



Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



29th November 2019

Next Week

Book Fair

The Book Fair will run from Monday 2nd - Friday 6th December from 8:25am - 9:00am and then 3:15pm - 4:00pm each day. This week the children had the opportunity to enter the book fair competition as part of their homework. Our winners have won a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair. All classes will visit the book fair and staff will help children find age appropriate books. They may bring home a piece of paper telling you what book they would like to buy. Please come and support the book fair and for each book sold, the school will receive rewards towards free books for the classes.

Flu Vaccinations

On Wednesday 4th December all children from R to Year 6 will be able to have the flu vaccine. It's still not too late to return your consent form to the school office.

Parent Forum - Meet the Headteacher

On Wednesday 4th December at 9am, I will be available to meet with parents who are keen to share with me their thoughts and feelings about the school. I have really appreciated the parent's feedback during the last two parent forums this term. As a result of the last meeting, we have changed the homework for KS2 so that the Times Table Rock Stars is set as a piece of homework every fortnight and this is monitored by the class teachers. The classes have leader boards set up now to reflect the children's usage and speed.

EYFS Nativity Play

The EYFS Nativity play takes place on Wednesday 4th at 10.30am and Thursday 5th at 10.30am. If you need an extra ticket, then please enquire at the office where we may have a few available.

Christmas Decoration making afternoon

Following on from last year's decoration making afternoon, we have decided to run this event again on Wednesday 4th December 1.30 - 3pm for children in years 1 - 6. Parents will be invited into classes to make decorations with your children which will then be sold at the Enterprise afternoon on Friday 6th December. Parents who have children in the Early Years, will be invited to sign up for a play and stay session the following week (week beginning 9th December) where you will also get to make a Christmas decoration with your child.

Enterprise Day

On Friday 6th December, children in all of the classes from years R - 6 will be selling items that they have made during that week. There will be lots of learning about costs and profit. Possibly a future Sir Alan Sugar in the making! We will be open for business from 2.15pm and welcome parents, carers and families to come into school and look around all the classes to see what is being sold and hopefully make some purchases. There will be an enterprise award for the class that makes the most profit.



NEW – Multi skills after school club

I am currently looking at revamping some of the clubs and opportunities that are available to children after school and I'm very pleased to let you know that after Christmas we will be having two coaches from Stevenage Borough Football Club to run multi skills clubs on a TUESDAY. The clubs will run from 3.30pm - 4.30pm and all children will need collecting from school at 4.30pm as it is getting dark by that time. These coaches are qualified to teach many different sports at primary level and not just football. One club will be available for KS1 children and another for KS2. The maximum number of children in each club is 16, so this will be available on first come, first served basis. As this is an external provider, Stevenage Borough Football club would like you to book and pay through them directly please. The session dates are 14th January - 11th February and 25th February - 31st March.

KS1 - <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/stevenagefc/watton-at-stone-primary-and-nursery-school-after-school-club-multi-sports-years-1-2-ks1-jan-march-2020.html>

KS2 - <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/stevenagefc/watton-at-stone-primary-and-nursery-school-after-school-club-multi-sports-years-3-6-ks2-jan-march-2020.html>

Headteacher Award – Congratulations to Jessica W who has made fantastic progress this week with her 3 x table.

Attendance this week Congratulations this week goes to Heron's class for 100% attendance which is amazing considering all the nasty 'bugs' that are around. Attendance for the whole school is 94.5% a huge improvement of over 3%.

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Great To Be Gold

Congratulations to these children this week who have gone 'over and above' with their behaviour.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL

Harry N
Fred F
Max S
Lexie B-B
Sarah M
Poppy S
Zosia M
Jonathan A
Eliza H
Lydia B
Jasmine L
Bertie S
Camelita P
Billy C
Maia I
Finley M
Darcy B
Martha E
Lexie L

Friends of Watton School

Thank you very much to everyone who has donated jars, chocolate, cake, anything else, their time or all of the above for the Christmas Bazaar. We're really looking forward to it and hope it will be a successful one!

Hopefully you will be able to attend one of the Christmas performances at School before term ends or will be able to attend the Christmas Bazaar today. You will see that the hall now boasts some seasonal star curtains which help transform it into a sparkly wonderland and provide a thoroughly festive atmosphere! You'll be pleased to hear that the curtains have been made at a fraction of the commercial cost of exhibition-grade curtains (thanks to the funding by FOW, donations of lights and the hard work of Mr Starkey and Mrs Faria in hanging them), but definitely look just as good! This investment means we can look forward to using them in the future too.

Our next event will be the Christmas Jumper sale on Monday 9th December - the idea is that everyone donates their too small Christmas jumpers or tops and then in return you'll get £1 off another at the sale (if you'd like to buy one). Please donate your Christmas jumpers at the school office from Monday. It's good for the environment, good for your pocket and raises money for FOW too so a win on all counts!



Pre-school and Nursery Wow moments

Pre-school

Frankie R-M, she has been a star at Preschool this week, helping with tidying and looking after our classroom and also being a kind friend.

Freya B, Freya has made us so proud this week, she came in to Preschool happy and she always makes the right choices.

Nursery

Lewis S-C counted our 22 children in the morning without any help from Mrs Goodman

Mayci T counted to 21 without any help as well.

Bettie-Sue concentrated brilliantly during our Maths session and she made patterns of 5 in different ways.

Community news

Follow the Advent Star trail ★ Look out for the Christmas stars made by our Watton nursery children around the village this December. Print a form from the church website
www.achurchnearyou/standrewandstmarywattonatStone
to join the competition.

Get into the Christmas spirit with free entry to the new 'Cribs and Carols' display of family nativity sets in Watton church this weekend 12 to 4pm Saturday 30th Nov and Sunday 1st Dec - enjoy festive refreshments.

Join us 4pm Sunday 1st Dec for our annual Christingle service in aid of UK children on the streets. Enjoy the carols and take home a christingle orange.

Rev Jenny

Our school values are at the HEART of everything we believe in.
In December the school value we are focusing on is RESILIENCE.

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Dates for the diary

December

2nd - Book fair opens

2nd - Choir performing at St.Andrews Church, Hertford

4TH - Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 6

4th - parent coffee morning (meet the Headteacher) 9am

4th - Nursery/Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10.30am

4th - KS1 and KS2 Christmas decoration making afternoon 1.30 - 3pm

5th - Nursery/Reception Nativity performance 10.30am

6th - Enterprise Day

Week beginning 9th - stay and play sessions for EYFS - come along and make a Christmas decoration with your child.

6th - Book fair closes

10th - KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10am

11th - KS1 Nativity performance - 6pm

12th - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert - 6pm

13th - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

16th - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert - 6pm

17th - Panto Hertford

17th - Yrs 5/6 Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm

18th - Yrs 5/6 Christmas Concert - 6pm

19th - Whole school visit to church

20th - School Closed - Occasional Day

23rd - 3rd January - Xmas holiday

January

6th - INSET day

7th - Children return to school