



Newsletter 18th June 2021

Exiting Lockdown Restrictions

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime Ministers announcement on Monday that the country won't be in a position to end the current lockdown on 21st June, we too, as a school, will need to maintain our current protective measures in place for the rest of this term. We had hoped that in the next few weeks that we too would be able to continue with our plans to exit the current lockdown restrictions so that by the end of the term the school resembled more normality and this will be disappointing for all of the school community to hear.

We had also hoped to be in a position to open the school up more to parents and carers and welcome you on site for various planned functions and events. One of these events we had hoped to be in a position to invite you to, was the planned sports day on 6th July. Unfortunately, with the extended lockdown period, we won't be able to now go ahead with this plan. I understand how disappointing this will be for you but with the Delta variant of the COVID virus spreading so rapidly both locally and nationally, I have no other choice than to continue to do all I can to protect everyone in the school community. I have looked again at our risk assessment and don't believe that we can welcome parents safely without increasing the risks. The sports day will still go ahead for the children as planned and we will endeavour to do all we can to make this a wonderful and memorable day for them.

Summer Holiday Club

We are very excited to announce that Kid Fit will be running a 6 week Summer Play Scheme at our School. They are a Lottery funded, Ofsted Registered organisation delivering services to schools for 15 years including Schools across Hertfordshire.

The Scheme is open to all local children from the age of 3 - 11. Limited Places. Childcare Vouchers accepted. There is a 10% early booking discount available for the next few weeks which can be applied at checkout: **BFP709**

All bookings must be made through Kid Fit. For more information and to book please visit:

<https://kid-fit.class4kids.co.uk/camp/18>

Alternatively, you may contact Kid Fit directly on: infokidfit@gmail.com

Goodbye and Good Luck

At the end of last week, we said 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs Butler who has now started her maternity leave. We can't wait to hear that baby Butler has arrived safe and well very soon. For the rest of this term, Mrs Gill will be teaching in Year 2.

Parent Forum Meeting

Next Monday I will be meeting the class representatives remotely for this half terms parent forum meeting. Please liaise with your class reps if you have any items that you would like us to discuss on your behalf in future meetings. The full agenda and minutes of the meeting will be added to the school website following the meeting.

Class Attendance this week

	This week's attendance %
Donaldson class (R)	100%
Darlings Class (1)	98%
Jemison Class (2)	92.7%
Da Vinci Class (3)	97.6%
Rosen class (4)	95%
Wonders Class (5)	100%
Beckhams Class (5)	98%
Attenborough Class (6)	95.5%

Congratulations to Donaldson and Wonders Class this week for 100% attendance. Attendance for the whole this week is 93.6%

Head Teacher's Awards

This week, I have been busy meeting with children who are applying the school learning values to their work in class.

In Reception, it was wonderful to see the independent writing that Lily H, Sam T and Ffion G have produced this week. They have really been using their skills of resilience to keep a positive attitude and use their phonics to complete their written tasks.



House Points

This week's house points

Red House - 477

Blue House - 531

Green House - 534

Yellow House - 512

Total house points achieved this half term:

Green House - 1,622

Blue House - 1,470

Yellow House - 1,456

Red House - 1,419



Inspirational People

This half term, the teachers will continue to inspire the children through the curriculum that they are teaching and have all chosen an inspirational individual to learn more about.

Here are the inspirational people that the teachers have chosen:

Pre-school: Marcus Rashford. Footballer and campaigner against homelessness and child hunger in the UK.

Nursery: Malala Yousafzai. She spoke out publically about girl's rights to learn and have an education in Pakistan.

Reception: Hannah Fry. She is a Prof of Mathematics, has written books and presented TV programmes based around Maths...and she attended Presdales School.

Year 1: Usain Bolt. With sports day in a couple of weeks, the children will be inspired by this athlete.

Year 2: Jane Goodall. In science, we are learning about Living Things and their Habitats. Jane studied chimpanzees in particular and is an expert in this field. She dedicated her life to the study and protection of chimpanzees.

Year 3: Dick King Smith. An inspirational author who used to be a teacher and has really engaged the Year 3 children with their writing this half term after listening to one of his stories.

Year 4: Rosa Parks. She stood up for the rights of the black community in America.

Year 5: Tom Rutter. He is an ex pupil, now in year 9. He is a javelin thrower and on track for representing England at a future Olympics.

Year 6: Yinka Shonibare. He is as an inspirational artist linked to our work this term with migration and transition.

Some inspirational people class displays



Growth Mindset Assembly



Today, we had a whole school assembly focused on promoting growth mindsets. The assembly was presented live from America and the presenters used a combination of magic and yo yo tricks to engage and excite the children. The key messages were that the children should never give up when trying to learn a new skill and that if they can't do something, then they should say that they can't do it 'yet' and with perseverance and further effort, they will succeed. Other key messages of encouraging others to help them develop their growth mindset and that they should always do their best were shared. Children can purchase their own yo yo's from the school to practice developing their growth mindset during playtimes on the school field. A letter was sent home on Wednesday with more details how to purchase these.

Friends of Watton

Since it's been very difficult to run events this year, we have decided to join the Big PTA Summer Raffle.

Each ticket costs £3 and for every ticket you purchase you will have 12 chances to win up to £5,000! At the same time 50% of the cost of each ticket sold will go to FOW, so we can raise funds for the school.

Tickets are limited so make sure you enter ASAP and hopefully we'll have a big winner from Watton!

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/friends-of-watton-sg14>



Great to Be Gold

Following the recent period of lockdown, the staff have been really impressed with the behaviour and learning attitudes of all of the children who have remembered our Great to Be Gold values and expectations. Well done to the following children who have excelled this week. We are incredibly proud of you all.

	Great to Be Gold	
Pre Sch	Darci T - she has been a star this week. She always shows enthusiasm during our group time and always gives it her all. She has also been a kind friend and has invited her friend to play.	George L - he has been doing some great sizing this week. He has put a family of animals into size order independently.
Nur	Freddie W - he has gained confidence from listening really well and is now having a go at tricky questions. He is really challenging himself.	Nathan - for focussing well during whole class learning. He has been offering his ideas with his friends and joining in well with songs, rhymes and stories.
Rec	Eleanor S - Eleanor has really wowed us this week with her attitude to learning. She has been writing independently, but she has also had the confidence to share her writing with us, accept advice on how to make it better and then adapt her writing. All with a big smile. She has shown pride in her achievements.	Henry O - we watched Henry push in all the chairs that were sticking out in the classroom. We hadn't asked Henry to complete this task; he just knew that it needed to be done. This is Henry being a great role model in the classroom, for which we are truly appreciative.
Year 1	Joshua G- For being an outstanding role model during PSHE discussions and answering questions with exceptional maturity. Beau D- For working to the best of her ability and thinking of some interesting adjectives whilst writing a free verse poem.	Edward S- For always following the school rules and making the right behaviour choices. Liam V- For his good manners and willingness to help both his peers and his teachers.
Year 2	Mila S- for good manners and making the right choices. Mila shows respect towards adults and peers, saying please and thank you; she also listens carefully to their contributions. She responds to instructions straightaway. Well done Mila.	Oliver O- for working to the best of his ability. He has worked really hard during the course of the week. Well done Oliver.
Year 3	Brendan - for constantly making the right choices, always showing respect to both adults and his peers, and always trying his best with the presentation of his work. Keep up the fantastic attitude Brendan.	Callum - who comes to each lesson and works to his best ability. He has also been trying hard to improve the presentation of his work. Keep up the great work Callum.
Year 4	Bella amazing writing about the circus - she described with flair all the sights that the audience gasped at. Very imaginative.	Henry - improvements in his reading - moved up a group and thoughtful correct answers in our reading comprehension work.
Year 5W	Amelie O- always following instructions and showing respect to those around her.	Ava H- working to the best of her ability and showing a love of learning.
Year 5B	Charlie B- for a great attitude for learning this week in all subjects.	Jessica J- being polite, well-mannered and an all-round great role model.

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Aaliyah - The value Aaliyah places on others and on the natural world continues to impress me. She is guided by her caring nature and notices details others might miss. This attention to detail is at the heart of the creativity that marks her work out as special. Be proud of these strengths, Aaliyah.

Thomas has an enquiring mind and the value he places on doing well is the underlying source of motivation that defines his progress. Over the year, I have seen in him someone who works through experiences with quiet resilience and comes out stronger. Thank you for the smile you bring to us all.

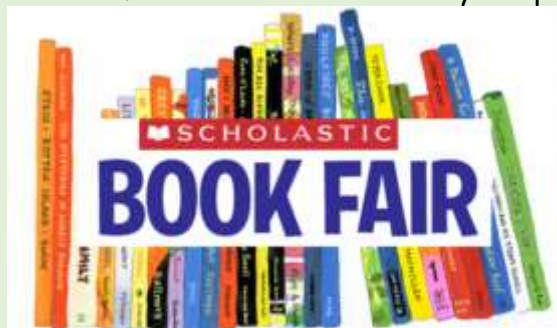
COVID Safe Book Fair

We are delighted and excited to continue to develop children's love of reading and welcome back the Scholastic book fair to school on 30th June. Children will be able to look at the books in a display cases during the week and teachers will be able to select some of the books to read to their classes. Parents can order books from next Monday 21st June rather than attend the fair with their children. Parents can use online payment or buy a Gift Voucher from bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers.

For more details, please take a look at the following link which will take you directly to the school website:

<https://wattonatstone.sites.schooljotter2.com/curriculum/subjects/reading/scholastic-book-fairs>

Last date for orders will be 6th July at 1pm



Year 6 Leavers Fundraiser

Tomorrow, there will be a cake sale taking place (lots of homemade cakes and cookies) from 2pm outside Londis in the village. The children are hoping to raise lots of money for the Year 6 leaver's party which will take place at the very end of term. The children will be working the stall on a rota basis and have permission from the owner of the Londis. Good luck everyone - I hope you raise lots of money.



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Dates for your Diary

June

- 21st - Parent Forum meeting 6pm
- 28th - Years 5 and 6 trip to Woodhall
- 29th - Years 3 and 4 trip to Woodhall

July

- 6th - Sports Day (children only)
- 6th - New to Reception (September 2021) virtual parent meeting 6pm
- 8th - Year 6 transition day to secondary school
- 8th - Reception - Year 5 Meet your New Teacher
- 8th - New to Nursery (September 2021) virtual parent meeting 6pm
- 8th - Year 6 transfer day to secondary schools.
- 8th - Meet the new class teachers for September 2021
- 9th - Sports Day reserve
- 5th - 9th - Assessment Week
- 12th - No Pens Day
- 12th - 9am - 10am New to Nursery September 2021 stay and play
- 13th - 9am - 10am New to Reception class September 2021 stay and play
- 14th - 9am - 10am New to Nursery September 2021 stay and play
- 14th - End of Year reports to parents/carers
- 15th - 9am - 10am New to Reception class September 2021 stay and play
- 16th - Enterprise Day
- 21st - Last day of summer term
- 22nd - INSET Day 5