



## 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 10 : 11-1-24**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!



It seems a long time ago but thank you for all your support at our Carols event.

It was wonderful to see the hall so full and watch our amazing pupils perform the poems and carols telling the story of Christmas. We hope to repeat this for Christmas 2024.

I hope you have all enjoyed the holiday and have been able to spend time with family and friends. Despite it only being 5 weeks until half term, it is already looking busy with lots of exciting and interesting learning activities and experiences for all our pupils!

You will be receiving a printout of your child's attendance for Autumn Term. Good attendance equates to over 96% or higher. Research from the Education Hub shows that good attendance including punctuality is reflected in performance and attainment : "The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments." Our lessons for reading, phonics and spelling begin at 9.00 and it is vital that your child doesn't miss out on the important teacher inputs which focus on embedding previous learning and introducing new learning.

### **Parking outside School**

Thank you to Lafarge who have purchased some no parking signs for outside school. These will be put out in the near future. The Governing Body and staff are concerned about the number of parents/carers who are parking on the Zig Zag area and in staff car park. The only vehicles which are permitted to stop in this area is the school bus or emergency vehicles. Our staff carpark is small, and we only just have enough spaces for staff. The local PCSOs are going to be undertaking some spot checks to ensure the safety of our children.



### **Bags2School**

Our collection date is 12<sup>th</sup> March. There is a list of what they will accept listed later in this newsletter.

### **Reception Places**

The deadline for applying for a place in our reception class is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or require any help in applying. Even if your child attends our Nursery, you will still need to apply for a Reception place.

### **Year 6 SATS Club**

Mrs Samways will be holding a weekly SATS club for our Y6 pupils each Monday at 8am. This club is free of charge. The first session will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Samways via DoJo.

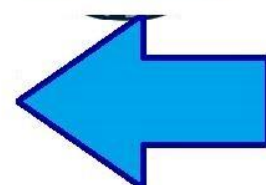
Kind regards,

*Rachel Linton*

Headteacher



**Collection:** 12th March 2023



**YES PLEASE:** 'Good quality' items for RE-USE\*:

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen, Household curtains, Household towels, Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)



**NO THANKS:** Duvets and blankets, Pillows and cushions, Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, School uniforms with and without logo, Corporate clothing and workwear, Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

# Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery

## Dates for the Year 2023-4

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 : Please arrive at 8.45 with the medical form
19 Jan	Whole School History Day
22 Jan	Year 6 SATS Club : 8am with Mrs Samways
30 Jan	Parents Evening
8 Feb	Parents Evening
9 Feb	<b>School closes for half term</b>
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
7 Mar	World Book Day Prizes for best homemade costume and potato character. Details will be sent nearer the time.
8 Mar	Mother's Day lunch at 12 noon followed by Mother's Day Celebration Assembly : <b>*Please note change of date.*</b>
12 Mar	Y5-6 KS2 Netball Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich
19 Mar	Y3-4 KS2 Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich
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
23 May	White Tigers to visit Aspire at Lichfield Cathedral
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 artwork 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

