



Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



6th December 2019

News Update

Friends of Watton Christmas Bazaar

What a wonderful event this was last Friday. It was lovely to see so many families having a great time and enjoying themselves. I have now been informed that this event made a staggering £2,415. A huge thank you to the Friends of Watton, who spent many hours organizing, promoting, setting up and running the event. I would also like to thank the staff and volunteers who gave up their time to help run stalls. However, most importantly, I would like to thank everyone who turned up last Friday to support this event because without your attendance there wouldn't have been a Christmas Bazaar.

Christmas decorating afternoon - It was lovely to see so many parents attend the Christmas decoration making afternoon this Wednesday. I do hope you all enjoyed getting creative and festive with your children.

Choir - On Monday evening, the school choir performed in a carol service at St Andrew's church, Hertford. Along with 5 other schools, they sung 4 new carols and then performed their individual item. Chaya, Charlotte, Nelson and William read a poem beautifully. All the children performed amazingly and put on their best performance! On Thursday, the choir also performed to the elderly local residents at the Methodist Church which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Emma Hanlon for all her hard work.

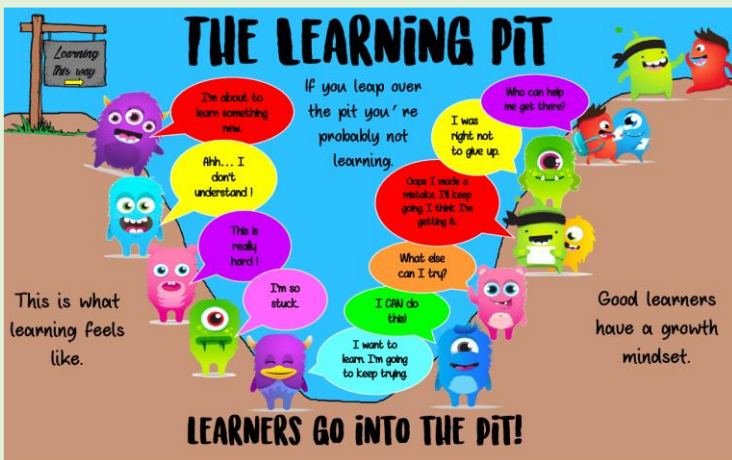
Next Week

KS1 Nativity Play

The KS1 Nativity play takes place on Tuesday 10th at 10am and Wednesday 11th at 6pm. A reminder that children will need to be back in school on Tuesday at 5.30pm. If you may need an extra ticket, then please enquire at the office to see if we have any.

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Extravaganza

Years 3 and 4 will be entertaining families next Thursday 12th at 6pm and again the following Monday (16th) also at 6pm. A reminder that children will need to be back in school on both days at 5.30pm. Please complete your ticket request forms and send them in by Tuesday 10th December so that tickets can be allocated and sent home. If you may need an extra ticket, then please enquire after Tuesday as we will know then how many spare tickets we have available.



Resilience

We have recently introduced the metaphor of the Learning Pit in order to help children face new challenges, build resilience and persevere when things get tough. Watch the video below for a brief and entertaining summary of what the Learning Pit is.

<https://vimeo.com/117364809>

Friends of Watton

Don't forget to dig out your Christmas jumpers and tops if you'd like to donate them to the FOW Christmas Jumper sale on Monday (9th) - we need jumpers and tops in good condition and for each one you donate you'll get a voucher for £1 off another one. Please bring them to the office before school if possible.

If your child painted a pottery decoration at the Bazaar we are expecting them to be fired and ready on or before the 13th December. We will arrange to collect them and distribute them as soon as we can after that.

Lastly, most of us will be doing some of our Christmas shopping online and there's a simple way to donate to FOW without any cost to yourself - just visit

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wattonatstonesch/>

create an account and then choose a shop you'd like to buy something from and simply click through to the retailer. FOW will then get a % of the money you spend - it's really easy!

Headteacher Awards – Congratulations to Florence H who came to show me her wonderful descriptive writing and to Lydia B who has made great progress with her reading.

Attendance this week – Attendance for the whole school this week is 96.4% which is an improvement of 1.9% on last week.

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Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

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

Charlotte W
Corben S
Jack T
Harry N
Charlie C
Ruby H
Finley D
Tegan S
Libby F
Lily A
Eva M
Lucia AB
Amelie O
Elena A
Jessica H
Caitlin S
Neave D
Callum R
Isabelle B
Sophie SC
Ben R
Erin H
Arien L
Eliza H
Jack R

Football

On the 29th November, Watton at Stone, played a football tournament. The first game was 2-2 goals scored by Jamie and Harry Cross. The second game was 2-1 both goals coming from Harry Naylor and George. Our third game we won 1-0 winning goal by Harry Cross. This meant we got through to the semi-finals where we unfortunately lost 2-1, our goal was scored by Jamie.

By Alex

Community News

Scout & Guide Carol Service, Sunday 15th December at 10.45am in The Methodist Church. Members of the groups will be taking part in the service, family and friends are welcome to attend.

John Ellis, Lay Pastor

Watton at Stone Methodist Church

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.

Join the spirit of Christmas - bring a wrapped present for a boy or girl in the local Women's Refuge to the Carols and Gifts Service 15th December 4pm in Watton Church - enjoy the mince pies and mulled wine after the service. Presents can also be left in Watton Rectory Church lane SG14 3 RD.

Thank you to all the families who joined in the 'Cribs and Carols' and Christingle service last Sunday.

Pre-school and Nursery Wow moments

Pre-school

Ava H - Ava has been a super star this week, she has been helping with the tidying up and looking after our Preschools toys and being a kind friend.

Freya H. Freya has been kind to all of her friends in Preschool and always tidies up when she is asked to. We are very proud of you both.

Nursery

Erin B - for writing her name by herself and wanting to write other peoples

Charlie O'N- noticed someone else's rubbish on the floor and he put in the bin without being asked

Connor P- for being a really kind friend and helping others

Marnie G- Helped Ffion with the tap and noticed when Ffions sleeves were getting wet, so she rolled them up for her

Beatriz JdS- for tidying up the room without making a fuss, putting everything back where it belongs - stealth tidying is great!

Lily H - for putting all the wellies in the cloakroom in pairs and making sure they look tidy - without being asked!

E Safety

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online.

There is lots of advice and resources available to support you as you help your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Today, I have attached a fantastic and easily accessible booklet called 'Young Children and Screen Time - a good start' which covers the following key pieces of guidance:

1. Use digital devices together with your child
2. Think through the rules you want to set for media and technology use at home
3. Learn more about services, content, technology and age ratings
4. Teach children good internet habits early on - you are their most important role model.

With the Christmas holidays approaching and no doubt lots of technology being purchased as Christmas presents, what better time to be prepared to help your child with their online safety.

Our school values are at the HEART of everything we believe in.

In December the school value we are focusing on is Resilience.

Christmas events

Apart from the Christmas performances and musical extravaganzas taking place in school until the end of term, there are other Christmas events too to inform you of. Next Friday (13th) will be Christmas jumper day. Children are invited into school in a Christmas jumper (see the Friends of Watton information in the newsletter for further ideas). They do not need to wear their uniform that day. We have decided to support 'Save the Children' by raising money and inviting all children to wear a Christmas jumper and make a voluntary donation of £1 towards this charity. For further information, please take a look at their website:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

At lunchtime we will be serving Christmas lunch and in the afternoon we are expecting a very special visitor to come into school to see the children. I'm hoping he lands his sleigh safely in the playground!!!

NEW – Multi skills after school club

As I mentioned last week, from January we will be having a new after school club run by Stevenage Borough Football Club. This will be a multi skills sports club. 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>

Dates for the diary

December

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

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

13th - Nursery tours (prospective parents)

February

6th - Nursery tours (prospective parents)

13th - Friends of Watton winter disco 3.15 - 5pm

13th - non uniform day

14th - INSET day (school closed)

17th - 21st February - Half term holiday