

# Waterhouses CE Primary Academy & Nursery

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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  
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Our Value this Half Term is

**KINDNESS**

Be kind whenever possible.  
It is always possible.

Dalai Lama

### Greenpower Goblin Car Event



On Tuesday 8th June, our Year 6 pupils sped off to Lichfield with the Goblin car, accompanied by Mr Dodson and Mr Mason, to compete in the annual Greenpower Staffordshire Goblins racing event. Preparations back in school included racing around the playground in the battery-powered vehicle and designing the on-trend bodywork. Special thanks go to Mr Hunter for providing some rather cool space-themed vinyl stickers to bring the 'Blackhole' to life! Our four year 6 pupils didn't quite manage to get a podium position but had a great day nonetheless.



Grace enthused, “I enjoyed getting out of school for the day with my friends!” and Millie exclaimed, “I enjoyed being wreckless around the course!”. Ellie commented, “I liked not doing school work for the day!” and Cadence offered, “I liked being able to do something different and having the chance to go such an event.”



Many thanks to Mr Dodson and Mr Mason who were able to make this day happen for our very lucky pupils.

## PTFA Non-Uniform Day - Trooping the Colour!

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June children were invited to come to school wearing red, white & blue to celebrate the Queen's Birthday on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> in exchange for a donation to the PTFA.



We had some inventive and colourful outfits: red trousers with one blue and one red sock; different coloured hairbands.... and a rather cheeky blue tongue!



Thank you to everyone for making it such a colourful day and for your donations. £56 was raised for our PTFA.

Chartwells cleaner Mrs Rushton joining in the day.

Mrs Porteous from the office loves a bit of bunting to welcome children in for the day.



### Sports Day - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

We could not have a summer term without Sports Day, so we will be celebrating the successes, resilience, courage, and perseverance of our pupils on the Waterhouses' playing field once again. However, owing to the change in Government plans and lockdown restrictions not being lifted, unfortunately we will be unable to invite parents along to spectate this year.

Whilst the event will not be the same without your enthusiastic support, Mr Walker and Miss Hall have been busy planning the event to ensure the same level of excitement and fun to be had for all the children at Waterhouses.

We will of course share and celebrate as much of this year's Sports Day as we possibly can, so please keep an eye on Class Dojo for all of Waterhouses' Sporting Stars.



### Reports

**Reports will be sent out on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July.**



Owing to the disruptions of Covid-19 and the impact on children's learning over the last two academic years we have based attainment levels on teacher judgements and summative assessments. These are based on the expectation that children will be at least the appropriate expected age-related level by the end of KS1/KS2.

These standard assessments have not been amended to reflect the general disruption that pupils have experienced to school life over the last year therefore please do not be overly concerned if your child appears to be working below where you expected. We will continue to target areas which need addressing and provide support for those pupils who require it.

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer a drop-in session for parents this term, however please contact your class teacher if there is anything you would like to discuss.



### Summer End of Term Awards

Summer term awards and the 'Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies' initiative will take place towards the end of term. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents in, but we will share all of our pupils' success with you via Class Dojo.

We are hoping that in September we will be able to resume our usual extended activities of clubs and events. All the staff at Waterhouses cannot wait to welcome you all back into the school to share your children's successes.

### Balance Bike Thank You

Mrs Hulme would like to say a big thank you for the kind donation of a balance bike to the Early Years class after her request in our last newsletter. The children are very excited about it.



Another one would be a great bonus and if you are able to help please contact the school or Mrs Hulme directly. Thank you.

### Covid 19

We continue to follow the government guidelines regarding COVID-19 and would like to remind all parents to please continue to adhere to social distancing and the wearing of facemasks unless medically exempt. Please can we also remind you not to congregate at the entrance to the school at drop off and pick up times. Your support and co-operation is much appreciated.

If we are notified of a positive case in our setting then the parents/carers of children who have been in close contact with any individual who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be contacted immediately once we become aware. All of the children/staff affected will be required to self-isolate for 10 days.

### What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Further information 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>

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

### QEGSMAT Parent Questionnaire

Please would you take a few minutes to complete this parent survey from our Trustees at QEGSMAT, who oversee the work in our school. Please follow this link to access the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/r/3y4g5uB5vV>

There may be some questions that you can't answer; this is fine, they simply need as much information as possible to help them to plan, particularly after such a difficult and unusual year.

A few hard copies are available in the foyer if you would prefer. **Please complete the survey by the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021.**



### Bag2School

We have arranged for a collection on **Friday 2nd July**.

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](https://www.bag2school.com) Our school will receive 30p per kilo for the clothing we collect.

## 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)

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-coronavirussymptoms/> 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.

## 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

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

## Big Weekend Walk-in COVID vaccinations

The NHS are running a big push to get as many people vaccinated against COVID-19 this weekend, with a series of walk-in vaccination clinics opening across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. Anyone aged over 18 or over will be able to arrive without an appointment and will be vaccinated on a first come-first-jabbed basis.

More information can be found on their website at: [Big Weekend walk-in COVID vaccinations available across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent \(prgloo.com\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)

### Last Day of Term

A reminder that the last day of term for pupils is **Monday 19th July**

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