



# 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 13 : 24-3-25**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who completed our parents' questionnaire. The findings of the survey appear at the end of this letter.

This week, our Reception, Y1 and Y2 enjoyed a fabulous morning with other schools, taking part in some indoor fundamentals. The activities ranged from throwing and catching, aiming for a target with a ball and some balancing activities. We were so proud how all the children demonstrated our values as well as trying their best in all the events.



### **White Tigers**

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them to take to Queen Elizabeth's for their trip to watch their show on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Y5/6 Parliament and London Visit**



Mrs Samways is holding a meeting for the children and parents/carers **today** – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3.35pm in her classroom to share the final arrangements.

### **Change of Academy meeting**



Mr Jared Eccles and Mr Alex Brayford will be holding a short parental consultation meeting at 3.30pm and 6pm on April 1<sup>st</sup> in the school hall. This will give you chance to learn more about the Moorlands Primary Federation (TMPF) and ask any questions. Myself and members of our Governing body will also be present. If you are unable to attend but have any questions, please email them to the school office.

### **Volunteers needed**

We would like to overhaul the garden area by the entrance the children use, and we would like some volunteers to come and clear the area and dig it over ready for some new plants. If you are able to offer some help, please contact the school office. Thank you!



### **School Office**

Our school office is open from 8.30 am until 4pm. If you need to speak to school urgently after 4pm, please press option 3 to speak with staff in the Sunshine Club who will pass on any messages.

### **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! Thank you to those who have already sent some in.

### **Mother's Day Assembly and Lunch**

Please arrive between 11:15 and 11:25 to be seated, ready for the children to lead our Mother's Day Assembly. Lunch will then be served with your children.



### **Dance**



This half term, Primary Stars will be teaching dance taught by a dance specialist on a Friday afternoon for Otters, Penguins and White Tigers. This is in addition to their weekly swimming lesson. Children should come dressed in their normal school uniform and bring their kit to change into.

### **Break the Rules Day**



Due to popular demand, the PTFA are holding another "Break the Rules Day" on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Please see the flyer at the end of this letter.

### **Easter Service**

Due to space, our Easter service led by our pupils and Rev Julie from the Methodist Chapel will now be held in school at 9am on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Please note the change of venue!



## Chocolate Bingo



The PTFA are holding their much-loved Chocolate Bingo in the school hall over the Easter holidays. It will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, starting from 6pm. The first game will start at 6:30pm. We will be holding a non-uniform day on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, please send a donation of chocolate. Please see the poster at the end of this letter.

Best wishes,

Rachel Linton (Mrs)

Headteacher

## Dates for the Year

Spring Term 2025	
26 Mar	White Tigers to visit Queen Elizabeth's Show.
27 Mar	Mother's Day Assembly and Lunch
28 March	Years 5 and 6 to visit Parliament and the London Eye
3 Apr	PTFA Break the Rules Day : details to follow
9 Apr	Spr 2 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6
10 Apr	9:00am Easter Service and Celebration Worship at school. Please note the change of venue
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
2 May	Dog's Trust visit for R-Y6
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	9:15am Celebration Worship in school 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
12 June	School Disco : 3.30-4.30pm
20 June	EYFS Sports Morning Y1-6 Sports Day Afternoon
23 June	Geography Day

27 June	Reserve Day for Sports Day if the weather gets 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
10 July	Ladybirds visit to Adventure Farm - Burton
11 Jul	9:15am Celebration Worship in school
15 Jul	Sum 2 Themed Homework to be brought into school for Y1-6 Last swimming lessons for the year
17 Jul	Leavers Collective Worship : 2:15pm
18 Jul	School closes for the summer holidays

We had 30 responses from our parent questionnaire which was sent out in February. Parents had 2 weeks to reply and the findings are as follows:

<b>Question</b>	<b>strongly agree</b>	<b>agree</b>	<b>disagree</b>	<b>strongly disagree</b>	<b>don't know or N/A</b>
My child is happy at this school.	70%	30%			
My child feels safe at this school.	74%	26%			
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	40%	57%			3%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	6%		3%		91%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	60%	40%			
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	50%	36%			14%
The school has high expectations for my child.	60%	36%			4%
My child does well at this school.	67%	30%			3%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	48%	43%	6%		3%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	50%	47%			3%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	48%	47%	3%		
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	48%	43%			9%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes 100%		No		

Thank you for all your comments too. We appreciate the kind and positive comments about all our staff and the education we provide.

In relation to after school clubs, we understand that these are not as comprehensive as we like. We are continuing to explore different avenues how these could be provided in the future.

Comments relating to communication were made, some positive and some requesting more frequency. We send out a fortnightly newsletter, the school office sends out DoJo reminders and staff do try and reply to any DoJo messages within 48 hours. Staff are always happy to meet with parents after school. Please contact the school office to make an appointment or message the staff directly via DoJo. Messages can also be passed on to the staff member on the door each morning.

Thank you again for taking the time to complete our annual questionnaire.

Kind regards,

Mr G. Kneller – Chair of Governors.

Mrs R. Linton – Headteacher.





# **WATERHOUSES PRIMARY PTFA PRESENT...**

**BREAK THE RULES DAY!  
THURSDAY 3RD APRIL**

50p for each rule you break from the  
list below

**WEAR NAIL VARNISH OR MAKEUP  
WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES  
HAVE FUNKY OR COLOURED HAIR  
WEAR A FOOTBALL SHIRT  
HAVE JUICE IN YOUR WATER BOTTLE  
HAVE CHOCOLATE FOR SNACK TIME  
WEAR A HAT IN SCHOOL  
WEAR A TEMPORARY TATTOO  
WEAR TRAINERS**

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM BREAK THE RULES DAY WILL GO TOWARDS NEW  
PSHE & LIBRARY BOOKS FOR THE CHILDREN**

**WE ASK THAT YOU RESPECT THAT SOME RULES CANNOT BE BROKEN**

**PLEASE SEND THE CORRECT CASH IN ON THE DAY IN AN ENVELOPE WITH A  
LIST FROM THE ABOVE RULES YOU ARE BREAKING**



**WATERHOUSES PTFA PRESENTS...**



**Easter  
Chocolate Bingo**

**THURSDAY 17TH APRIL**

**DOORS OPEN 6PM  
EYES DOWN 6.30 PM**

**AT WATERHOUSES  
PRIMARY ACADEMY**

**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

**\*PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN  
REFRESHMENTS\***

