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NEWSLETTER

“Celebrate Learning, Achieving and Friendship in God’s Love”

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Headteacher End of Year Thoughts

What an end to the school year. However, rather than dwelling on the challenges faced this year I want to take a moment to reflect on how remarkable, resilient and inspiring your children are!

In my time here at Waterhouses the children continue to amaze me with their strength, kindness and willingness to learn. Following each lockdown, it was like the children had never been away. Their joy to being back with their friends and teachers was truly inspiration for all of the staff. We have fed off their positivity and zest for life and it has certainly helped me through some challenging days.

I am certain all the children returning in September will continue to bring love and joy to our school, enabling it to grow from strength to strength. We wish all the best to the children leaving us but as I have already said, they will always be a part of the Waterhouses family and will hope to see them all back at some time to say a proper goodbye. I know each and every one of you leaving us will be amazing as you continue with your school journey.

I would also like to thank all the staff for the tireless commitment and dedication to your children. They continue to put the children at the heart of all they do and I am sure you will join me in wishing them a relaxing and well deserved break.

Lastly, I would like to say a big thank you to you all, who have supported your children through a period of time none of us have experienced before. The way the children returned after each period away is testament to you all. So all the staff would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday, making special memories with your family.

As always, if you need anything, please let us know. We're here to help.

Mr Dodson
Headteacher

Sports Day - Tuesday 13th July

Ladybirds had a fabulous mini sports day on Tuesday afternoon with perfect weather not too hot but not too cold either.



If I could bottle what happened on Tuesday and return it to the children to take through their lives, it would be the best gift I could give them. Every child in Ladybirds class cheered, laughed and took part in their races. They did not mind if they came first, second, third or just took



part. Some fell over, some dropped their eggs and one child even lost their shoe during the sack race but kept on jumping!



The children are learning that taking part and having fun is as important as winning and we are very proud of all the Ladybird children.



Mrs Hulme



Forest School

A big thank you to Mr Mason, Mrs Matthews and Mr Walker who have been busy with



the first stages of our fabulous new pond. We cannot wait to be able to invite you all for a grand opening once it is completed. It will give you a chance, over some hot chocolate/coffee/tea to see how our amazing Forest School area is developing and to see all the wonderful outdoor learning opportunities it will provide for your children as we move forward.



A big thank you from all the staff and children at Waterhouses to Mark Rollinson who kindly came and dug out the pond area for us, and for his donation of wood chips.

This development of our Forest School area has been greatly helped by a donation from Lafarge which has allowed us to purchase the pond liner and underlay, a fence and much more - our new wildlife pond is starting to take shape.



Manifold Healthy Body Healthy Mind

Enrichment Day

The winning house this term was Manifold. Ladybirds and Otters children had great fun on their enrichment day, visiting the Forest School area and the local park.



Staff Changes

We say a huge thank you and goodbye to Otters' Class Teacher Karen Cooper and wish her every success at St. John's, another of our QEGSMAT Primaries. We are hoping that Mrs Cooper will get the opportunity to pop back to say goodbye to the children face-to-face in September, a chance to be presented with some gifts the children and staff have not quite had the opportunity to get finished. We did, however, deliver a rose and some other gifts.



Mrs Cooper provided maternity cover at our school for a year before heading off elsewhere, then we were delighted to have her return to us in January 2017 and she has been with us for 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, nurturing children as they transition from more play-based Foundation Stage to a more formal learning, whilst still having lots of fun. Thank you, Mrs Cooper, and good luck!



The new QEGSMAT Primary Lead is Clare Peat, she will be supporting the Primary schools within the MAT. She was previously Headteacher at another of the QEGSMAT primaries -

Castleview and brings many years of experience to the role. You may see her around the school supporting Mr Dodson and our school. "I'm really looking forward to working with the school in the next year ahead and best wishes for a safe and happy summer."

Becky Hunt *Piano, Violin, Electronic Keyboard & Singing Lessons*



As things hopefully return to some normality we look forward to welcoming back into school music teacher Becky Hunt. She has been teaching our children here at Waterhouses for many years. For the first autumn half term she will continue with online lessons outside of school hours, with a plan to return in to school after the October half term.

Violin, piano and keyboard lessons are available for pupils in Reception to Year 6. Singing lessons are available to Year 2 to 6 pupils. Initially Becky is offering individual lessons at £11.50 for 20 minutes.

If you are interested in your child starting lessons please contact Becky direct at beckyhuntmusic@hotmail.com or telephone 07941 429491.

Leek Community will be restarting the after sports clubs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A letter will be sent out when we return, with a view to restarting the following week. The first half term both clubs will be Multisports.



Bag2School

Thank you for all your donations for the Bag2School scheme. We collected 220kg and earned a

commission of **£66!**

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Thank you for ordering your school photos directly from Tempest Photographs. Our school has received a wonderful **£151.15** in commission from the company. Thank you!



MY SCHOOL FUND

A big thank you to those parents who have linked their Sainsbury & Argos purchases to the school through the **My School**

Fund initiative. We were able to redeem a fantastic **£33** in vouchers which were put towards items for the children's end of year Festival Fun goody bags.

Anyone can join up - parents, grandparents, family friends, random strangers that want to help! Tell them to follow this link www.myschoolfund.org and follow the simple steps. 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.

Every little helps!

From all the staff at Waterhouses
Have a lovely Summer Holiday

Good Luck to all our leavers!

We shall open the doors to returning pupils and new starters on
Thursday 2nd September

See you then!

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