



Newsletter 2nd July 2021

Transition to new classes

Yesterday, we sent home information for parents and carers about the staffing arrangements for September 2021. We hope that you have managed to look at this so that you know who your child's class teacher and teaching assistant will be and which new classroom they will be in. We have had to make some changes to where classes will be and have taken into account the number of children in each class as well as the age of the children.

Today, we started our transition programme so that the children in Year 1 to Year 5 can start to get to know their new teacher and teaching assistant. After assembly this morning, the children met their new teacher and teaching assistant on the field for a 45mins session. Teachers used this time to read a story and play some circle time times with them. Children in Year 6 will be focusing on transitional work too but this will be in class with Mrs Duston. Pre-school and Nursery children's transition activities have been arranged for the week beginning 12th July and parents will have received information about these sessions already.

This week, we were delighted that all of the KS2 classes got to have the opportunity to go to Woodhall Estate for an outdoor educational day within their bubbles. We are looking forward to organising more trips next year for all of the classes once the COVID restrictions have lifted. Take a look at the photo gallery at the end of the newsletter.

Woodhall trip Years 5/6

The trip to Woodhall was interesting with lots of things to see and do. One of the favourite stations was the falconry - the birds were impressive and there were shocking and fascinating facts to learn. The birds were kept tied up but we were close enough to see details like the colour of their eyes. Another popular station was learning about sheep - we were surprised to discover that maggots would eat the sheep alive if they were not removed. The animals were the best part.

Woodhall trip Years 3/4

Our trip to Woodhall Country Estate - By Harley D
Year 3

On Tuesday 29th June 2021, we went on a trip to Woodhall Country Estate. When we arrived, we went to see a man who told us about the predators of other animals and he even showed us a dead snake that he had found. After that, we went to listen to two men and they told us about how they grow crops. Then, we moved on to two vehicles that are used to sow the seeds. We also learned about the names of some of the trees. Next, we saw some owls, one was a bit jumpy and gave us a fright! My favourite bit was learning about apples and we played this fun game too. We had to guess from names, which was apple and which was not. After my favourite bit, we made a little pot out of newspaper and planted a bean, we used a stick for our names and the pot looked a bit like a lolly pop. This day was super fun and we were all tired when we got home!

Class Attendance this week

	This week's attendance %
Donaldson class (R)	88.1
Darlings Class (1)	98.7
Jemison Class (2)	100
Da Vinci Class (3)	96.0
Rosen class (4)	97.7
Wonders Class (5)	99.1
Beckhams Class (5)	89.0
Attenborough Class (6)	98.1

Congratulations to Jemison class for 100% attendance this week. Attendance for the whole school this week is 94.9% and for the whole of the academic school year attendance is 97.5%.

NSPCC Assembly

On Monday and Tuesday, we had a very special virtual assembly delivered by the NSPCC. The theme of the assembly was Speak out, stay safe which forms part of our safeguarding role in school and wider curriculum.

The aim of the assembly was to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children were taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

If you would like to watch an adapted Speak out, Stay Safe assembly at home with your family, then this can be found at [Watch our Speak out Stay safe assembly at home | NSPCC](#).

New Arrival

Congratulations to Mrs Butler and her husband who welcomed their new baby boy on Wednesday 30th June. They have named him Christopher Thomas Lee Butler and he was 6lb 2oz.

We send them our very best wishes as they start their new exciting adventure as a family.



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 until 16th July which can be applied at checkout: **RVT174**

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

Head Teacher's Awards

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

In Nursery - Elizabeth was nominated for resilience and positive attitude towards her learning.

In Year 2 - Isabelle for her excellent writing about the Fire of London. She really was working to the best of her ability and achieving her full potential.



Big Question Fortnight

Big Question Fortnight is one of our newest initiatives in school this term. We are encouraging children to think about the world around them by asking questions about what they see, hear and experience. Open-ended questions have no right or wrong answers, but help to broaden children's thinking processes, to develop their speech and language skills, and to build confidence in their ability to express themselves using words. We also want to encourage children to think deeply about questions posed to them and to really listen to other children's thoughts and ideas. Ask your children about their classes big questions and how they responded to the question in class.

Here are the Big Questions that teachers will be exploring with their classes in the next couple of weeks.

Reception: **Who am I, where do I belong?**

Year 1: **How do we define 'happiness' for ourselves and how important is it in our lives?**

Year 2: **Do you think musicians are born talented?**

Year 3: **If you witnessed someone commit a crime for a justifiably moral reason, would you punish them? If not, why not? If so, how?**

Year 4: **How did the Romans change Britain? What do you think was the most significant change?**

Year 5: **How do different cultures shape our definitions of right and wrong?**

Year 6: **What, in your opinion, is the ultimate point of art and why do you feel this way?**

P.E Kits

Like many other schools, we decided that following the return to school after the school closure, the children would come to school in their PE kit on the days that they had P.E lessons, rather than changing into their P.E kits in school.

There have been so many positive benefits (for both parents and children) to having children come into school in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E, that we will be continuing with this practice when the children return to school in the autumn term. However, we would like parents to ensure that the children are wearing the correct P.E kits, including correct colour and items of P.E kit so that the children are just as smart in school whether the children are in school uniform or their P.E kits. A full list of the expected P.E kit can be found on the school website at: [Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School - Uniform \(wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk\)](http://Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School - Uniform (wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk))

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>

Friends of Watton School

That summer feeling is on its way

WIN UP TO £5,000

£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws

- Help boost PTA fundraising
- Tickets cost just £3
- 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- Tickets are limited so once they're gone... they're gone!

12 CHANCES TO WIN

HELP RAISE FUNDS

To buy tickets, visit: **bigptaraffle.co.uk** and search for: Friends of Watton School

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for The Big PTA Raffle 2021 will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 11th July 2021. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk

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	Arthur A - he has been a positive role model and a kind and caring friend this week. He has been showing a friend how to do something that he once found a challenge himself.	Violet H-N - she has been doing well trying to master a personal challenge and we know it won't be long until she has cracked it!
Nur	Amelia - for her perseverance at trying to get herself onto the WOW board. She has been really trying hard to achieve this for a long time and finally made it this week.	Ayaz - for making lots of positive decisions and right choices this week.
Rec	Grace F - for fulfilling all of the GTBG values, all day every day and being a pleasure to teach because of that!	Beatriz JDS - for blossoming recently and showing a real love of learning...on top of which she is always polite and well mannered! Logan T - for wowing Miss Dell with his positive approach to his reading and for showing real kindness to one of his friends
Year 1	Isabella - for showing impeccable manners and always offering to help. Erin - for being an outstanding role model by constantly making the right behaviour choices.	Arien - for being ready to learn, listening to his teachers and following our classroom rules. Eddie - for his love of learning and enthusiasm during writing tasks.
Year 2	Christian - We have been really proud of Christian this week. He has worked to the best of his ability and has been paying attention to all adults. Well done Christian.	Dexter - He has demonstrated fantastic resilience this week, especially in maths. He has worked to the best of his ability. Well done Dexter.
Year 3	Esmae - she is a great role model, and she has an amazing attitude to her learning. This year we have seen her blossom in confidence, and she is willing to listen and take on board ways to improve her work. Esmae has an empathetic nature and is always there to be a good friend to anyone who needs it. Well done, Esmae.	Robson - he shows a real love of learning, especially in subjects that he has a keen interest in. He has worked hard this year, when sharing his knowledge with the rest of the class, inciting enthusiasm, and curiosity in his peers.
Year 4	Anabella - she has worked and focused hard on our long division work. She has shown resilience and enthusiasm as she has learnt and mastered a new method.	Ronnie - he showed exemplary behaviour on our trip to the Woodhall Estate this week. He was courteous, enthusiastic, polite and helpful throughout our wonderful day.
Year 5W	Summer - For being polite out of the class (positive comments made by other adults) and working to the best of her ability and asking for help when she is stuck.	Eva M - For also being polite out of the class (positive comments made by other adults), and her confidence has grown in all subjects, she is always willing to share her thoughts and answers with the whole class.
Year 5B	Yuvraj - for being a great role model on our trip on Monday. Dexter - for always working to the best of his ability.	Gracie - she follows all of the school values at all times.

Year 6	Isabelle - she is embracing her role in our play so well and she is committed to learning her lines. The humour and positive attitude she brings to rehearsals make the experience more enjoyable and we value her efforts and input. She is a brilliant role model, something we have seen all year.	Ava - she listens to every guidance that she is given during rehearsals for our play and her performance has gone from strength to strength. Her willingness to learn has greatly impressed me and I am so proud of her commitment and attitude. As always, she is striving to be the best that she can be.
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COVID Safe Book Fair

THE BOOK FAIR HAS NOW ARRIVED IN SCHOOL

- Children will be able to walk around and look at the books in a display case during this time. (No touching).
- Parents can continue to pay for books online since they are unable to attend the fair with their children. They must use the online payment form on the Scholastic link (Please insert link) or buy a Gift Voucher from bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers.
- Once the payment has been made online, the payment reference will need to be entered on the Parent order form and then handed into the School Office.
- Please note the payment can only be made to Scholastic and School cannot accept any cheques or cash for the books.
- Once the form is received, the orders will be collated by the School from the stock we will be given or will be ordered if necessary. Please note: the order cannot be processed online, only the payment.
- We will forward an order form for your convenience should you wish to use the gift voucher option.

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

[Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School - Scholastic Book Fairs](http://wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk)
(wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk)

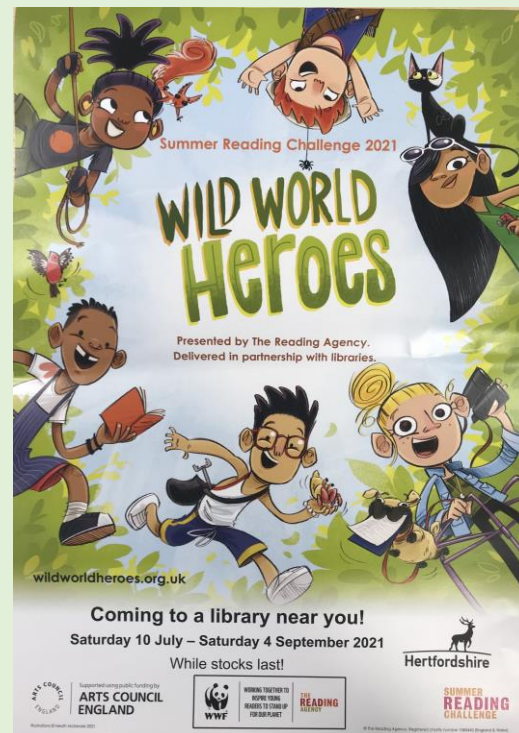
Last date for orders will be 6th July at 1pm

Volunteers

We are so lucky to have some amazing and dedicated volunteers who come into school weekly to support in classes. Some of these volunteers are current parents, some are grandparents and others just have some available time during the week to give to the school. To be a volunteer, we would like you to be able to commit to a minimum of one morning or afternoon per week. Some of our volunteers come into school several days a week so we are very flexible about these arrangements. If you would like to join our team of volunteers, then please contact the admin team in school. You will be required to have an up to date DBS check as part of our safeguarding procedures before you can commence this role, which the school would support you with.

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Summer Reading Challenge



The summer reading challenge is a national initiative which aims to keep children reading between 10th July and 4th September. This year's theme is 'Wild World Heroes'. The challenge focuses on taking action for nature and tackling real world environmental issues. In the challenge, children will be able to join 6 fictional characters who are learning about the importance of the environment while helping to make the fictional town of 'Widerville' a better home for everyone.

The challenge is to read 6 books over the summer holiday. For every 2 books the children read, they will be rewarded with a set of stickers and when they have completed the challenge, they will receive a bookmark, certificate and medal.

When we return to school, children can show their teacher their medal and be entered into a prize drawer to win an Amazon voucher!!

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House Points

This weeks house points

Red House - 530

Blue House - 528

Green House - 539

Yellow House - 495

Total house points achieved this half term:

Green House - 2,677

Blue House - 2,502

Yellow House - 2,434

Red House - 2,389



Inter House Rounders Match

Yesterday, the Year 5 and 6 children took part in an inter house rounders match. The children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed taking part. It was an incredibly close match and all of the houses participated with enthusiasm, sportsmanship and passion.

The final results were:

Red 1st

Green 2nd

Blue 3rd

Yellow 4th

A very big thank you to Mrs Stevens for organising the match.

Happy Birthday to.....

Matilda G
30th June

Lola H
30th June

Ffion G
28th June

Lewis B
30th June

Sam Mc
26th June

Libby P
25th June

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Woodhall Estate Photo Gallery



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Our School Learning Values

Happiness

Healthy

Empathy

Excellence

Achieve potential

Aspirations

Resilience

Respectful/**R**esponsible

Teamwork

Truthfulness

In school we have ten school learning values. Each month, we focus on one of these values explicitly whilst still talking to the children about the other learning values. Our learning values are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy citizens.

These learning values form the foundation of all pupil relationships and guide the children in the decisions they make, both inside and outside the classroom. It is the responsibility of all the adults within the school community to ensure that these learning values are promoted and adhered to on an everyday basis. We look for frequent opportunities to celebrate and reward those who strive to be the best they can be.

Dates for your Diary

July

- 5th - Sports event (Nursery, Reception and Year 1)
- 5th - whole school pupil parliament meeting (pupil voice)
- 6th - Sports event (Years 2, 3 and 4)
- 6th - Scholastic Book Fair finishes

- 6th - New to Reception (September 2021) virtual parent meeting 6pm
- 7th - Sports event (Years 5 and 6)
- 8th - Sports event (Pre school 2 year olds)
- 8th - New to Nursery (September 2021) virtual parent meeting 6pm
- 8th - Meet the new class teachers for September 2021
- 9th - sports event (pre school 3 year olds)
- 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
- 15th - 'Be Your Best' workshop Years 4 and 5
- 16th - Enterprise Day
- 21st - Last day of summer term
- 22nd - INSET Day 5