballot but thank you to those parents who initially expressed an interest.

You may be aware that **Roger and Joy Sugden** moved from the area recently. They were very involved with the school and the children wrote a farewell acrostic poem for them. It includes our core Christian values - those which they both helped us to develop through their teachings and worships.

T - Trust for the future

H - Happy times

A - Always caring for us

N - Never forget

K - Knowing God through your love

Y - Your kindness and friendship will stay with us

O - Our respect to you

U - Uniting hope and joy

We pray for their health and happiness in their new home.



83% of our parents have activated their ParentPay; please can the last few get onto the system too? Any problems, do contact the School Office staff.

Whilst on there, children in Ladybirds and Otters' class will see a request for consent re their school plays and associated videos and photographs. Please do give your consent by the end of November if possible. Thank you.

The School Office.

Poppy Appeal



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping
with our Appeal.

£ 132.03
was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to
continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely
J. Buatois
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ 1581.00
Registered Charity No. 219279

Thank you for all your donations for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. As you can see we raised a fantastic total - **£132.03**



We are pleased to announce that Waterhouses CE Primary Academy & Nursery have joined the My School Fund initiative. The scheme combines the spending power of parents, guardians and carers in order to boost school budgets. By registering, parents can link their spending to the school, meaning every time you make a purchase with participating retailers we both benefit through an innovative cashback scheme.

How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback when they purchase at participating retailers including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you will receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers which can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school we will also receive 1% cashback. The eGift Cards can be accessed by logging into the academy account on the My School Fund website.

A quick guide to the scheme is attached with this newsletter. Please visit www.myschoolfund.org and get involved. Thank you.

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Covid 19 Updates

Please see below for an update from Staffordshire County Council regarding the Staffordshire tier of alert after lockdown. You may also be interested in this link to the government website about their Covid-19 Winter Plan: [COVID-19 Winter Plan - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-winter-plan)



Coronavirus Update

Staffordshire
County Council

Thursday 26 November 2020

Staffordshire to move to Very High Tier after lockdown

It has been announced today that Staffordshire is to be escalated to the Covid-19 Very High Alert Level when the current national lockdown restrictions end on December 2.

The county, together with Stoke-on-Trent, is one of three West Midlands sub-regions to be placed in the Very High Alert Level. The others are Birmingham and the Black Country and Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull.

Alan White, Leader of Staffordshire County Council, said today's announcement will be a bitter blow for families and businesses who have worked so hard to bring cases down across the county in recent weeks.

Alan said: "We have worked hard to bring cases down and the move to the Very High Alert Level is a big disappointment.

"We understand that the decision is based on a number of factors and not just case rates, and our priority now is to get some of the restrictions lifted as quickly as possible.

"We have shown in the last few weeks that we can work together and bring cases down, and the challenge now is to maintain this when the current national lockdown restrictions end next week.

"This is going to take a collective effort and some personal sacrifice, but sticking to the Very High Tier rules is our best chance of getting back to a lower tier, allowing more businesses to reopen and getting back more of the freedoms we once took for granted."

Covid seven-day case rates in Staffordshire are currently around 300 per 100,000 population, still above the West Midlands and England averages.

[Find out more](#)



What does this mean for me?

The Very High Alert Level will come into force when lockdown ends on December 2.

This means:

- No mixing anywhere indoors with other households, unless part of your support bubble
- Up to six people can meet in public parks, but not in private gardens
- Hospitality such as pubs and restaurants to stay shut, apart for takeaway and drive-through services
- Gyms and non-essential shops to reopen
- Work from home if you can, avoid non-essential travel and no overnight stays outside the area
- Wedding receptions are banned

Full details on what the restrictions mean [can be found here](#).

A Coronavirus update from Staffordshire County Council

If you found this update of value then why not check out the [other updates and newsletters that we offer here](#).

If you no longer wish to receive this vital CORONAVIRUS UPDATE please email your request to communications@staffordshire.gov.uk

