



Newsletter 11th December 2020

Christmas Enterprise day

Today, our Christmas Enterprise Day has gone live online and you should have all received information regarding what each class are selling and how to make your purchases through the Gateway. You will be able to make purchases up until 4pm on Monday 14th December. The children will be bringing the items home with them before the end of the term. We look forward to announcing the class with the most entrepreneurial skills.



Baby news!

We are pleased to announce that Miss Chatman has given birth to a healthy baby boy on 10th December 2020. Both Mum and baby are doing well. Huge congratulations to them all!



Christmas Jumper Day

During our last whole school Pupil Parliament meeting, one of the agenda items was to discuss potential fundraising events for charity. When we read the minutes for all the classes, we were surprised to see that many of the classes had suggested raising money for the homeless. We have therefore decided that our Christmas Jumper Day on 16th December will be an opportunity to raise money for Herts Young Homeless <https://homelesshub.help/> They provide an amazing service and offer advice, support, advocacy, mediation and education about homelessness in schools. If you would like to make a £1 donation to this charity, then this can be made through the Gateway from next Monday. Thank you for your support. They have made us a video too to thank us for our support which the children will be watching next week.

Children can wear Christmas jumpers with non-uniform clothes on this day. Thank you

Last Day of Term - Thursday 17th December

Normally on the last day of term, school would close at 2.15pm for all children. However, we have had to make some changes to this arrangement for the end of this term due to the staggered finishes. Children in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 4 will need to be collected between 2pm and 2.20pm and children in Pre school, Nursery, 3, 5, 6 will need to be collected between 2.20pm and 2.40pm. Thank you.

ICT resources

Recently, I wrote to you with the news that we had purchased 16 new laptops to support children's learning across the curriculum. Since then, we have purchased a further 16 laptops which now means that each phase within the school will have access to their own laptop trollies. This is great news as it will increase the opportunities that children will have to use their ICT skills across the curriculum.



Application for Reception Year Group

Please be aware that the online application form for Reception Year group places for September 2021 is now open. If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 and they are due to attend Reception class in September 2021 you must complete this form to secure a place. If your child is currently in our Nursery, you must still complete an online application form to secure a place in Reception for September 2021. The online application form can be found at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2021 and the National Offer Day is 16th April 2021.

December learning value – Resilience

Our school learning value this month is RESILIENCE. This is such an important skill to teach children of all ages. Resilience is being able to bounce back or recover quickly from difficulties. The ability to recognise the need for a different approach and to adapt to solve a problem.

Examples of Resilience:

- trying something different when what you're doing doesn't get results
- learning from mistakes
- not giving up when something is hard
- embracing challenges

We are really proud of these children who have been working really hard in class to show great resilience and have been chosen by their class teacher to receive this award.

Verity in Year 1 for showing great resilience with achieving her writing targets

In Year 5 (Wonders), Lily A for her resilience across the curriculum, Eva M for being resilient whilst working on her D.T project and Lucia who has been resilient too in her maths lessons.

Parking

This week we have received more complaints from local residents about parents who are parking on Glebe Avenue. Some parents are parking over residents driveways and some residents have had their vehicles damaged this week. With the Children's Centre so close by, it is extremely disappointing to hear that some parents aren't using the parking facilities which are available to them. Please remember to park and stride either from the Children's Centre car park or from further afield, but please show more consideration for the local residents if you aren't currently doing so. Thank you



House Point Winners

This weeks house points

Red House - 458

Blue House - 529

Green House - 529

Yellow House - 509

Total house points achieved this half term:

1st Blue House - 3268

2nd Yellow House - 3243

3rd Green House - 3204

4th Red House - 3088

Next Tuesday will be reward day for Blue House. Well done everyone for earning so many house points this half term.

House Captain meeting

On Monday, I met with the house captains and Vice house captains for our first termly meeting. In the current climate, we discussed how they could still lead their houses whilst maintaining the health and safety expectations for all.

On the agenda:

- * How they could continue to provide and lead house events, challenges and opportunities.
- * Possible rewards for the house teams who achieve the most house points each half term.
- * How the house captains and vice house captains can inspire their houses in a virtual way at present.

It was a very productive meeting and I would like to thank the children for their ideas and suggestions. They had lots of views and opinions which was great.

Attendance

Attendance for the week is 96.5%. Congratulations to Beckhams, Darlings, Da Vinci and Wonders for excellent attendance this week. Attendance for the whole term is 97.2%.

This week we had a special assembly to recognise children who have made outstanding progress this term in reading, writing, maths and the creative arts. Congratulations to these children.

Reading 	Writing 	Maths 	Creative Arts 
Alessia M	Louis C	Sam T	Ethan S
Millie B	Ethan L	Bettie-Sue G	Ffion G
Jack R	Eddie W	Beau DS	Isabella L
Lexie L	Bobby B	Penny J	Poppy C
Sophie SC	Charles S	Ronny G	Finley M
Finley S	Noah HJ	Rose H	Christian M
Annabelle T	Lenny	Alex	Summer AH
Lewis B	Darcie	Libby P	Elliot C
Jasmin L	Zosia	Oscar W	Anabella S
Callum	Blake S	Lucy G	William W
Enzo K	Lily A	Charlie C	James P
Matilda F	Max K	Libby H	Emily A
Charlie MH	Dylan E	Luke P	Elena A
Jessica J	Isabella C	Ava H	Gracie M
Libby F	Darcie	Thomas H	Amy R
Jamie H	Ava T	Aaliyah	Willow

Pre school progress awards

Joshua C for being a fantastic role model
Ezra M for growing in confidence
Eliza L for developing her independence

Nursery progress awards

Hadley (for thinking of others)
Taylor (for his love of learning)
Ayaz (for growing in confidence)
Lola H (for showing her growing confidence)
Amelia (for settling well into Nursery)
Riya (settling well into Nursery)

Happiness

Equality

**Achieve
Potential**

Resilience

Teamwork

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

**Respectful &
Responsible**

Truthfulness

Links with the Community

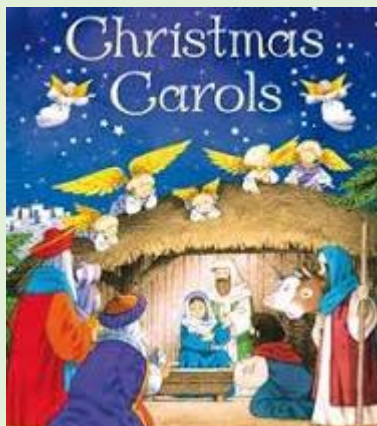
Christmas Carol Trail 2020 ... Find **8 posters** in Watton shops and outside St Andrew and St Mary's church that tell the Christmas story. Use the **QR code** to listen to a Christmas Carol.

Sunday 20th December 5pm Christmas Carols and Readings

OUTSIDE St Andrew and St Mary's **CHURCH** seating inside for those who are elderly, infirm etc

Pre- BOOK with Churchwarden iknght@ntlworld.com

Be Jolly Careful..., Bring a mask, Keep social distancing... **Wrap up warm...** Bring a lantern/candle in a jar... **Painted Christmas Rocks for the church porch...** Nativity pictures to display... **Decorations to add to the church Christmas tree...** a warm drink...



'CHRISTMAS ROCKS' **PAINT** a flat stone with a star, baby in a manger, sheep, king etc to leave outside. **LOOK OUT** for 'Christmas Rocks' and **MOVE** them around your village. Remember to **SANITISE** your hands each time you move a 'Christmas Rock'. **BRING** all the Christmas Rocks to the **CHURCH** porch by **Christmas Eve 24th December**. Stones will be displayed until 6th January 12th Night (Epiphany) when we take our Christmas decorations down. Each Church will pack their 'Christmas Rocks' away ready to **DISPLAY** again **NEXT** Christmas. **SEND** photos of your Christmas Rocks to Rev Jenny jennygrayrectory@gmail.com for an online

Parents and Carers requiring to self-isolate

If you are a parent or carer and have been asked to self-isolate as part of a bubble at work or because you have come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus - you must follow the national self-isolation guidance and stay at home for 14 days: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/

- This applies even if you have no symptoms and/or you have received a negative test result as it can take 14 days for transmission
- Self-isolation rules do not apply to the rest of your household, they can still attend work or school and complete day to day tasks in line with Government guidance
- If you develop symptoms while self-isolating, your entire household must begin self-isolating immediately
- If you would normally travel with your child(ren) to nursery, school or college, alternative arrangements should be made
- If you cannot make alternative travel arrangements for your child(ren), then they too must stay at home. Please contact your school or education setting directly for advice on remote learning in this situation

Please do not send child(ren) to school if they have any symptoms of coronavirus. If you're not sure, consult the online NHS symptom checker at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

Only book a test if you or your child(ren) develop symptoms, book at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 if you do not have internet access.

Remote Learning

If your child is self isolating and waiting the results of a COVID 19 test or your child has had a positive COVID 19 test result and so therefore also self isolating, we have class work prepared and uploaded to the website so the impact on your children's learning is minimized.

Teachers have prepared a daily maths, English and topic activity which is in line with what learning is happening in class. Don't forget also that the children will have homework to complete, daily reading and access to any Purple Mash activities. KS2 children also have access to Times Table Rock Stars. The learning is accessible on the children's page of the website. <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/remote-learning-autumn-2020>



Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 16th December. Unfortunately, we won't be all able to eat together in the hall this year, but children will collect their lunches from the dining room and eat in their classrooms. We will make it as Christmassy as possible with crackers for all children (provided by The Friends of Watton) and Christmas music being played.

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Pencil Cases

Thank you for ensuring that children have had their own pencil cases and equipment in school this term. With children having their own equipment, it has reduced the risk of children spreading the virus between each other. However, we are noticing that many children are now requiring some of their equipment in their pencil cases to be replenished or replaced. We are asking all the children to bring their pencil cases home over the Christmas holiday as this will be a great time for you to check and replace equipment as required (especially their glue sticks). Please ensure that these are returned to school on the first day back of the spring term please.

Dates for your Diary

December

14th - last day for Enterprise online orders

Week beginning 14th - no catch up clubs this week

15th - House point winners reward time

16th - Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and online pantomime

17th - Last Day of autumn term (please see above for class collection times)

January

4th - INSET Day 2

5th - Children return to school

18th - 22nd - Creative Arts Week

25th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

February

3rd - No Pens Day

9th - Internet safety day

15th - 19th - Half term

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March

4th - World Book Day
5th - 9th - Science week
12th - Comic relief/sports relief
15th - 19th - Assessment Week
16th - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm
17th - Parent Consultations 3.45 - 5.45pm
22nd - No Pens Day
26th - Last day of spring term

April

12th - INSET Day 3
13th - Children return to school
23rd - St. George's day

May

3rd - 7th - Geography fieldwork week
21st - No Pens Day
31st - 4th June - Half term

June

7th - INSET Day 4
10th - Sports Day
17th - Reserve sports Day
30th - Book fair arrives for 1 week

July

2nd - Enterprise Day
5th - 9th - Assessment Week
12th - No Pens Day
14th - End of Year reports to parents/carers
21st - Last day of summer term
22nd - INSET Day