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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

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Our Value for next Half Term is **KINDNESS**

Well, another fantastic half term comes to an end. Firstly, I am sure you would like to join us in thanking Mr Wood, for all of his efforts over the last 3 years in making Waterhouses such a wonderful school, with the children at the heart of all we do.

As things return to normal, we hope it will not be too long before we can welcome you back into the school to share some of our amazing learning taking place and to join us in celebrating all the fantastic achievements of the children, both in school and outside.

It has also been great to see how the children have continued to engage with the Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies scheme so please keep sharing your photographs with your class teacher. We look forward to revealing the winning House next term and having our first prize draw assembly.

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing half term, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 7th June.

Mr Dodson
Deputy Headteacher

Chartwells visit

On Thursday 20th May we had a visit from Chartwells, the company that provides our school meals. The children had some great fun with fresh fruit and veg.



Ladybirds and Otters did a fruit/vegetable tasting work shop. Having read the story of the Hungry Caterpillar, the children were provided with a variety of fruit and vegetables with which to create a piece of artwork. As you can see, their work was good enough to eat ... so ... they did!! In Ladybirds spinach proved to be a favourite!





For trying different healthy fruits and vegetables, they were rewarded with a healthy body, healthy mind token.



White Tigers and Penguins enjoyed some healthy fruit smoothies thanks to our visitors from Chartwells. Working in teams the children created their own recipe choosing from a selection of fruit and vegetables. They then got to make their creation. However, they had to earn them by powering the bike to blend the smoothie!



At lunchtime there was also a visit from one of Chartwells food heroes, Bud the Spud. Who helped out behind the food counter and got active on the smoothie bike too. It was a fun day and so nice for the children to be able to take part in an enrichment activity which has been sadly lacking owing to the pandemic.



Bikeability

The school was filled with bikes this week as some of the KS2 children underwent Bikeability courses run by Cyclist Training Ltd. Their nationally qualified cycling instructors led a Level 1 course where some of our Year 4 children learnt basic cycle skills including bike safety checks, starting and stopping under control, signalling and using gears correctly while cycling within the school playground. Year 5 & 6 pupils did the Level 2 course where the pupils gained a knowledge of positioning, signalling, negotiating a variety of junctions and general road safety awareness on local school roads.



The children had a great time and learnt a lot as well. It is a wonderful life skill to have allowing children an increased independence as well as offering physical and mental benefits.

Balance Bike Request

Mrs Hulme is keen to get her youngsters on the first steps to cycling independence. She wonders if anyone might have a balance bike that has served its purpose and they may like to donate to the Early Years Class. It would be another great way of getting the children into a healthy lifestyle, having fun and learning a valuable life skill. If you are able to help or have any questions please contact the school or Mrs Hulme directly. Thank you.





Accelerated Reader

The sun shone down on us as we gathered together outside for the first time this academic year. As usual, we were able to congratulate our top ten readers, our most improved readers, points target achievers and this time, we held a special raffle for the Ladybirds and Year 1 Otters pupils. Winners of the Most Improved Reader Awards this time went to...

Ladybirds - **Charlotte C**

Otters - **Isabella A**

Penguins - **Georgia A**

White Tigers - **Ryan P**

The winner of the raffle was **Isla Bo**. All five children received a book prize for their reading achievements.

As usual, our leaderboard is attached. Congratulations; there are some big hitters this month! Your names, photos and word counts have been displayed on our new Accelerated Reader Leaderboard in the long corridor. As a school we have decided to aim for 10,000,000 words before the end of the year so, make sure you snuggle up with a reading book this half term!

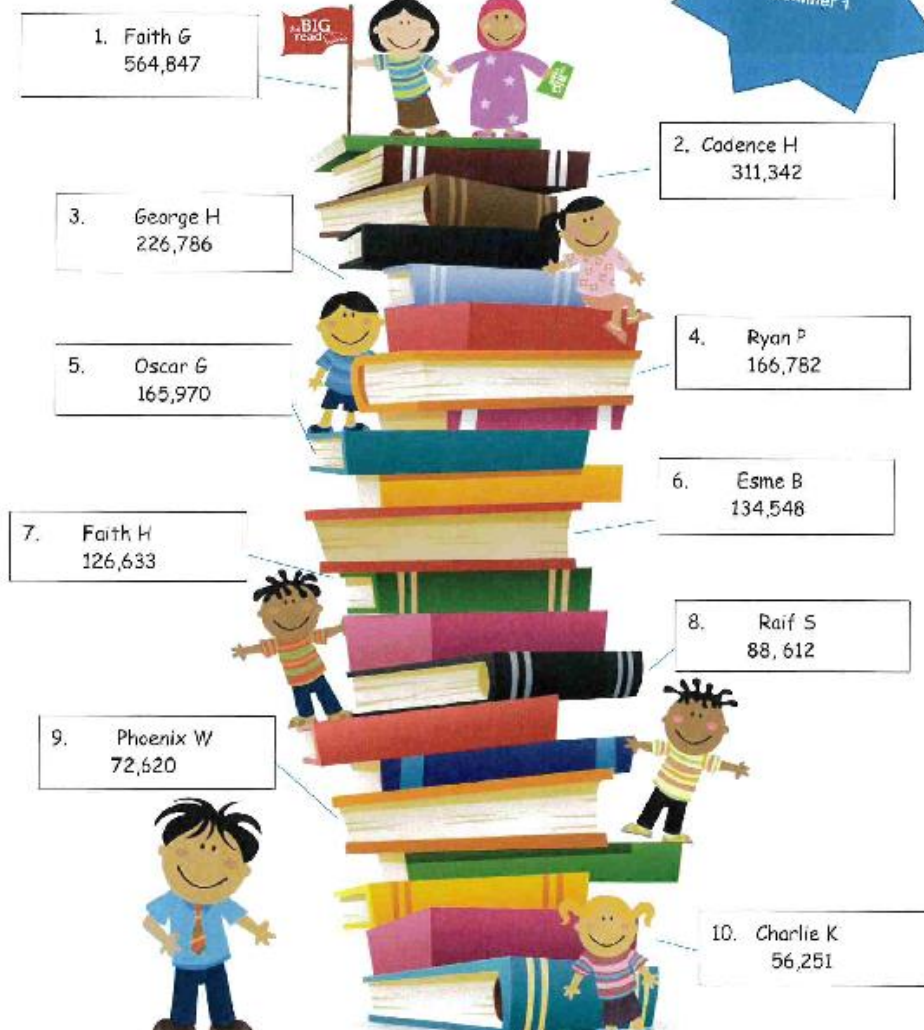


Accelerated™ Word Count Leader Board Reader

Total Words Read This Year

8,738,371

31/3/21 - 27/5/21
Summer 1



"Under The Sea" Mental Maths

Ladybirds and Otters class have been making headway with their mental maths. Congratulations this half term go to:

Shrimp Level: **Charlotte C**

Freddie H

Peyton M

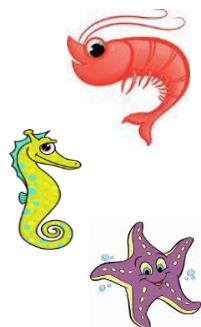
Bentley A

Seahorse Level: **Imogen H**

Ethan F

Starfish Level: **Harry J**

Freya J



Most Improved Writer Awards

Teachers have been very impressed with the childrens' writing this half term. Certificates for most improved writers have gone to

Ladybirds: **Kayleigh P & Molly A**

Otters: **Riley C & Rory W**

Penguins: **Mia H & Ruby-Mae F**

White Tigers: **Willow S & Charlie K**

Forest School

A reminder that Forest School next half term will be for **Penguins and Ladybirds**. Forest school takes place on Fridays. Please could Ladybirds' class parents ensure they have returned the completed consent form prior to their child attending a session, thank you.

Tempest Photographs

The images of your children came home in bookbags this week. Please follow the instructions to order the photographs which will be delivered to our setting for distribution in due course. It has been lovely to see how much children have grown since the last individual photographs were taken. Please submit any orders directly to Tempest by **Friday 11th June**. Thank you.

Scholastic Books

The deadline for Scholastic book club orders is **Friday 25th June**. Orders should now be made directly to Scholastic but using the following link which will ensure our school still benefits through commission and you get free delivery to the school -

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/waterhouses-ce>

PTFA Non-Uniform Day

Monday 14th June - Trooping the Colour!

Children are invited to come to school wearing red, white & blue to celebrate the Queen's Birthday which is on Saturday 12th June. Cash donations (£1 suggested amount) will be collected for the PTFA in classes on the day.



New September Nursery children

Early next term we will be contacting our new Nursery starters regarding a transition morning, they are now confirmed as Tuesday 6th July or Wednesday 7th July. We will also be sending out government funding and induction packs.

If anyone has not been in touch to request a place, you can email the school office with your child's name, date of birth, address and a parent name, telephone and email address, as on our Nursery application form on our website: [Admissions - Waterhouses CE Primary Academy](#)

We look forward to your children visiting us for a taster morning.

Sports Day - Tuesday 13th July

We are very excited to invite Parents and Carers to join us for our annual sports day. This is of course subject to change depending on any Covid restrictions that might be in place at the time. Hopefully we shall be able to welcome you all and the PTFA will be on hand with a refreshment stall. Make a note of the date and further details will be communicated nearer the time.



Bag2School

Just a reminder that you can start sending in your bags of clothes no longer needed. To save on plastic the company is not issuing plastic bags this time so donations in ordinary bin bags will be fine. They collect good items for re-use e.g men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories. For further details please go to [Bag 2 School](http://www.bag2school.com) Our school will receive 30p per kilo for the clothing we collect.

We have arranged for a collection on **Friday 2nd July**. We can store it away ready for the collection so any time from now on is fine for dropping items off, thank you.

Stamps for Heroes



Children from Reception upwards enjoyed designing their stamps of their favourite heroes during the Covid pandemic, whether nhs staff, firemen, bin men or teachers. They have now been posted off to the competition judges. In time we will all get to see the winning stamps appearing on our letters!



Thank you to those parents that have signed up they have helped raise a total of **£26.83** for the school.

Mrs Porteous is delighted to have also earned two £5 vouchers for her Sainsburys shops since we joined. Our school will be spending our rewards on our big summer order ready for the new academic year.

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 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.

Covid 19

A reminder that if your child develops symptom of Covid 19 and test positive upto 48 hours of last being in school, 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.



Thank you for all your donations of bottle tops. Mrs Lafford and the White Tigers have been busy gluing and have created this wonderful picture which will go up in the hall as a lovely focal point.

Dates for your Diary

Tue 8th June: Y6 Goblin Car Event

Fri 25th June: Scholastic Book Club order deadline

Fri 2nd July: Bag2School Collection Day

Tues 6th to Thurs 8th July: QEGS Y6 Transition and in school transition days

Fri 9th July: Women into engineering @ JCB Academy (TBC)

Tue 13th July: Sports Day

Thursday 15th July: Reserve Sports Day

Mon 19th July: Last Day of Term

*Enjoy the Half Term Holiday and
Stay Safe.*

*We look forward to seeing you all
when we return on
Monday 7th June*

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Monday 24 May 2021

Keep up the vaccine push

Staffordshire County Council is urging residents to keep pushing vaccine take up as all people aged 32 and over can now book their Covid jab.

After a successful pop-up clinic in Burton and passing the million doses of vaccine delivered in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent milestone earlier this month, the Council is asking people to keep up the good work in taking up the jab when eligible.

Concerns over the Indian variant means people over 50 and those with severe underlying health conditions will now receive their second dose eight weeks later instead of twelve.

Ten cases of the Indian variant were found in Staffordshire last week and further testing is currently taking place.

Dr. Johnny McMahon, Staffordshire County Council's Cabinet Support Member for Public Health and Integrated Care, said:

"Thanks to residents efforts and the hard work of staff, partners and volunteers, the vaccine rollout in Staffordshire is going well.

"However, with the emergence of the Indian variant and vaccine invitations quickly moving down the younger age groups, it's vital that we keep building on this momentum."

A recent study from Public Health England suggests having both doses of the vaccine is highly effective against the variant – underlining the importance of people having their second jab.

Johnny added:

"The early studies regarding protection from the Indian variant are pleasing, especially when you have had both doses. So, it's up to us to keep pushing forwards and doing our bit to promote vaccine take up across all our communities and age groups. "

People aged over 32 should book their vaccination without delay by visiting the [NHS Book a coronavirus vaccination](#) website.

Information on international travel and children travelling abroad

The government announced that from Monday 17 May, international travel can gradually resume as destinations are added to England's 'green list'. The Government has asked us to remind parents that people should not travel to 'amber' and 'red' countries, and that strict rules on testing and quarantine remain in place to protect public health and the vaccination programme. Further information can be found in the [guidance on red, amber and green list rules for entering England](#).

Further information on rules around international travel can be found in the [Department for Transport guidance on travelling abroad](#).