

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)
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Our Value for next Half Term is **JUSTICE**

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Martin Luther King, Jr

Well, another term draws to an end, and what a term it has been. As you know, the Penguin Class have been learning remotely this week following a positive Covid 19 case in class. With this in mind, I wanted to remind you that if your child is in school today, Thursday, and they develop symptoms of Covid 19 and test positive up to and including Saturday 3rd April, then you should email headteacher@waterhouses.staffs.sch.uk. We can then make parents and staff aware as there would be a requirement for self-isolation if they were deemed close contacts. We obviously hope that this will not be the case and that there are no further positive cases.

All the staff want to thank you for your continued support and understanding and wish you a happy and safe Easter break.

David Wood
Headteacher

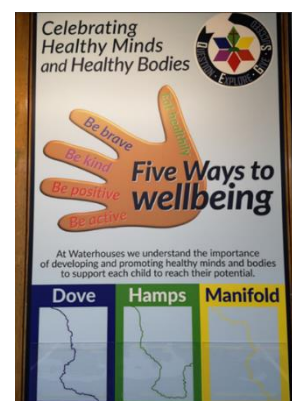
Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Initiative

The children from Hamps thoroughly enjoyed the inaugural Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Enrichment Day on Thursday 25th March as a reward for gaining the most House tokens for this term. The enrichment day was expertly delivered by Mr Walker and Ms Hall and all the children came back enthused about the activities and eager to try and win again next time.



All the children were also presented with a medal to commemorate the occasion and each child has received a virtual raffle ticket for the Main Prize Draw in July.

Any House tokens received after Thursday 25th March have been allocated towards the summer term. Dove and Manifold have already made a strong start but remember your children can gain



tokens in school and at home (please keep sending photographs to your class teacher to claim your token). As you can see from this terms result, every token counts. Hamps - 666, Dove - 643, Manifold - 640

As I have said to all of the children, I have seen a real engagement in the initiative, from drinking more water to healthy snacks at playtime. In my view every one of them is a winner. What has also been fantastic to see is children receiving tokens for; **Being Active, Being Brave, Being Kind and Being Positive**. There have been too many examples to share, and all the children should be really proud. It just shows how amazing are our children here at Waterhouses. As part of this initiative, we will continue to set aside Friday afternoons to focus on wellbeing and we really hope this focus is helping children to settle back into school after a strange and at times difficult year since the original lockdown.



Please continue to send photographs in during the Easter Holidays. However, I have reminded the teaching staff of the need to look after their own wellbeing so the portfolios and messages will not be checked over the holiday period, which I am sure you understand.

Thanks again for making this such a fantastic school.

Mr Dodson



Some breaking news:

We have recently received some fantastic news from Lafarge who have kindly agreed to make a significant donation to develop our Forest School facilities. This will enable us to create a pond area at the main Forest School site by the woodland at the top of the field. This will be a fantastic addition and will enable so many more outdoor learning opportunities. There will also be seating areas and it will be used during the warmer months to help develop pupil wellbeing. So please keep an eye out for further details/photographs during the summer term.



"Under The Sea" Mental Maths

The Otters class continue with this mental maths programme helping them to master the tricky steps to quick recall. Well done to the following numerical achievers:



Monty - Seahorse level

Jack - Angel Fish and Clown Fish level



Accelerated Reader

The children have been very busy with their books during lockdown and there has been some wonderful reading; well done to everyone. Books can be an important factor to help with our wellbeing - a place to find help as well as a place to escape to.

Congratulations to those in our top 10, including some new names - below is the Leader Board for the Spring Term. For those achieving their personal reading goals points target, certificates will be issued to the class teachers and shared via the dojo.



Accelerated[™] Reader Word Count Leader Board

Total Words Read This Yea

5,903,341

14/8/21 -
31/8/21
Spring 2

1. Faith G
260,636

3. Esme B
155,654

5. Mia H
121,670

7. Charlie K
99,985

9. George H
76,683

2. Grace S
164,427

4. Phoenix W
134,892

6. Millie H
100,898

8. Archie B
80,301

10. Skye C
52,571



Waterhouses PTFA Easter Lego Competition

You still have time to enter the PTFA Easter Lego competition. Entry fee is £1 payable to the PTFA in person or via their paypal account. Send a photo of your creation to waterhousesprimaryptfa@gmail.com Each entrant will be entered into the raffle for the 3 prizes which will be drawn on Friday 9th April. Good Luck!



KIDS: GET BUILDING WITH YOUR LEGO

Raising funds for Waterhouses PTFA

LE GO AND BE CREATIVE

3 LEGO PRIZES UP FOR GRABS
RAFFLE DRAW ON FRIDAY 9TH APRIL 2021

NO THEME
GO BIG *GO SMALL*
COLOURFUL *MONOCHROME*

SEND PHOTOS OF YOUR ENTRIES TO:
waterhousesprimaryptfa@gmail.com

Whatever you design make sure you have fun!
Will you be one of our creative winners?

Please pay £1 entry fee (you can enter as many times as you like)
either via PayPal (waterhousesprimaryptfa@gmail.com) or in
person to a member of the PTFA.

ALL PHOTO ENTRIES WILL BE
DISPLAYED ON THE
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
AND PTFA FB PAGE



A reminder 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.

So far 10 people have signed up and we have raised a total of **£18.51**, which we will be able to use towards learning resources. Thank you!

How does it work?

Parents 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 your account on the My School Fund website .

Please visit www.myschoolfund.org and get involved. Thank you.

Comic Relief Donations

Thank you for your donations for Red Nose Day. Through our ParentPay account we raised a wonderful **£88**.

Admissions

National Offer Day for Primary and Middle School applications is Friday 16th April 2021.

Student Placements

During the Summer term we shall be welcoming two university students to the school on placements. **Matilda** will be in our Otters class and **Emily** will be in our Ladybirds class. We look forward to working with them.

New Nursey

We also look forward to 6 new Nursery children starting in our Ladybirds setting. They all enjoyed a taster morning this week.

Next Half Term Value - JUSTICE

The Collins dictionary defines **justice** as "the fairness in the way that people are treated." To have **justice** as a person's character trait means that they are just and treat everyone the same, or how they would like to be treated.

Please see the attached home school worksheet on helpful ideas to help you explore this value as a family.

Easter Reflections



At Easter time as this Lockdown moves hopefully to an end let us remember:

The sunrise is not locked down
Fresh air is not locked down
Family is not locked down
Friendship is not locked down
Creativity is not locked down
Hopes and dreams are not locked down
Kindness is not locked down
Imagination is not locked down
Sunsets are not locked down
Hope is not locked down
Cherish the things you have and say a quiet prayer



Dear God,
Thank you for saving us
Thank you for your love
We have the hope and love of Easter
Help us share that with others
Thank you for your son Jesus
In His name we pray
Amen

The staff at Waterhouses CE Primary Academy send hope and love to all our families this Easter time and may your home be filled with happiness and your life filled with peace and joy.

Happy Easter to all.



Dates for your Diary

Tue 18th May: Tempest Photos - individual & Leavers

Tue 25th & Wed 26th May: KS2 Bikeability

Tue 8th June: Goblin Car Event

Have a very **HAPPY EASTER**
If you do venture out, stay safe
We look forward to seeing you all when we return on
Monday April 19th

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