



# Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery

"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 8 : 6-1-25**

Dear Parents/Carers,



A very Happy New Year to you! I hope you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas and have been able to spend time with family and friends.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair, the Nativity, our "Midwife in Crisis" show, the Carol service and Christmas meal. We are thrilled that these were so well attended.

### **Photos needed**

As part of our Christian Vision and Values, we are updating one of our display boards to show our Christian Vision and Values in action. If you have any photos of the children demonstrating our values of Love, Hope, Trust and Respect you are happy to be shared on our notice board along our corridors, please email them or bring a hard copy into school. Examples of these could be sporting activities, beavers, rainbows/brownies, helping at home, dancing... the list is endless!

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

We pride ourselves on having good attendance and punctuality at Waterhouses. Our door opens at 8.45am and lessons start at 9am promptly. You will receive a copy of your child's attendance record for Autumn term this week. The QEGSMAT and our governing body have asked me to remind parents/ carers that any holidays in term time cannot be authorised and may be liable for a fine in accordance with government policy. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### **Ban the Bully**

Along with our worry boxes in school and providing opportunities for our children to speak to staff, we have a tab on our website for pupils to submit concerns. This is primarily aimed at pupils in Y3 and above, although any child can use it. We would ask that our pupils do put their name when completing the secure online form so that we can deal with any issues and concerns. The link goes to the email inbox of Mrs Linton and Mrs Hulme. Any information as ever, is treated sensitively and confidentially. Please do speak to Mrs Linton or Mrs Hulme the safeguarding leads if you have any questions.

The tab can be found under the Pupils section on our website.

### **Themed homework**

The homework will be set for Year 1-6 this half term by staff this week. It will be due to be brought in on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The staff will also be uploading the curriculum plans for this term onto the website as well as sending them via DoJo.

### **Online Safety Meeting**

Miss Cuff will be repeating her Online safety meeting for parents/carers again on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm. This is not suitable for children due to the content being discussed and therefore any children whose parents are attending will be supervised in Ladybirds classroom by staff.

## **Primary Stars Cluster Events**

We are hosting 2 events this half term. On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, there is an event for gymnastics. This will be for EYFS, Y1 and 2 in the morning and for Y3-6 in the afternoon. Children in Y1-6 should come wearing PE Kits. Swimming times will be adjusted so that the children will also not miss their usual lesson.

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Y3-6 will be taking part in a Dodgeball event. Again, please come in PE kits and remember your swimming kit too.

Best wishes,

**Rachel Linton (Mrs)**

Headteacher

## **Dates for the Year**

<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
6 Jan	INSET Day : Staff Training
7 Jan	School reopens for all pupils at 8:45am
8 Jan	Spr 1 Themed Homework set for Y1-6
10 Jan	Forest School : White Tigers Class : please bring your outdoor clothing and shoes each Friday for Spr 1 term
13 Jan	DT Day : investigating structures and buildings
14 Jan	3:30 Online Safety meeting for Parents. This presentation is not suitable for any children. Children whose parents are attending the meeting can be left in Otters room for the duration of the meeting. They will be supervised by staff.
21 Jan	Primary Stars Gymnastics Festival at Waterhouses EYFS – Y2 : morning Y3-6 : afternoon
28 Jan	Primary Stars Dodgeball at Waterhouses Y3-6
30 Jan	White Tigers to visit Derby Open Centre : The children will be visiting a Hindu temple and a Baptist Church.
31 Jan	9:15am Celebration Worship in school
3 Feb	3:30 – 6pm Parents Evening : Please note the change of date
10 Feb	3:30 – 6pm Parents Evening : Please note the change of date
10 Feb	Internet Safety Week
11 Feb	Full Governors Meeting
13 Feb	Spr 1 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6
14 Feb	School closes for half term holiday
24 Feb	School reopens for all pupils at 8:45am
25 Feb	Spr 2 Themed Homework set for Y1-6
28 Feb	Primary Stars Dance for Otters, Penguins and White Tigers. Please bring your PE Kit to change into each Friday during Spr 2.
6 Mar	World Book Day : details to follow
10 Mar	Science Day
18 Mar	Primary Stars Indoor Fundamentals Festival at Waterhouses EYFS – Y2 : morning
28 March	Year 5 and 6 to visit Parliament : more information to follow
9 Apr	Spr 2 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6
11 Apr	School closes for Easter holiday

## Summer Term 2025

28 Apr	School reopens for all pupils at 8:45am
29 Apr	Sum 1 Themed Homework set for Y1-6
5 May	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
5-9 May	Deaf Awareness week
6 May	School reopens for all pupils at 8:45am
12- 15 May	Y6 SATS week
13 May	Full Governors Meeting
21 May	Sum 1 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6
23 May	School closed for half term holiday
2 June	INSET Day : School closed for pupils
3 June	School reopens for all pupils at 8:45am MTC Y4 week 1
4 June	Sum 2 Themed Homework set for Y1-6
9 June	Y1 Phonics screener week MTC Y4 week 2
20 June	EYFS Sports Morning Y1-6 Sports Day Afternoon
23 June	Geography Day
27 June	Reserve Day for Sports Day if weather wet on 20-6-25
1 Jul	Full Governors Meeting
3 July	2pm and 6pm : White Tigers end of year play
4 Jul	Annual Reports to parents sent out
7 Jul	Drop-in Parents Meeting : an opportunity to discuss your child's annual report. Meet the teacher ready for September 2025.
8,9 and 10 Jul	Queen Elizabeth's Transition days for Y6
15 Jul	Sum 2 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6
18 Jul	School closes for the summer holidays