



Newsletter 9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all keeping well. This is one of the busiest times in school, as we want to make the most of every minute in terms of learning and enjoyment. COVID restrictions and challenges continue to have implications for everyone, though that being said, we are grateful that you have continued to be supportive and recognise what we are trying to do to ensure our children gain the most out of this half term. This partnership is the key and a real strength of our parents and staff team; it is what has seen us through the last 18 months, during these ever-changing times, and it is important that we maintain these positive relationships over the final few weeks of this academic year. We really appreciate all of your positive comments and support. Thank you - it really helps.

As I am sure you will be aware, there is an increased number of COVID cases in our local community. Several schools have had to close a number of bubbles and even full school closures, regardless of the many measures they have had in place. So far we have done remarkably well, had luck on our side and have not had to close any bubbles. However, we also have to be realistic and prepared in case we are in this position. We are just taking each day as it comes and doing everything we can to keep the community safe - fingers crossed for next week.

Transition Morning

Yesterday, children in Reception to Year 5 enjoyed a face to face transition morning with their new class teacher and teaching assistant. This was our 2nd transition event and was a wonderful opportunity for the children to start getting to know the adults and vice versa. Year 6 children have been engaging in lots of secondary transition activities either virtually with their new schools or with Mrs Duston. The early years will be having their transition sessions next week which we are really looking forward to.

Extra Curricular Clubs

We are currently planning for a full programme of lunch time and after school extra curricular clubs for the autumn term. In the whole school pupil parliament meeting last week, the children were consulted as to which clubs they would like to have. I look forward to reading their responses and factoring these into our final plans. I have already been in contact with Stevenage Borough Football club and Kidfit who have agreed to run some after school clubs in the new term.

Last Day of Term - Wednesday 21st July

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.

Class Attendance this week

	This week's attendance %
Donaldson class (R)	89.5
Darlings Class (1)	96.3
Jemison Class (2)	92.3
Da Vinci Class (3)	99.2
Rosen class (4)	95.4
Wonders Class (5)	100!!
Beckhams Class (5)	93.3
Attenborough Class (6)	97.4

Congratulations to Wonders class this week for perfect attendance of 100%.
Attendance for the whole school this week is 95.8%.

Sports Events

This week the weather wasn't in our favour at all times, but nevertheless, we were able to hold most of the sports events with parents able to come and watch. A huge thank you for all the parents that were able to come and support and for following the guidance that we sent out. Hopefully, next year, we will be able to host a full day sporting event for all the children and parents to enjoy.



Brass Lessons

Since the school has reopened in March, the children in Year 5 have been having weekly brass lessons with Ian Sanderson (from the Herts Music Service). In normal times, the children would have been playing for a full academic year and would be ready to put on a mini brass performance for the parents. However, with limited lessons this year, they aren't quite ready for that yet. However, they are making amazing progress and we would like to invite parents of Year 5 to come along and hear the children play as a class. Parents are invited to stand outside the Nurture room (which is near the boat on the playground) and with the classroom door open, you will be able to hear them play.

The dates and times are:

Tuesday 13th - Wonders Class 2.50pm

Tuesday 20th - Beckhams Class 2.50pm

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 Year 3, congratulations to Elliot C who wrote a brilliant piece of descriptive writing with a wide range of great vocabulary. He was definitely demonstrating excellence and aiming for his potential.



Class Names

This year, all of our classes have been named after inspirational people across all different subjects from the schools curriculum.

From September, our class names will be changing to the names of different authors. With reading being such a vital, key skill to learn to enable children to access the whole curriculum, we want to inspire them again to have a love of reading. The class names will be:

Pre school - Mick Inkpen

Nursery - Beatrix Potter

Reception - Julia Donaldson

Year 1 - Judith Kerr

Year 2 - Jill Murphy

Year 3 - CS Lewis

Year 4 - Roald Dahl

Year 5 - Ross MacKenzie

Year 6 - Marjorie Blackman - Mrs Roberts

Year 6 - Anthony Horowitz - Mrs Higgins

The classes will be known by the authors surname so for example Year 4 will be known as Dahl class.

Pencil Cases

This year the children in Years 1 - 6 have brought their own pencil cases to school and they have really enjoyed having their own equipment to use. This has also taught them skills of responsibility for looking after their own resources. As we move into the new school year, we will be happy for children to bring in their own pencil cases and contents again. School will provide writing pencils and pens (for those who have a pen licence) but all other equipment can be their own. Please don't send any felt tip pens into school as these have a tendency to leak and children don't use these in their work books either.

Many thanks for your understanding.

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	Ezra M - he is always a good role model for his peers and always uses his manners.	Murphy P - she has been a really kind friend and she always tries her best.
Nur	Riya - for constantly persisting with her listening skills and being more confident to share her ideas in whole class learning.	Jacob - for not only his beautiful chalk drawings, but also the story which he created about his picture. It was "a spider and a train. And a person pulling the train because the train has broken down".
Rec	Louis C - for always having great ideas and being happy to share them, usually using amazing vocabulary. He is a polite member of Reception and a good friend to others.	Danny - for being the most enthusiastic learner. Danny always asks questions to further his knowledge and always does it with a smile on his face!
Year 1	Lexie - for being a great role model by demonstrating fantastic manners and being helpful at lunchtime. Sam B - for constantly making the right choices and always working to the best of his ability.	Imogen - for showing a love for learning and positive attitude.
Year 2	Eve - For working to the best of her ability. Eve demonstrated resilience with her maths learning this week and should be rightly proud of her efforts. Well done Eve.	Finley S. - For always following the school rules and paying attention to all adults. Finley is a fantastic role model for others. Well done Finley.
Year 3	Brendan - Since Brendan has joined Watton at Stone, he has always come in with a cheerful smile. Brendan is polite to everyone, adults and children alike and always follows the school rules. Brendan has also worked hard on the presentation of his work and his handwriting. Well done Brendan.	Darcie - Darcie represents all our Great to be Gold values. She is an amazing role model, always follows school rules, is polite to all adults and has an amazing love of learning. Well done Darcie for always doing your best. Callum - Callum has really tried hard this year and works to the best of his ability. He has listened to feedback and then used this to improve his work as well as his handwriting. Well done Callum.
Year 4	Zosia - for the amazing vocabulary choices that she has put into her story this week. She has turned into a superb author.	Eli - for making such a fantastic transition back into Year 4. It is a pleasure to have him back and it feels like he's never been away.
Year 5W	Austin continues to impress us with his thoughtful discussion and contributions in class, in all areas of the curriculum. He was also very helpful on Sports day and always asks if there is anything he can do to help.	Lexie, was also helpful on Sports day and showed real sportsmanship throughout; her performance was outstanding too. She has been developing her resilience in class, when facing more challenging tasks.
Year 5B	Dexter H, Dylan E, Sophie I, Zachary W- All four of them went above and beyond and showed a love of learning in their English work. They have shown great teamwork to create a piece of work that they will be able to share when it is complete. Not only have they been working hard in their lessons, but they have also worked through playtimes and even met up after school to work on their project. We cannot wait to see what they manage to achieve.	

Year
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Megan - she always demonstrates good sportsmanship and this week she has participated with determination and a new confidence in sporting events; she is a good member of a team, encouraging and supporting others. Throughout the term, she has worked with a quiet, positive focus.

PREVENT

Prevent is about working together to safeguard and support those vulnerable to radicalisation.

Notice - Identify that a vulnerable person may be radicalised or drawn into terrorism.

Check - Ask relevant questions, speak with Designated Safeguarding Lead/colleagues for advice.

Share - Share with local authority adult/children safeguarding via safeguarding referral process.

It's been a challenging year for everyone and as a result time spent online has increased. This creating an environment which there is more risk of young and vulnerable people being targeted by terrorist groomers.

Online grooming can happen to anyone. People can be drawn into a way of thinking by what they view and who they speak to online. It can be difficult for family and friends to spot it or know what to do.

Friends and family are usually the first to spot behavioural issues associated with radicalisation. Despite this only 2% of people referred to Prevent came through as a result of someone who knew them best.

Most people don't realise Prevent is here to offer help and support. Which is why we have decided to launch a new website and advice line, **ACT Early**, because we realise this support is needed now more than ever.

www.northumbria.police.uk
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ACT ACTION COUNTERS TERRORISM



IF YOU'RE WORRIED THAT SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING RADICALISED VISIT ACTEARLY.UK

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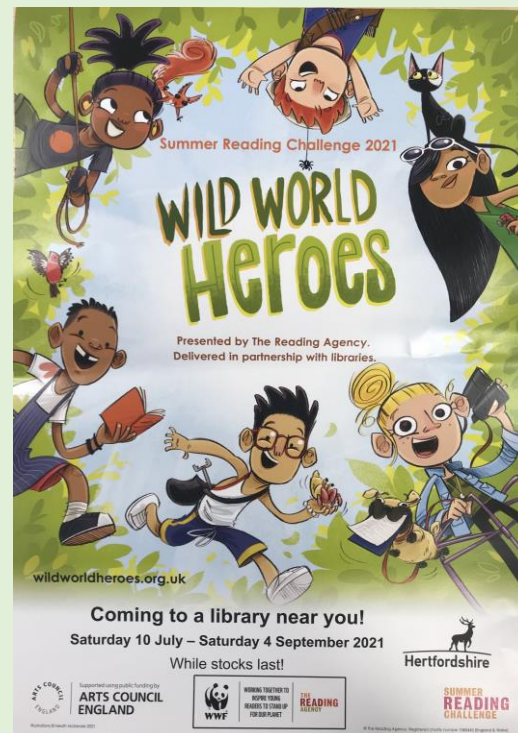
Healthy School Lunchbox

At Watton at Stone, we are a healthy school. As a healthy school we ask that packed lunches are as healthy as possible to give children the best start to afternoon learning. Our school dinners are a perfect way to receive a healthy lunch. All ingredients are carefully selected and all school meals have a range of meat, fish, vegetables and carbohydrates to make them a great choice. If you prefer to bring your own lunch, see some of the great ideas at

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>



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 'Wilderville' 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 - 519

Blue House - 576

Green House - 575

Yellow House - 482

Total house points achieved this half term:

Green House - 3,252

Blue House - 3,078

Yellow House - 2,916

Red House - 2,908



Congratulations to Green House who are the overall winners of the house points awarded this half term. To celebrate and reward them for their achievements, we have arranged for Kidfit to come back into school on Thursday 15th July and to organise some games and events with the children. This was incredibly successful last half term and the children loved the variety of activities offered to them for their sessions.

Happy Birthday to.....

Millie D
5th July

Eleanor S
6th July

George S
9th July

Lenny S
7th July

Noah HJ
9th July

Beau C
3rd July

Ronnie H
5th July

Dates for your Diary

July

- 12th - Non uniform (red and white clothes) /extended registration (see separate letter sent home today)
- 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
- 13th - Year 6 production 'Olivia' 6pm
- 14th - 9am - 10am New to Nursery September 2021 stay and play
- 14th - End of Year reports to parents/carers
- 14th - Year 6 production 'Olivia' 1.45pm
- 15th - 9am - 10am New to Reception class September 2021 stay and play
- 15th - House Point Winners Reward am
- 15th - 'Be Your Best' workshop Years 4 and 5
- 16th - Enterprise Day
- 16th - Feelgood Friday
- 21st - Last day of summer term
- 22nd - INSET Day 5

September

- 1st - INSET Day (school closed for children)
- 2nd - Autumn term starts. Children return to school