

NEWSLETTER

19th December 2019



Christmas Productions

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas productions recently. We do hope that you enjoyed them. A huge thank you also for your generous donations. We raised an incredible £860. Thank you

From all the staff here at Watton at Stone, we wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

As we approach Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encouragement during this very busy festive period. We have had so much going on these last couple of weeks, I find it difficult to believe we've squeezed it all in! A huge thank you to all the kitchen staff for the lovely Christmas lunch last Friday. The children all enjoyed their meals and there was a lovely atmosphere in the hall during lunch. Thank you to the Friends of Watton and parent volunteers for helping out on the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all staff, governors, parents and carers for making me feel so welcome as the headteacher to the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking to many of you and look forward to getting to know more of you as the year progresses.




K.S.2 Musical Extravaganza

Huge congratulations to the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children who have performed this week. The performances were truly uplifting and we were treated to wonderful performances by the choir, Year 5 playing their brass instruments, whole class singing, poem recitals, and jokes being told. A huge thank you to Mr Crossley, to all the staff for their hard work putting these shows together and to Mrs Hanlon for all her hard work supporting with these productions.

Enterprise Day

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Enterprise Day. We raised an incredible £957 profit across the school. All the classes will use the profit they have made to buy new class resources that we wouldn't normally be able to afford. The overall winners were Preschool who raised £123 closely followed by Year 5 who raised £120 profit.

This week we had a special assembly to recognise children who have made outstanding progress in reading, writing, maths and the creative arts. Congratulations to these children.

Reading 	Writing 	Maths 	Creative Arts 
Samuel Mc	Joshua G	Edie M	Gracie D
Sam A	Dylan JA	Sam B	Emilia R
Maia I	Oliver O	Ben R	Carmelita P
Felicity E	Mila S	Erin H	Isabelle B
Oliver G	Callum R	Archie P	Caitlin S
Maisy W	Ewen C	Cornelius D	Esmae T
Jake V	Isabella S	William W	Shannon P
Jessica W	Christina H	Jessica H	Ethan S
Florence H	Charles P	Sophie I	Sarah M
Alessio M	Dexter H	Harry OB	Zach W
Eva R	Emily A	Flynn S	Corinne W
Max K	Lucia AB	Charlie B	Eva M
Finlay D	Anna S	George M	Tegan S
Henry C	Amber C	Charlie H	Isla C
Jake T	Myla Mea C	Harrison F	Ruby H
Chaya G	Locky H	Jenny W	Charlotte W

Pre school progress awards

Freya B
Freddie W
Francis Rose R

Nursery progress awards

Danny R
Logan C
Samuel C
Grace F
Marnie G
Erin B

Great to be Gold

Today, the children across the school who have been awarded the most 'Great to be Gold' awards this term, were rewarded with a very special treat of hot chocolate and biscuits. These children have worked so hard to be outstanding role models, constantly make the right choices, always work to the best of their ability, are well mannered, show a love for learning and have impeccable behaviour. Congratulations to the following children who have all been awarded 3 'Great to be Gold' awards this term:

Reception: Samuel A, Beau and Noah H

Year 1: Erin, Finley, Mila and Isabelle

Year 2: Cornelius and Darcie

Year 3: Poppy, Zosia, Eliza and Owen

Year 4(Badgers): Charlie C, Corrine, George, Lillie Mae, Max H and Lily

Year 4 (Kestrels): Dexter, Ava, Yuvraj and Isabella

Year 5: Amy, Anna and Luca

Year 6: Jack, Charlotte and Chaya



Sad Goodbyes

At the end of this term we say thank you and goodbye to some very special members of staff who are an important part of the Watton team. Firstly, we say goodbye to Mrs Phillips who is leaving us after an incredible 13 years and going on to new challenges at Heathmount school. She has worked with many teachers and supported lots of pupils over the years. She will be really missed by us all and we wish her all the very best for the future.

"A big thank you to all the parents over the years for your support. Especially when it was most needed. I will miss working with the amazing children and staff at Watton School".
From Mrs Phillips.

We also say a very big thank you to Mrs Faria who is leaving her role as our midday supervisory assistant but taking up the new challenge of working with our kitchen staff. We will miss her support and expertise on the playground, but look forward to still keeping her as part of the Watton team. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

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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 14th January - 11th February and 25th February - 31st 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.

Headteacher Awards – Congratulations to Ava T, Isabelle B and Ava H in Year 5 who persevered with their long division and fell into the learning pit! In Year 2 Esmae T and Annabelle T wrote some lovely Christmas poems and Noah HJ, Isabelle B and Felicity E from Year 1 remembered to use their conjunctions in their Christmas writing. I was also amazed by fantastic drawing skills of our Year 6 pupils. Locky H and Jenny W drew some fantastic snowmen and used great skills to create shade, tone and effect, Well done everyone.



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Watton at Stone Holiday Club during the Spring and Summer Term 2020

Whilst we will aim to provide the Holiday Club service on as many of the proposed dates as possible, if there is insufficient demand for sessions and it is therefore not possible to cover staff costs, the dates shown below may need to be revised. Parents/ carers will be informed of any changes with as much notice as possible.

	Dates we aim to be running Holiday Club
February Half Term	Monday 17 th Feb. – Friday 21 st Feb.
Easter	Monday 6 th April – Friday 17 th April (Friday 10 th and Monday 13 th are bank holidays and Holiday Club will therefore run Monday to Thursday during week one and Tuesday to Friday during week two)
May Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
Summer	Monday 27 th July – Friday 28 th August In addition to these 5 whole weeks we will be offering Holiday Club on 22 nd 23 rd and 24 th July.

Booking forms will be sent out in the New Year before each holiday.

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 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.

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Attendance this week: 93.8% for a four day week.

Attendance this term: Our attendance for the whole term is 95.8%.

December

20th - School Closed - Occasional Day

23rd - 3rd January - Xmas holiday

January

6th - INSET day

7th - Children return to school

9th - Year 6 SAT's parent meeting.

13th - Nursery tours (prospective parents)

15th - Year 4 class assembly 9am

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

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