



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 5 : 24-10-23

Dear Parents/Carers,

Bottle Bingo



A date for your diary : Thursday 26th October at 6.30pm.
Bingo starts at 7pm

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

Any outstanding donations can be handed into to the school office. Donations can be dropped off from now until 25th October. Thank you for your support.



Parent Pay Balances

Please pay **all** outstanding parent pay balances by Thursday 26th October.

Pantomime Cinderella – Payment due 10th November

Stanley Head (Year 5&6 only) - Remaining Balance – Payment due 22 December 2023

Toast Autumn 2 – Payment due Sunday 5th November

Volunteers Needed!



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We could do with some help with swimming to support taking the children to the pool, helping out in the changing room and sitting on the pool side during the lessons. If you are able to offer any time, please speak to the School Office.

Parking outside school



Please can I politely remind you that **no** cars should be parking on the yellow no parking area outside school at any time, but especially at drop off and pick up times. The Governors are in the process of purchasing some no parking signs to make this area even clearer. The local PSCO has also been informed of the schools concerns regarding the parking situation to ensure the safety of all pedestrians outside school. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

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.

Parents Evening



Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening. If you were unable to make your appointment, please contact your child's class teacher who will arrange a convenient time.

Music

On October 26th at 3.00pm the children in Penguins and White Tigers will be singing some of the songs they have been learning in music this term with Mr Prescott.

Penguins will be singing songs about animals as they have been studying and listening to The Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint Saens. If you want to listen to the piece with you child, here is a link to a performance at the Royal Albert Hall with Michael Morpurgo narrating.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VigoDtL-91A>

White Tigers have been studying blues and gospel music. They have been learning several blues and gospel songs as well as listening to one of the great classical blues pieces- Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin. If you want to find out about this piece with your child and listen to some extracts, here is a link to the BBC Symphony Orchestra performing a version especially for children.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/classical-music-george-gershwin-rhapsody-in-blue/zkcy6v4>

Everyone is welcome!



Primary Stars Cluster Sports



Well done to our amazing Tag Rugby players who did so well at the event last week. There are some photos on our facebook page.

Our next cluster sports event is Cross Country on 28th November for Y3-6. These events form part of our PE lessons and are for all Y3-6 pupils.

School Photographs

Please order your school photos by Monday 6th November 2023.

Reminders

- 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!
- No smoking or vaping is permitted on any part of the school grounds.

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium



Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.



If you believe that your child may be eligible to receive free school meals, please contact us to find out what you need to do.

If your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2),they will automatically receive a universal free school meal. It is still very important to complete a free school meal application if your circumstances warrant this, as the school will receive valuable additional funding to support your child whilst in school.

If you are in any doubt at all, please just email or call the school office and we will be happy to help you.

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	
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
20 Nov	The Clay Rooms from Ashbourne are visiting to work with the children to make something special for Christmas. Many thanks to the PTFA for funding this.
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 : Please complete the permission slip and make payment via parent pay. Children need to be at school for 8.30am
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	Waterhouses Primary does The Great British Bake Off : 2pm onwards. Afternoon Tea and Cake Stall in aid of PTFA Celebration Assembly : 3pm (please note change of time)
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	Easter Service at Waterfall Church 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
24 May	School closes for half term
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