



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 15 : 21-3-24

Dear Parents/Carers,

Easter Play

The Otters and Penguins class will be performing their Easter play on Thursday 21st March at 2pm. Everyone is welcome. Please come along and join us from 1.45pm onwards. Refreshments will be served.

We do not charge for tickets to this event, however if you'd like to bring a small change donation along towards of costumes and props that would be greatly appreciated.



Raffle Tickets

The PTFA have requested that all unsold raffle tickets and sold stubs be returned to school by Thursday AM please.

Thank you to the companies who donated raffle prizes.

Lafarge, Alton Towers, Staffordshire County Show, The Black Lion at Butterton, Just So Festival, The Red Lion at Waterfall, Peak Wildlife Park, Hartington Farm Shop, Morrisons, Alderford Lake, The Play Barn at Round Meadows Farm, Big Bounce Inflatables, Dalton's Dairy and Ian Harvey Fabrications.

Easter Service at Waterfall Church

There is **no breakfast club on Friday 22nd March** as we have our Easter Service. Please could parents meet us at the Church at 8.45am for a 9.00am start.

The White Tigers and Rev Alan will be leading our Easter Service.

We would like the parents and children to come and join us. After the service, the children will return to school on a bus. Please note the parking at the church is quite limited and to be mindful when parking.

If this is not convenient, please bring your child to school at 10.30am (*Nursery children only*). If this presents any problems, please speak to Mrs Hulme.

We will also be handing out our usual certificates and awards as part of this service. Please hand in any awards to the school office so these can be handed out.

Chocolate Bingo!

Please come along to our PTFA Chocolate Bingo on Friday evening: 6:30pm for eyes down at 7pm prompt. There will be refreshments to purchase. If anyone can help the PTFA on the night, please contact the Office or the PTFA directly.

A huge thank you from the PTFA for all of the donations towards chocolate bingo prizes.

School Meal Price Increase

I have had the following notification from our Catering Provider: Entrust/Edwards and Ward.

We wrote to you in June 2023 informing you that we would freeze your current meal price until April 2024. Our partner Edwards and Ward have reviewed their offer to not only maintain the high government food standards but also to mitigate the costs of food and distribution inflation and fair pay awards. Despite



mitigation efforts through product swaps, negotiations with the supply chain, and evolving the menu, the impact of food inflation has remained stubbornly high throughout 2023

*You will also be aware of the government increases in minimum wage of 9.8% from 1st April which directly effects the delivery of the service. We appreciate that schools are dealing with the challenges that the cost-of-living crisis brings and our priority is delivering an effective, sustainable, and valuable service at a fair price. Therefore, despite the increased overhead, we are pleased to confirm that the meal price from April 2024, will be **£2.95** per meal; an increase of 4%. We will continue to monitor food inflation throughout the year and our next review point will be for the Autumn term. We are one of many school catering providers that are lobbying government on the UIFSM/FSM contribution for schools. Indications suggest they are looking honestly at the problem, and we remain optimistic that a truly fair funding agreement will be reached soon.*

Easter egg hunt

On Friday Sophie will be running an Easter Egg hunt prize for the child who finds the golden egg under their plate at lunchtime.



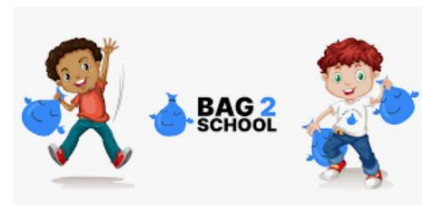
Primary Stars Netball



Well done to our fantastic Y3/4s who attended the Netball Event at Parwich. The staff who accompanied the children have reported how they all tried their best and were a credit to our school!

Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our recent Bags2School collection. We've raised a brilliant £84! This has helped support buying some new things for the children to play with at lunchtime, for the Huff & Puff shed.



Martha Harris



Last Thursday we welcomed Martha for the afternoon, the children really enjoyed the experience. We raised a grand total of £316. A big thank you to all our fundraisers too - your support is fantastic and always appreciated.

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.

Parent Pay Balances

Please pay any outstanding balances before Friday.

Holiday requests

As a school, we will work alongside our Education Welfare Office (Keith Mellor) from Staffordshire County Council. Absences will be marked in the school register as unauthorised absences which may result in a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

Sickness or diarrhoea

Pupils who have any sickness or diarrhoea must not return to school until at least 48 hours after the last episode.

Even though this term has been a short one, it certainly has been a busy one! Thank you to the all the families, staff and governors for their hard work and dedication to Waterhouses CE Primary Academy. I hope you have a wonderful and happy Easter holiday.

School reopens on Monday 8th April at 8.45am.

Kind regards,

Rachel Linton

Headteacher

Spring 2024	
21 Mar	Penguins and Otters Play : 2pm details to follow
22 Mar	Easter Service at Waterfall Church including Celebration Worship School closes for Easter holiday Chocolate Bingo : 6:30pm for 7pm start
Summer 2024	
8 April	Children and staff start Summer 1
30 April	Y3-6 KS2 Mega Athletics Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich
26 April	PTFA Break the rules day - More information to follow
3 May	9.15am Celebration Assembly
6 May	School Closed for the Bank Holiday
13-16 May	KS2 SATS
17 May	Diabetes clinic
20 May	Whole School Design Technology Day
21 May	Y3-6 KS2 Quick Cricket Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich Governors Meeting : 6pm
23 May	White Tigers to visit Inspire at Lichfield Cathedral
24 May	School closes for half term
3 June	INSET Day for staff
4 June	Children start Summer 2
6 June	Goblin Car Race - Y6
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 @11:45 More information to follow
25 June	Y3-6 KS2 Sports Day Primary Stars Cluster @ Parwich Governors Meeting : 6pm
27 June	Class and leavers photo's
4 July	School Show : 2pm and 6pm : Adventures in Oz
5 July	Sports Day N&R morning session. Year 1 -6 afternoon session
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