



# 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 13 : 19-2-24**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing and happy half term break. It is only a 5 week half term until Easter but we have lots already in the diary! Please do check our website calendar, Class DoJo and Facebook page for updates and information.

Thank you to everyone for your understanding during the recent poor weather. It is never an easy decision but as always the health and safety of all our school community has to be paramount.

Thank you to Mrs Jenson for leading the workshops on Mental Health. All the children really enjoyed the activities and learnt about keeping themselves healthy.



### **Parents Evening : Thursday 22nd February : Change of Date**

The appointment times will be the same from the date we had to postpone because of the snow.

### **Dropping off Children**

If you need to drop off your child during school hours but after 9am, please ensure you inform the school office. If there is no one in the office, please use the telephone using the contact information. At times when the school office is not manned, a notice will be placed in the window. Do not under any circumstances just leave your child unattended. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### **Derby Faith Trail**



Our trip takes place on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> and payment is now due via Parent Pay. The children will be looking at a Mosque and a Sikh temple as well as taking part in a craft activity based on Diva Lamps. The children will be taken around and shown the features of each place of worship, a bit like looking at artefacts in a museum. The bus will drop them off at the Open Centre. During the morning, they will walk to and from the Mosque (about 10 minutes) and then make the Diva Lamp before lunch. After lunch, they will walk to the Sikh Temple ( about 12 minutes). After visiting the Sikh temple, the bus will collect them from the Temple, and they will return to school for the end of the school day. Miss Cuff, Mrs Samways, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Garner (Student teacher) and Mrs Johnson (School Governor) will be accompanying the children. If you have any questions, please do contact me or the class teachers.

### **Parent Pay Balances**

Please pay any outstanding balances as they are now overdue.

### **Parking outside School**

Thank you to Lafarge who have purchased some no parking signs for outside school. Please do not park on the zig zag areas outside school to keep our community safe. Please do not park in the staff carpark as it is small, and we only just have enough spaces for staff



### **Bags2School**

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

### **Future Dates**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – School disco 3:30-4:30 – EYFS&KS1 – Parent to stay, KS2 4:30-5:30  
£1 per ticket entry, selling refreshments.

The PTFA would be grateful of any donations of Raffle prizes from any local employers for our Chocolate Bingo.

7<sup>th</sup> March – World book day, reminder you have a few weeks notice to make a homemade costume. The children can also enter a competition to decorate a large potato as a book character. Prizes will be awarded. See below for ideas.

15th March – non uniform day for chocolate (Chocolate Bingo prizes) You can buy raffle tickets beforehand. Please contact the PTFA committee.

22nd March – Chocolate Bingo 6:30 for eyes down at 7pm prompt.

Kind regards,

*Rachel Linton*

Headteacher





# Valentine's DISCO

FRIDAY  
**23**  
FEBRUARY

NURSERY- YEAR 2

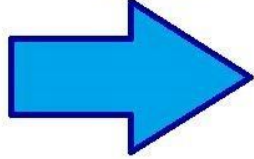
3.30 - 4.30 PM

YEARS 3-6

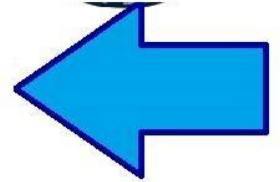
4.30-5.30PM

£1.00 PER CHILD  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE  
PLEASE PAY ON THE DOOR





**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**

<b>Spring 2024</b>	
19 Feb	School opens for pupils Spring 2 Rev Alan leading Collective Worship
23 Feb	Whole School Science Day School Disco 3:30 – 4:30 EYFS/KS2 Parent to stay 4:30- 5:30 KS2 £1 entry and refreshments available to buy.
26 Feb	White Tigers and Penguins to visit Derby Faith Trail
27 Feb	Open the Book from Ashbourne Methodist Church leading Collective Worship
28 Feb	Primary Arts Day at QEGS for White Tigers. Bus leaves at 9am prompt. All children will need smart school uniform and a water bottle. Packed lunches are available to book. Please contact the school office.
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 Worship after lunch. You are welcome to take your child home at the end of the Worship.
12 Mar	Y5-6 KS2 Netball Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich
15 Mar	Non-uniform day : please bring a chocolate donation for Bingo
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 Chocolate Bingo : 6:30pm for 7pm start
<b>Summer 2024</b>	
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