



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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed a happy Easter holiday. Summer term is upon us and it looks like it will be a busy one! Please do watch out for any updates via these newsletters as well as ClassDojo, emails/texts and our Facebook page.



Chocolate Bingo

Thank you to everyone who came along to the PTFA's Chocolate Bingo on the last evening of term. They raised a fabulous amount of over £2,200. All the money raised will go towards purchasing things for the children. Special thanks to the PTFA committee and their band of helpers and of course Graham, our Bingo caller!

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.*

Kids Club

Waterhouses Methodist Chapele will be running a kids club for creative activities, songs, bible stories and games. This is a free of charge club running each Friday, at school, 3.30pm-4.30pm. If you'd like your child/ren to stay afterschool and attend, please let the Office know.



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.

Attendance letters

These will be sent out later to inform you of the latest attendance for your child. Please check your child's bag.

Diabetes Research

A letter will be sent out today regarding a government and health education initiative to identify Diabetes in children.

Kind regards,

Rachel Linton

Headteacher

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
6 May	School Closed for the Bank Holiday
13-16 May	KS2 SATS
17 May	Diabetes Clinic Assessment afternoon
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
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 : 6pm
4 July	School Show : 2pm and 6pm : Adventures in Oz
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