



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 9 : 20-1-25

Dear Parents/Carers,



Last week White Tigers enjoyed their first Forest School session with Mr Handley. They enjoyed climbing the trees, making snow angels and exploring our environment.

DT Day

All the children took part in our DT day on Monday. The theme was tall buildings. Mrs Samways set a challenge to build the tallest structure they could using 1m Sellotape and 10 sheets of A4 paper. The children worked in small groups, and we are so proud in the way the children demonstrated amazing perseverance, resilience and a "can do" attitude throughout the day. Ladybirds class had a different challenge. They based their learning on the story "One Snowy Night" by Nick Butterworth. They planned and designed a puppet owl. Below is a selection of the photos we took. A special thank you to Mrs Samways for organising such a fun and exciting day!



Mrs Ann Rushton

We are sad that Mrs Ann Rushton will be leaving her cleaning role after 20 years. We will miss her smile and thank her for all her hard work and dedication to keeping our school so clean and tidy. If you would like to make a donation to her leaving gift, please drop it off at the school office. Thank you.

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.

Parents Evening

We are holding two parents' evenings later this half term. These will be on Monday 3rd and Monday 10th February from 3:30pm – 6pm. Please sign up to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. The forms will be in the entrance lobby by the school office from tomorrow. (Tuesday 21st)

Parents
Evening

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.

Primary Stars Cluster Events

We are hosting 2 events this half term. On Tuesday 21st 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 28th January, Y3-6 will be taking part in a Dodgeball event. Again, please come in PE kits and remember your swimming kit too.

Celebration Worship



The first celebration worship for 2025 will be held on Friday 31st January at 9.15am. If your child has any certificates or trophies, please hand them into the school office.

Wear Red

We are supporting the "Wear Red" day which is in aid of the Air Ambulance. This vital lifesaving service relies solely on donations, and we would like the children and staff to wear something red that day and make a donation if you are able on Friday 14th February.



Best wishes,

Rachel Linton (Mrs)

Headteacher

Dates for the Year

Spring Term 2025	
17 Jan	White Tigers : Learn with the Lord's. Webinar with a member of the House of Lords.
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. Please refer to the letter sent out for details.
31 Jan	9:15am Celebration Worship in school
3 Feb	3:30 – 6pm Parents Evening
10 Feb	3:30 – 6pm Parents Evening
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	Wear Red in aid of the Air ambulance. Please donate if you are able to. 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