



Newsletter 16th July 2021

Exiting restrictions – plan for September

As the country moves to step 4 of the roadmap for exiting lockdown restrictions, we too will also be making some changes to the running and organisation of the school. We have followed the DFE guidance alongside our own risk assessment to ensure that we exit our restrictions as safely as possible for both children, staff and parents on site.

From September, we will no longer be having a staggered start and finish to the school day. The gates will be open from 8.45am and children will be allowed to go straight to their classrooms. The gates will be closed at 8.55am, which is when the class registers are taken. If your child arrives after 8.55am, then please go to the admin office so that your child can be signed in. If you arrive before the gates are open, then please continue to socially distance yourselves the best that you can. The school day will finish at 3.15pm and children will need to be collected from the same places you dropped off at in the morning. Children moving into our Nursery and Reception classes will use the green Nursery gate, children moving into Year 6 will use the dining hall door and all other year groups will use the main gate by the admin office. This will minimise congestion at the main gate.

Whereas children will still be mainly working within their class bubbles inside the school, there will no longer be zones on the playground or field and children will be allowed to mix with other children from other bubbles. Whilst eating their lunch, children will be sitting inside with other children within their phase bubble only.

We are currently delivering all our assemblies virtually, but in the autumn term, we plan to deliver face-to-face assemblies with children in their phase bubbles (as opposed to the whole school in the hall) and the Friday celebration assembly will still be held virtually until we feel that it is safe enough to make further changes.

We will continue to ensure that there are still good hygiene procedures in school and will continue to encourage regular handwashing, use of hand sanitiser, well ventilated classrooms (whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature) and a thorough cleaning schedule which includes the cleaning of equipment and areas prone to being touched.

The staff in school will continue to test themselves twice per week as we recognise that this is still vitally important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection. We will also continue to send home children should they develop any of the symptoms of COVID, however mild, so that they can follow public health advice.

Last Day of Term – Wednesday 21st July

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.

Class Attendance this week

	This week's attendance %
Donaldson class (R)	99.2
Darlings Class (1)	93.7
Jemison Class (2)	92.6
Da Vinci Class (3)	90.2
Rosen class (4)	82.9
Wonders Class (5)	93.5
Beckhams Class (5)	89.8
Attenborough Class (6)	95.3

Congratulations to Donaldson class for a very impressive attendance this week - considering the challenges we have been faced with within the school - well done. Attendance for the week for the whole school is 91.1%.

No Pens Day



On Monday this week, we held our half termly 'No Pens Day' across the school. Many of the classes used this opportunity to get creative and make their Enterprise Day items, which will go on sale today (via the Gateway). The photos above are from the Year 1 class, where they spent part of the day constructing rocket ships from cardboard boxes after being inspired by 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. In September, when the children are in Year 2, they will all be in Murphy class.

Sports Day Results

We were delighted that we were able to run many of the sports day events and that parents were able to come along and watch too. We have now managed to calculate the total points scored for each house and have an overall winner.

1st Place - Blue House (479 points)

2nd Place - Green House (433 points)

Joint 3rd Place - Yellow and Red House (426 points)



Brass Lessons

Since the school has reopened in March, the children in Year 5 have been having weekly brass lessons with Ian Sanderson (from the Herts Music Service). In normal times, the children would have been playing for a full academic year and would be ready to put on a mini brass performance for the parents.

However, with limited lessons this year, they aren't quite ready for that yet. However, they are making amazing progress and we would like to invite parents of Year 5 to come along and hear the children play as a class. Parents are invited to stand outside the Nurture room (which is near the boat on the playground) and with the classroom door open, you will be able to hear them play.

The dates and times are:

Tuesday 19th - Beckhams Class 2.50pm

Wonders performed last Tuesday (12th)

New household account feature for parents reporting test results

NHS Test and Trace are continuing to develop and improve the process for self-test reporting. Currently, if a parent is submitting results through their account on behalf of a child, they have to enter the child's details every time they report a result.

As a result of feedback from parents, NHS Test and Trace have introduced household accounts. This allows parents to save their children's details to their own user accounts so parents can report results for multiple members in the household more quickly and easily.

When reporting self-test results parents will now be offered the opportunity to create a household account, which should take no more than 2 minutes. Parents can then add all household members to their account, enabling them to save time when reporting all future self-test results.

Pencil Cases

This year the children in Years 1 - 6 have brought their own pencil cases to school and they have really enjoyed having their own equipment to use. This has also taught them skills of responsibility for looking after their own resources. As we move into the new school year, we will be happy for children to bring in their own pencil cases and contents again. School will provide writing pencils and pens (for those who have a pen licence) but all other equipment can be their own. Please don't send any felt tip pens into school as these have a tendency to leak and children don't use these in their work books either.

P.E Kits

Like many other schools, we decided that following the return to school after the school closure, the children would come to school in their PE kit on the days that they had P.E lessons, rather than changing into their P.E kits in school.

There have been so many positive benefits (for both parents and children) to having children come into school in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E, that we will be continuing with this practice when the children return to school in the autumn term. However, we would like parents to ensure that the children are wearing the correct P.E kits, including correct colour and items of P.E kit so that the children are just as smart in school whether the children are in school uniform or their P.E kits. A full list of the expected P.E kit can be found on the school website at: [Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School - Uniform \(wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk\)](http://Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School - Uniform (wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk))

Friends of Watton

A big thank you to those who purchased tickets to the Big PTA Summer Raffle - we have raised £238.50!



We'd love it if you could help us to continue to raise money during the holidays (and term time!) - if you shop online you can visit EasyFundraising.org.uk and every purchase you make with participating retailers will raise money for us, at no cost to you!

So many shops are involved including ASOS, John Lewis, Boden, Sainsburys, Argos, plus hundreds more - even Ebay. If you're looking to book a holiday in the UK or abroad your holidays can earn donations too with Expedia, Hotels.com and Enterprise car hire plus many more involved. So choose the company you would like to use and check with EasyFundraising to see if you can make a free donation to FOW!




End of Year Reports

On Wednesday this week, we emailed all of the children's end of year reports to parents and carers. I do hope that you have received these and had a chance to find some time to sit down and read them. I certainly enjoyed reading every single child's report and was reminded again about how amazing the children at our school are. They have all gone through two lockdowns where they were learning remotely and worked so hard since the school reopened to make positive steps towards catching up. We are incredibly proud of all the children this year. Their resilience, determination and perseverance has shone through.



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 
Chloe O	Sarah S	Frankie H	Charlie O
Connor P	Rafe B	Lillie C	Bella P
Verity S	Imogen C	Dylan JA	Penny J
Arien L	Jack B	Emilia R	Liam V
Carmelita P	Mila S	Erin H	Oliver O
Isabelle B	Billy C	Dexter H	Maia I
Brendan S	Maisy W	Caitlin S	Theo C
Megan M	Callum R	Alfie C	Esmae T
Ethan S	Poppy S	Eliza H	Henry H
Jessica W	Ronnie H	Riley M	Maddie G
Eva M	James P	Charlie B	Corinne W
Flynn S	Jessica J	Max H	Eva R
Charlie P	Dexter H	Thomas G	Nya S
Amelie O	Sophie I	Megan C	Zach W
Anna S	Sadie S	Poppy N	Tegan S
George M	Luca G	Henry C	Amber C

Pre school awards

- 1) Milly D for her amazing development in all areas of learning and her 'can do' attitude.
- 2) Teddy M-S for developing confidence and trying hard with everything he does.
- 3) George A for constantly trying his best and always being a good role model.
- 4) India C for trying her best and growing in confidence.
- 5) Harlen H for being a good role model, kind friend and using his words.
- 6) Sophia P for growing in confidence and showing amazing resilience.

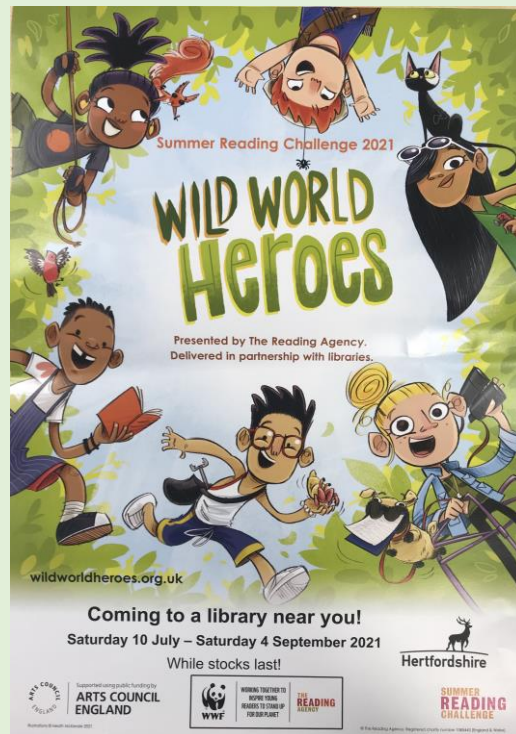
Nursery awards

- 1) Shiva for her consistent positive attitude towards her learning and play experiences.
- 2) Elizabeth for always focussing and striving to do her best at all times.
- 3) Frankie for being a friendly and positive leader.
- 4) Eric for always focussing hard on concentrating and putting positive effort into all of his learning.
- 5) Freddie for always trying hard and focussing during whole class learning.
- 6) Jacob for trying new challenges with a positive mindset.

Attendance Certificates

Next week, we will be awarding special attendance certificates for children who have had excellent attendance this term. Excellent attendance is 97%+. The attendance % excluded any absences from school which were COVID related and the children were required to self isolate. A huge congratulations to a huge number of children who have finished the summer term with excellent attendance.

Summer Reading Challenge



The summer reading challenge is a national initiative which aims to keep children reading between 10th July and 4th September. This year's theme is 'Wild World Heroes'. The challenge focuses on taking action for nature and tackling real world environmental issues. In the challenge, children will be able to join 6 fictional characters who are learning about the importance of the environment while helping to make the fictional town of 'Wilderville' a better home for everyone.

The challenge is to read 6 books over the summer holiday. For every 2 books the children read, they will be rewarded with a set of stickers and when they have completed the challenge, they will receive a bookmark, certificate and medal.

When we return to school, children can show their teacher their medal and be entered into a prize drawer to win an Amazon voucher!!

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Happy Birthday to.....

Ayaz P
11th July

Oliver G
12th July

Lacey B
15th July

Eva R
16th July

Louis C
17th July

Reuben H
17th July

Max H
17th July

Summer Holiday Club

We are very excited to announce that Kid Fit will be running a 6 week Summer Play Scheme at our School. They are a Lottery funded, Ofsted Registered organisation delivering services to schools for 15 years including Schools across Hertfordshire. The Scheme is open to all local children from the age of 3 - 11. Limited Places. Childcare Vouchers accepted. There is a 10% early booking discount available until 16th July which can be applied at checkout: **RVT174**

All bookings must be made through Kid Fit.

For more information and to book please visit:

<https://kid-fit.class4kids.co.uk/camp/18>

Alternatively, you may contact Kid Fit directly on: infokidfit@gmail.com

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Here is the information regarding P.E lessons so that you know which days your children will need to come to school in P.E kits next term.

INDOOR PE TIMETABLE

Autumn 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1					
	Morning Break 10.15-11am				
Session 2					Reception
	Lunch 12-1.30pm				
Session 3	Year 2	Year 1			Year 6
	Break 2-2.30pm				
Session 4	Year 4	Year 3			Year 6

OUTDOOR PE TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1					
	Morning Break 10.15 -11am				
Session 2				Year 5 (swimming)	
	Lunch 12-1.30pm				
Session 3	Year 6		Year 2	Year 1	Year 4
	Break 2-2.30pm				
Session 4	Year 6	Year 5	Year 3		

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Dates for your Diary

July

20th - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10.30am

21st - Last day of summer term (please see closing times on front page of the newsletter)

22nd - INSET Day 5

September

1st - INSET Day (school closed for children)

2nd - Autumn term starts. Children return to school