



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 6 : 6-11-23

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a happy half term holiday! We had a fantastic evening at Bottle Bingo! Thank you to everyone who attended who made the event such a success! Special thanks to the PTFA for planning and organising it and to Graham, our bingo caller. We raised over £550!



We also enjoyed a fabulous music concert where White Tigers and Penguins showcased the songs and music they had been learning about with Mr Prescott. There will be some photos uploaded to Facebook and our website shortly.

We are currently having issues with our heating system. We are working hard to get this repaired as soon as possible, but in the meantime, please send your child with layers as we are relying on portable heaters.



Poppies

The Y6s will be selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion from Tuesday to Friday this week.

Photo Deadline

The deadline for ordering photos is TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT 6/11/23. If you order after this time, you will need to pay P&P.

Panto : Cinderella

Please return your permission slip and pay £12.50 via Parent Pay by 10th November. Many thanks.

Scholastic Books

The next order deadline is 24th November.

Christmas Fayre : Friday 1st December



The PTFA are busy finalising our Christmas Fayre which is taking place on Friday 1st December from 3:30pm. If you can help in any way, please contact the school office who will be more than happy to pass on messages to Charlotte and the PTFA team. Our fayre will start with Carols by the tree led by Mr Prescott and the children.

Parent Pay Balances

If you didn't pay your parent pay balance at the end of half term, please do so by today. If you are struggling financially, please contact the school office to speak to me in confidence.



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 investigated 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.

Primary Stars Cluster Sports



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.

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.

Christmas Lunch



Miss Sophie will be serving a Christmas lunch for parents to share with their children on December 6th.

Please complete the below form and make your payment via parent pay by 27/11/23. Adult meals are priced at £4.00, children's meals are to be booked on the day, in the usual way. If you require a vegetarian option or have any food allergies, please state it on the form.

Please follow the link below to select and book your place.

[Link to Christmas Lunch form. Please complete by 27/11/23](#)

Places are strictly limited to 2 adults per family. If we have any extra spaces available, a message will be sent via Dojo and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Kind regards,

Rachel Linton

Headteacher

Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery

Dates for the Year 2023-4

Autumn 2023	
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
5 Dec	White Tigers to QEGS Culture Day. Leaving school at 9am, returning for 3:30pm.
6 Dec	Parents Christmas Lunch : 12 noon
7 Dec	Martha Harris : Footballer to visit school
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
13 Dec	Stoke City FC to lead Assembly
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
23 Feb	Whole School Science Day
26 Feb	White Tigers and Penguins to visit Derby Faith Trail : details to follow
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