



December Newsletter – 2018

Dear parents and carers,

As we quickly come towards the end of the Autumn term, there is much to look back on and be proud of. There is also much still to come....

Well Being Week:



Our Well Being Week was a huge success, thank you to Miss Ramirez, Mrs Duston, Miss Smith and Mrs Stevens for organising it. During the week we focused on being happy, keeping physically and mentally healthy and eating healthy foods. We focussed on mindfulness and respect this year and the children had a range of activities to enjoy, including dance, body percussion, yoga and a visit from a therapy dog.

Nursery Hours for Spring Term:

Please could all parents **eligible for 30 Hours childcare funding check their codes** ready for the Spring term and let us know of any changes. We have already written to all Nursery parents regarding their requirements for additional hours in the Spring Term, please ensure they are returned as soon as possible.

Poppy Display:

Many of you now may have seen the lovely poppy display every child contributed to. This was created to commemorate 100 years since the First World War. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for leading on this.

Christmas Dinner Day and Decoration day.

Both these events went very well and we thank all of you who helped out for these events.

Performances:

The KS1 performance went really well last night and we look forward to seeing them perform again this afternoon. The children were all stars! I am sure our Early Years performance will be equally brilliant tomorrow morning.

Saying goodbye:

We will be saying goodbye to two fantastic members of staff next week – Mrs Bell and Mrs Stroomer. Mrs Stroomer has worked at Watton for some time and has been a brilliant member of the support staff team. We will all miss her kindness, creativity and calmness. Mrs Bell has been an amazing office staff member and we thank her for all she has done in the office (and in supporting me hugely)! We will all miss her at Watton.

Friends of Watton:

The Friends of Watton held a Christmas bazaar last Friday and we thank you all for attending. It was lovely to see the hall so full! Tomorrow night we will have the Movie Night which we hope will be well attended too! A huge thank you to the Friends of Watton for all their hard work and the time they give up to help the school and our children!

Our children as leaders:

We continue to develop our children as leaders and we are very proud of how they have been taking on various roles and taking part in performances. Recently,

- A group of Year 4 children have become Reading Gladiators and they meet with Mrs Fowler once a week to carry out reading activities and are promoting reading throughout the school.
- Our choir sang on the 3rd December at the All Saints Church in Hertford – we have one of the largest choirs compared to schools locally.
- Our new school council members have been elected (we have two elections per year) and they are currently learning about their roles as leaders.
- The year 5 pupils planned the Macmillan Coffee Morning in October and we successfully raised over £300.00. They did a great job!

Safe Driving & Parking

As we are all concerned for the safety of our children - please can we ask everyone to drive and park considerably in our Children Centre car park and surrounding school areas. Thank you.



Safe Scooter and bike riding to and from school:

A number of our children use their scooters and bikes and do so in a very safe manner.

Recently, some members of our community are not being as safe as they could be and cross pathways and roads. Please could you children about this (we will also do so at road safety at all times.



have let us know that some children not choosing the safest places to ensure that you do talk to your school) so they are thinking about

Finally, I would just like to say a personal thank you to all of you for your kind words, gifts and wishes of good luck over the last few weeks. I have loved my time at Watton and I will miss it very much.

Zoe Hussain – Headteacher

Watton at Stone Primary & Nursery School

Diary Dates 2018/2019

14 th December	Friday	10.30am	Foundation stage Christmas Performance
14 th December	Friday	3.20pm-5pm	Non-Uniform Day and Xmas Movie Night -FOW
19 th December	Wednesday	9.15am	End of term Church Service
	Wednesday	2.15pm	END OF AUTUMN TERM
8 th January	Tuesday	8.50am	START OF SPRING TERM
14 th February	Thursday	3.20pm – 4.45pm	Non-uniform day and Winter Disco - FOW
18 th – 22 nd February			HALF TERM BREAK
20 th March	Wednesday	4.00 – 8.00pm	Parents Consultation Evening
21 st March	Thursday	3.30 – 5.30pm	Parents Consultation Evening
23 rd March	Saturday	7.30pm – 11pm	Quiz Night - FOW
29 th March	Friday	AM only	Mother's Day Stall - FOW

3 rd April	Wednesday	2.00pm and 6.00pm	Years 3 and 4 school production
5 th April	Friday	2.15pm	END OF SPRING TERM
8 th – 23 rd April			Easter Holiday
19 th April	Friday	10am – 12pm	Easter Egg Hunt - FOW
24 th April	Wednesday	8.50am	START OF SUMMER TERM
6 th May	Monday		SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
8 th May	Tuesday		Class and Team Photographs
W/C 13 th May			Assessment Week
17 th May	Friday	3.20pm – 5pm	Non-uniform and play out - FOW
19 th May	Sunday	2pm – 5pm	Afternoon Tea - FOW
24 th May - TBC	Friday		KNEX challenge – Yr 5 and Yr 6
27 th May – 31 st May			HALF TERM BREAK
14 th June	Friday	AM only	Father's Day Stall - FOW
14 th June	Friday		Non-uniform day and Play out - FOW
18 th June	Monday	9.15am	Foundation Stage Sports Morning
19 th June	Wednesday	Whole day	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
1 st – 5 th July			Caythorpe Court Residential Trip – Yr 6
10 th July - 12 th July - TBC			Yr 4 Hudnall Park Residential Trip
11 th July	Thursday	Whole Day	Secondary Schools transfer day – Yr 6
15 th July	Monday	2.00pm	Open Afternoon for parents
16 th July	Tuesday	6.00pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6 End of Year Production
17 th July	Wednesday	2pm and 6.00pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6 End of Year Production
19 th July	Friday	TBC	Non-uniform day and End of Year Summer Disco - FOW
24 th July	Wednesday	9.15am	End of Term Church Service
		2.15pm	SUMMER TERM ENDS