



Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

"Let your light shine"

Make your light shine, so others will see the good you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Matt 5 v 16

Newsletter 3 : 30-9-23

Dear Parents/Carers,



It was wonderful to see so many Grandparents come along to join us for our Grandparents Lunch. We hope you enjoyed sharing a meal with your grandchildren. A special thank you to our school cook, Miss Sophie who created such a delicious meal. Thank you also to the staff who acted as waiters!

School Swimming

Mrs Hunt, our swimming teacher has asked me to pass on these reminders for school swimming lessons:

- If your child has an inhaler or epi pen, these must be in school, named.
- If your child needs to wear goggles for any reason, this needs to be backed up with a letter from the GP.
- All earrings must be removed and cannot be worn in the pool. They cannot be taped over.
- All pupils with long hair need to wear a swimming hat. (We do have some available to purchase from the school office)
- Children who are not swimming need to bring a note/send a dojo message to the class teacher. If your child needs to miss more than one successive week, a letter from the GP is required.

Swimming lessons at school: Please ensure your child has named clothing, swimwear and towel.

Ladybirds/Otters/Penguins : Tuesdays

White Tigers : Wednesdays



Covid 19

I'm aware that within the sector there has been a bit of an increase in Covid cases and as a Trust we're starting to get a few queries. I've looked into the guidance on this subject as well as enquire what local Trusts are doing. In short, the NHS guidance is what everyone is following:

What to do if you have tested positive

- You are no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if you have symptoms.

But if you or your child have tested positive for COVID-19:

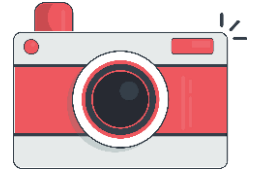
- Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day the test was taken if you or your child are under 18 years old – children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults
- Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test if you are 18 years old or over
- Avoid meeting people who are more likely to get seriously ill from viruses, such as people with a weakened immune system, for 10 days after the day you took your test

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

I must stress this is guidance and there is no requirement to test. What I would say that if a child feels well enough to return to school, then there is nothing stopping them doing so.

School Photographer

As it was wet and Alethea takes her photos outside, she will now be coming into school to take photos of individual and siblings on Wednesday 4th October. Parents who have preschool children are welcome to bring them into school to be part of the photos from 8.45am onwards. Let's hope for a dry day!



Parents Evening



We are holding 2 sessions from 3.40 to 6pm (Thursday 19th and Tuesday 22nd October) to give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Information has been sent out and the time slot sheets are in the porch area by the school office.

Music

Mr Prescott has been teaching the Penguins and White Tigers a selection of songs which they will be performing outside school at 3pm on Thursday 26th October (inside the hall if it's raining). We hope you will be able to join us. Everyone is welcome!



Harvest and Celebration Worship



Our first celebration worship will be on Friday 6th October at 9.15am. We will also be holding our Harvest Service as part of this. This year, we are asking for donations for Ashbourne Foodbank and the Community Cupboard which is based a Caudon Church.

Donations of tinned, packet and fresh food is welcomed along with household items such as laundry and cleaning products. **There will be a PTFA meeting after this.**

Primary Stars Cluster Sports

Well done to all our Y3-6 will be attended the Primary Stars cluster football on Tuesday 26th September at Parwich. Mrs Samways, Mr Walker and Mrs Dunn were very proud of the effort and sportsmanship which was shown! The next event, Tag Rugby, is on 17th October.



QEGS Open Evening

Mr Garrity, the headteacher of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School has asked me to pass that he and his team enjoyed meeting some of our pupils at the Open Evening last week.

Bottle Bingo



A date for your diary : Thursday 26th October at 6pm.
Bingo starts at 6.30pm

After the success of our chocolate bingo last Easter, the PTFA are holding a "bottle bingo"

The children can wear non uniform on Friday 20th October if they bring a donation of anything in a bottle. This could be anything from bubble bath to ketchup to juice to wine! These will be made up into hampers as



prizes for the bingo! All donations should be handed into to the school office. Donations can be dropped off from now until 25th October. Thank you for your support.

Uniform Reminder

Please can you ensure that if your child is wearing earrings, they should be a simple stud.

Long hair should be tied back.

Please ensure all clothing is named so if it does get lost, it can be returned to its owner!

Christmas Lunch



Is it too early to mention Christmas? After the success of our Grandparents Lunch, Miss Sophie and I have put a date for a Parents Christmas Lunch. This will be on Wednesday 6th December at 12 noon for you to share a Christmas lunch with your child. Places will initially be limited to 2 adult places per family but if there are any spaces left, you will be able to request an extra place. More details of this will be on the letter which will be sent out after half term.

Kind regards,

Rachel Linton

Headteacher

Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery

Dates for the Year 2023-4

Autumn 2023	
6 Oct	9.15am Harvest and Celebration Assembly PTFA meeting afterwards
13 Oct	Whole School Geography Day
17 Oct	Y3-6 KS2 Tag Rugby Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich
19 Oct	Parents Evening 3.45-6.00pm
19 Oct	Y4/5/6 to visit Leek Fire Station : Safe and Sound : A series of workshops relating to keeping safe at home and out and about. More information to follow.
24 Oct	Parents Evening 3.45-6.00pm
26 Oct	Bottle Bingo : In aid of the PTFA School closes for half term
27 Oct	INSET Day for staff
6 Nov	School opens for pupils Autumn 2
7 Nov	Governors Meeting
28 Nov	Y3-6 KS2 Cross Country Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich
1 Dec	9.15am Celebration Assembly PTFA Christmas Fair : details to follow
6 Dec	Parents Christmas Lunch : 12 noon : more details to follow
8 Dec	9.30am : Ladybirds Nativity Play
11 Dec	Pantomime Visit: Buxton Opera House : Details to follow Children need to be at school for 8.30am
14 Dec	Christmas Nativity : Ladybirds Class : details to follow
18 Dec	Christmas Service at Waterhouses Methodist Chapel. Time to be confirmed.
20 Dec	Community and School Carol Service with mince pies to be held in school : 6pm All Welcome.
21 Dec	Children, Staff and Governors Christmas Lunch
22 Dec	School closes for Christmas holiday
Spring 2024	

8 Jan	INSET day for staff
9 Jan	School opens for pupils Spring Term
10-12 Jan	Y5/6 Residential trip to Stanley Head : Information to follow
19 Jan	Whole School History Day
30 Jan	Parents Evening
2 Feb	9.15am Celebration Assembly
8 Feb	Parents Evening
9 Feb	School closes for half term
19 Feb	School opens for pupils Spring 2
26 Feb	Whole School Science Day
5 Mar	Governors Meeting
12 Mar	Y5-6 KS2 Netball Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich
14 Mar	Mother's Day lunch @ 12 noon. More information to follow
19 Mar	Y3-4 KS2 Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich
15 Mar	9.15am Celebration Assembly
21 Mar	Penguins and Otters Play : 2pm details to follow
22 Mar	School closes for Easter holiday
Summer 2024	
8 April	Children and staff start Summer 1
30 April	Y3-6 KS2 Mega Athletics Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich
3 May	9.15am Celebration Assembly
13-16 May	KS2 SATS
20 May	Whole School Design Technology Day
21 May	Y3-6 KS2 Quick Cricket Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich Governors Meeting
3 June	INSET Day for staff
4 June	Children start Summer 2
4 - 14 June	Y4 MTC during these 2 weeks
10-14 June	Y1 Phonics Screening
11 June	Y3-6 KS2 Rounders Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich
13 June	Father's Day lunch @12 noon. More information to follow
25 June	Y3-6 KS2 Sports Day Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich Governors Meeting
4 July	School Show : 2pm and 6pm : details to follow
5 July	Sports Day
8 July	Whole School Art Day 3.30pm Art Exhibition : Parents/Carers are welcome to come and see the art work the children have created today.
12 July	9.15am Celebration Assembly
18 July	Leaver's Assembly 2:30pm
19 July	School closes for Summer 2