



# Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## News Update

### Watton Choir members perform with an orchestra!

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, some members of Watton Choir took part in an exciting opportunity to sing with the Hertford Symphony Orchestra at a Christmas Extravaganza concert at the Drill Hall in Ware. They combined with five other schools from the local area to make a 45 strong choir and performed several songs and carols.

The choir participants were William W, William C, Jamie, Dexter, Charlotte, Nelson, Amber, Maddie, Dylan, Eva R, Amy R, Isabelle B, Isabella S and Chaya.

"It was really different singing with an orchestra compared to the usual backing track, but I loved it, and I know that everyone's parents/carers were really proud of them. Everyone had a brilliant time!"

### K.S 1 Nativity

This week we were entertained by K.S1 who performed their Christmas Nativity with a twist - 4 aliens who crashed their spaceship on Earth and learnt all about the Nativity story before flying home. The singing and acting were fantastic and the children had fun too.

## Next Week

We have a busy last week of term coming up.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - We are off to the Pantomime in the morning. Please remember to send the children to school with a named water bottle please. Please see further info below.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> am - will be the final whole school celebration assembly of the term. This will be a special assembly where we will be celebrating children in each class who have made amazing progress in writing, reading, mathematics and creative arts this term.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> pm - will be the house point reward for the 'house' that has achieved the most house points this half term. Have a look on the home page of the website to see how many house points each has to date.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> am - We will be going to church for a very special Christmas service with Rev Jenny.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> am - Following our church visit, I will be inviting children with the most 'Great to be Gold' awards to join me for a special treat.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> pm - All classes will be having their Christmas parties.

**Not forgetting either the final LKS2 Christmas performance on Monday at 6pm and the UKS2 Christmas performances on Tuesday (2.30pm) and Wednesday at 6pm.**

### Reception Applications

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to start Reception in September 2020 is Wednesday 15 January 2020. You will need to make an application by the closing date to ensure your application is considered as on-time.

Please apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.



A very special visitor came into school today to meet with all the children in the grotto. The children were so thrilled with their gifts. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Starkey who decorated the grotto and to the Friends of Watton for purchasing and wrapping every child's present.

Headteacher Awards – Congratulations to Monty K and Agathe F in Year 1 who have made amazing progress with their writing this recently. In Year 2, Archie P and Lenny S were also awarded Headteachers awards for their fantastic, independent maths work. In Year 3 Charlie R wrote a fantastic story about some aliens.

### 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**

Ruby H  
Charlotte W  
Chaya G  
Luca G  
Sadie S  
Maisie McD  
Henry C  
Luke P  
Yuvraj M  
Blake S  
Oscar W  
Megan M  
Erin H  
Finley S  
Akaal P  
Charlie S  
Mila S  
Caitriona S  
Beau DS  
Noah H  
Sam A

### Mobile Phones

Please can I remind you that mobile phones are not permitted to be used on the school premises in order to safeguard all children. With our permission you are allowed to use them if you are watching the Christmas productions. Please remember however that all photos and videos are for personal use and not to be uploaded to any social media platforms. Mobile phones should not be used in the playground when dropping off your children at school or picking them up.



### Pantomime Trip

We have been sent the following guidance from Hertford Theatre regarding the trip next Tuesday:

Next week all the children will be provided with an ice cream during the interval. Children with any allergies, intolerances or dietary requirements need to bring a suitable alternative.

The ingredients for the ice-creams are as follows: Water, Invert Sugar Syrup, Palm Oil, Palm Kernel oil, Skimmed Milk Powder, Milk Proteins, Whey Powder (milk), Emulsifier (Mono & Diglycerides of fatty acids), Stabilisers (Guar Gum, cellulose gum, carrageenan), Flavouring, Colour (beta, carotene) Vegetarian friendly. Just to stress we cannot guarantee they are nut-free or from a nut-free environment.

Please inform the school office if required.

### Pre-school and Nursery vvw moments

#### Pre-school

Ben A is a kind friend and will help to look after preschool by tidying up and putting our things away.

Mila M has been coming in to preschool and settling well in to the daily routine she listens and follows instructions well.

#### Nursery

Ffion G - who noticed that Mrs Goodman was tidying up the Lego by herself and she came and helped without being asked.

Millie B- for picking up all the sparkles off the floor, even though she didn't knock them over.

Marnie G - for her confident counting of all the children in the morning - even when there were parents there!

### NEW - Multi skills after school club

Update - Stevenage Borough Football club has now agreed to extend the age of the children who can attend the multi skills sports club on a Tuesday after school. Reception children are also welcome to come along to the club. Please go to the correct link below to sign your child up to join.

The session dates are 14<sup>th</sup> January - 11<sup>th</sup> February and 25<sup>th</sup> February - 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Reception and 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>

### Year 6 Parent SAT's Meeting

On Thursday 9th January 2020 we will be having a meeting for all parents/carers of children in Year 6 regarding the arrangements for the SAT's tests. We will inform you about practical arrangements for the week of the tests, additional support that we will have available for the children in the spring term and provide an opportunity to answer your questions and queries. The tests are statutory and all children will be expected to sit them. The dates for your diary are Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May 2020. All children must be in school this week. Children won't be able to resit at another time. Thank you for your support.

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### Community News

Enjoy the Carols and Gifts Service 15th December 4pm in Watton Church with 'pop up choirs', mince pies and mulled wine. Bring a wrapped present for a boy or girl in the local Women's Refuge to the service or Watton Rectory Church lane SG14 3RD. 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](http://www.achurchnearyou/standrewandstmarywattonatstone) to join the competition.

Rev Jenny

### Friends of Watton

If your child painted a pottery decoration at the Bazaar you will be able to collect your items next week in the playground; we'll make sure it gets to you. Please message us on FB or email [friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com](mailto:friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com) if you're not at drop-off or pick-up next week.

The next FOW event is Music Bingo - on 31st January at 8pm. Say goodbye to January with a fun night out - hosted by DJ Abacus. Instead of your boring old numbers being called out in a normal game of bingo, we've replaced them with 15-20 seconds bursts of the most toe-tappin', bum wigglin' sing along songs from the past and present! The bingo will be followed by a disco and there will be a licensed bar too. To buy your tickets visit <https://events.classlist.com/#/events/view/624681053>

Lastly, a reminder again about Easy Fundraising. If you shop online you can 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!

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

**Healthy**

**Excellence**

**Aspirations**

**Respectful &  
Responsible**

**Truthfulness**

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Attendance this week Attendance for the whole school is 95.7% this week. Slightly down on last week - still a lot of coughs and colds around.

### December

16<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert - 6pm

17<sup>th</sup> - Panto Hertford

17<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 5/6 Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm

18<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 5/6 Christmas Concert - 6pm

19<sup>th</sup> - Whole school visit to church

20<sup>th</sup> - School Closed - Occasional Day

23<sup>rd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Xmas holiday

### January

6<sup>th</sup> - INSET day

7<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school

9<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 SAT's parent meeting.

13<sup>th</sup> - Nursery tours (prospective parents)

15<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 class assembly 9am

### February

6<sup>th</sup> - Nursery tours (prospective parents)

13<sup>th</sup> - Friends of Watton winter disco 3.15 - 5pm

13<sup>th</sup> - non uniform day

14<sup>th</sup> - INSET day (school closed)

17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> February - Half term holiday