



Newsletter 4th December 2020

Christmas Enterprise Day

At this time of year, we would normally be having our Enterprise Day and inviting parents, carers and families to come into school to look at all the different Christmas items that the children had made and available to purchase. Like with so many other events at the moment, we are having to be creative and think how we continue with as many school events as possible whilst considering health and safety advice.

This year, the children are busy as ever making and producing items to sell and we launch Enterprise day on 11th December. Unfortunately, we can't welcome you into the school but the classes will be creating a flyer with images of what they are selling and how much the items cost. We are hoping to be able to send you this via Marvellous Me as well as via email and that you will be able to make your purchases and payments via The Gateway. Your chosen products will then be sent home with your child. You will be able to place orders up until 3pm on 14th December.

Enterprise Day provides the children with opportunities to apply skills they have learnt in maths to a real life situation. The older children will be learning about profit and expenditure and all of the classes get to keep the profit made to buy some new resources for their classroom. Last years winners were Pre school who made the most profit so we look forward to seeing the results from this years young entrepreneurs.

Make a Christingle at home

It's common to have a Christingle service around Christmas time, and is a nice opportunity to do some crafting and think about the meaning behind the festive season. A Christingle is a symbolic object that means 'Christ's light'. It consists of an orange with a candle held in its centre and a red ribbon around it. Four sticks holding fruit and nuts or sweets are pierced into the orange.

The orange represents the world, the red ribbon symbolises Christ's love and blood, the lit candle represents his light in the world, the four sticks symbolise either the four points of a compass or the four seasons and the fruit or sweets represent all of God's creations.

You'll need an orange, a candle, some tin foil, red ribbon, cocktail sticks, dried fruit or sweets, and a pair of scissors. Then you just do this:

1. Fasten a red ribbon around the orange
2. Cut a small cross into the top of the orange and place a square of tin foil over it (to catch the candle wax as it drops)
3. Place the candle on top of the foil and push it firmly into the orange
4. Load a mixture of dried fruit or sweets on to the cocktail sticks, ensuring the points are covered
5. Insert the sticks around the base of the candle



Catch up Clubs

There will be no catch up clubs running in the last week of this term (week beginning 14th December).

Ventilation in classrooms

One of the key measures to lower the risk of the virus spreading is ensuring that classrooms are well ventilated as much as possible. This has been happening since the children returned in September. This will continue to happen this term even though the weather is getting colder. So if you would like to send your child in with extra layers to keep them warm during this time, you are very welcome to do so. This could be an extra jumper, fleece or hoodie that children can put on if they are starting to feel cold - this doesn't have to be school uniform colours. Children can keep these on the back of their chair or under their tables so that they can get it if needed. Thank you for your support with this.

Application for Reception Year Group

Please be aware that the online application form for Reception Year group places for September 2021 is now open. If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 and they are due to attend Reception class in September 2021 you must complete this form to secure a place. If your child is currently in our Nursery, you must still complete an online application form to secure a place in Reception for September 2021. The online application form can be found at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2021 and the National Offer Day is 16th April 2021.

Parent class Representatives

Last week I wrote to all parents and carers to invite you to have the opportunity to play an even greater role within the school by becoming a class representative for our Parent Forum. If you are interested in representing the parents and carers of your child's year group, then all you have to do is to email the admin team at

admin@wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk and express your interest.

In order for our half termly meetings to be successful as possible, we would ideally need one representative from every class. Please contact the admin team by Friday 11th December and class representatives will be informed by Monday 14th December.

Christmas has officially started at school this week, with the Christmas tree and stage going up. Children are starting to rehearse their Christmas performances and assemblies and there is a buzz of excitement in the air. Lots of fun, socially distanced Christmas events will be taking place over the next couple of weeks. A huge thank you to Abel Smith for kindly donating this wonderful tree to us for the children and staff.



Headteachers Awards

Headteachers awards are now linked to our school values and awarded to children who are applying the school values in their day to day learning experiences. We are really proud of these children who have been working really hard in class to achieve their full potential and have been chosen by their class teacher to receive this award.

Year 5 (Wonders) - Lily A who wrote a fantastic letter to the Prime Minister for her homework regarding bullying in the work place (have a read of her letter at the end of the newsletter).

Year 3: Theo - for his recent efforts to improve his writing and achieve his potential.

House Points



This weeks house points

Red House - 518

Blue House - 524

Green House - 532

Yellow House - 532

Total house points achieved this half term:

1st Blue House - 2739

2nd Yellow House - 2734

3rd Green House -2675

4th Red House -2630

Next Friday the winning house for this half term will be announced.

Attendance

We have had amazing attendance this week - 98.3%. This is brilliant considering it is the season for colds and flu. Congratulations this week to Attenboroughs, Beckhams, Da Vinci and Donaldson class for perfect attendance.

Attendance for the whole of this term is 97.2%.

Great to Be Gold

In our assembly today, we celebrated this week's Great to Be Gold awards. Well done to the following children who have excelled this week. We are incredibly proud of you all.

Pre School: Eliza L has been a star this week. She has been joining in amazingly with our special Christmas singing and has impressed us trying some new food at snack time.

Kennedy T has been a lovely friend this week. He has been helpful picking up toys and helping friends carry out tasks.

Arthur A has been a kind friend this week. He has been playing beautifully and looking after his friends during play.

Nursery: Iris R for being a fantastic role model and setting a great example to others.

Francis for trying really hard at listening to grown ups and sitting beautifully on the carpet.

Reception: Grace F - for always being keen and eager to learn and putting in maximum effort!

Millie B - for her outstanding attitude to learning and her determination in creating a beautiful piece of work.

Bella P - for her enthusiastic and positive approach to school life and the songs we are singing in the Nativity!

Year 1: Eliza & Leo both got gold this week for being great role models by showing kindness and compassion towards other children.

Emilia & Sam A were both awarded gold for their impeccable behaviour and effort whilst practising our Christmas performance.

Year 2: Henry A: Constantly making the right choices and has shown a real love of learning.

Christian M: Always pays attention to adults and is working to the best of his ability independently.

Carmelita P: Has shown great resilience in her Maths and English lesson. An outstanding role model to her class.

Year 3: Lenny - for showing a love of learning, he has really been focused on his learning.

Elliot and Brendan - for working really well together and being a brilliant example to the rest of the class.

Year 4: Lucas for his positive mental attitude in class and Riley for his enthusiasm and love of learning.

Year 5 (Wonders): Austin - for acting upon his targets in English

Lexie - For trying her best when writing independently and reaching her potential, and for finding the courage to join in our Christmas performance.

Year 5 (Beckhams): Elena for showing a positive attitude and being a great role model and Harry for always making the right choices.

Year 6: Libby F - for her consistent focus and concentrated efforts to achieve her very best in all her work. I have been particularly impressed recently with the excellent explanation she wrote about Volcanoes and with her significant progress in maths.

Ava T - consistently works with concentration and with a desire to achieve her best. She is making very good progress as a result of her efforts; her writing, in particular has really developed.

Happiness

Equality

**Achieve
Potential**

Resilience

Teamwork

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

**Respectful &
Responsible**

Truthfulness

Friends of Watton

Last weekend was a weekend of coin counting for the FOW committee and we eventually finished counting all the money from the Class Coin Challenge on Monday evening. We are so happy to say that we have raised a grand total of £907.19!

This is such an amazing amount so thank you so much to everyone that donated their coins. Since we're well down on our fundraising this year and not able to hold our biggest fundraiser the Christmas Bazaar, this has been a very welcome boost to the coffers!

The winning class who collected an amazing £237.99 was year 5, the Wonders, followed by reception in second place and year 5, the Beckhams, only just behind. We've been so overwhelmed by the collections that we have decided to offer a prize, not just to the first class, but second and third place too. The children will receive their prizes next week.

Lots of classes have been asking about their totals, so here they are:

Preschool: £11.15

Nursery: £29.09

Reception: £129.60

Year 1: £61.26

Year 2: £38.17

Year 3: £64.01

Year 4: £100.91

Year 5 (B): £129.40

Year 5 (W): £237.99

Year 6: £105.60

Xmas Clothing Sale

We're still taking donations for the Xmas Jumper/ clothing sale. We decided to broaden the Xmas jumper sale to include all Christmas clothing so please dig out any outgrown festive jumpers, tops, pyjamas, hats etc that you'd like to donate for our sale this year. Please drop them into the school office in a bag.

The deadline for donations is the end of the day on **Monday 7th December** as we need to quarantine them before they are sold.

If you'd like to buy some Christmas jumpers or clothing please Like our FOW Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfWattonAtStoneSchool>

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
Prime Minister
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22 November 2020

Dear Prime Minister

Having heard in the news this week about Priti Patel bullying different people at work, I thought how she should have been told off. You may be aware that this week has been anti bullying week (16-20 November 2020). I have learnt that bullying is not ok because it can make people feel unsafe and very upset. It then came to me that adults should also not be bullied. Priti Patel should have been told that the way she treated some of her colleagues is not acceptable.

At my school (Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School) if you have bullied someone you would get a red card which means you will have to miss your whole lunchtime and would have to write a letter to your parents explaining what you had done. Bullying in my school is not tolerated so why should it be tolerated when you are an adult? I believe that action should be taken. I have been called rude names and been made to feel upset and it is not a nice feeling, so why should it happen to adults. I believe there should be consequences for people who break the rules or behave badly, such as bullying.

As a result of what has happened this week with Priti Patel, people may think that it is ok to bully other people and get away with it. In anti-bullying week, a week where all children are learning about the consequences of bullying, it is a real shame that you have not taken the opportunity to show the whole country that behaviour like this is not acceptable and won't be tolerated. I feel you and the Government are not setting a good example to children and adults.

I hope that you will reflect on the way you have handled this and the message that has been sent to the country. I hope you will take on board what I have said to you, because what I have heard is not ok. Please think about how the people Priti Patel bullied feel.

Yours sincerely
Lily Aston
(Aged 9)

Parents and Carers requiring to self-isolate

If you are a parent or carer and have been asked to self-isolate as part of a bubble at work or because you have come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus - you must follow the national self-isolation guidance and stay at home for 14 days: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/

- This applies even if you have no symptoms and/or you have received a negative test result as it can take 14 days for transmission
- Self-isolation rules do not apply to the rest of your household, they can still attend work or school and complete day to day tasks in line with Government guidance
- If you develop symptoms while self-isolating, your entire household must begin self-isolating immediately
- If you would normally travel with your child(ren) to nursery, school or college, alternative arrangements should be made
- If you cannot make alternative travel arrangements for your child(ren), then they too must stay at home. Please contact your school or education setting directly for advice on remote learning in this situation

Please do not send child(ren) to school if they have any symptoms of coronavirus. If you're not sure, consult the online NHS symptom checker at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

Only book a test if you or your child(ren) develop symptoms, book at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 if you do not have internet access.

Last Day of Term - Thursday 17th December

Normally on the last day of term, school would close at 2.15pm for all children. However, we have had to make some changes to this arrangement for the end of this term due to the staggered finishes. Children in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 4 will need to be collected between 2pm and 2.20pm and children in Pre school, Nursery, 3, 5, 6 will need to be collected between 2.20pm and 2.40pm. Thank you.



Remote Learning

If your child is self isolating and waiting the results of a COVID 19 test or your child has had a positive COVID 19 test result and so therefore also self isolating, we have class work prepared and uploaded to the website so the impact on your children's learning is minimized.

Teachers have prepared a daily maths, English and topic activity which is in line with what learning is happening in class. Don't forget also that the children will have homework to complete, daily reading and access to any Purple Mash activities. KS2 children also have access to Times Table Rock Stars. The learning is accessible on the children's page of the website. <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/remote-learning-autumn-2020>

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Dates for your Diary

December

- 7th - House captains and Vice House captains meeting with Mrs Etienne
- 10th - Mrs Pickard (new Nursery class teacher from January) visiting Nursery class
- 11th - Enterprise Day starts
- 11th - last day for parent class representative nominations
- 14th - last day for Enterprise online orders
- Week beginning 14th - no catch up clubs this week
- 15th - House point winners reward time
- 16th - Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and online pantomime
- 17th - Last Day of autumn term (please see above for class collection times)

January

- 4th - INSET Day 2
- 5th - Children return to school
- 18th - 22nd - Creative Arts Week
- 25th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

February

- 3rd - No Pens Day
- 9th - Internet safety day
- 15th - 19th - Half term

March

- 4th - World Book Day
- 5th - 9th - Science week
- 12th - Comic relief/sports relief
- 15th - 19th - Assessment Week
- 16th - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm
- 17th - Parent Consultations 3.45 - 5.45pm
- 22nd - No Pens Day
- 26th - Last day of spring term

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April

12th - INSET Day 3

13th - Children return to school

23rd - St. George's day

May

3rd - 7th - Geography fieldwork week

21st - No Pens Day

31st - 4th June - Half term

June

7th - INSET Day 4

10th - Sports Day

17th - Reserve sports Day

30th - Book fair arrives for 1 week

July

2nd - Enterprise Day

5th - 9th - Assessment Week

12th - No Pens Day

14th - End of Year reports to parents/carers

21st - Last day of summer term

22nd - INSET Day