



Newsletter 10th September 2021

This week updates

We have had a wonderful first full week back in school and the children have continued to demonstrate both excellent behaviour for conduct as well as for learning. Our new Nursery and Reception children have now started school full time and are very settled and happy. Our school value of 'Happiness' is such an important part of school life. Happy children will thrive and learn and so therefore we spend a lot of time focusing on the happiness of all the children. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are concerned about your child settling back into school and their happiness so that the staff can help. This afternoon, we had 'Feel Good Friday' where the children had some more relaxed learning opportunities including mindfulness and sport. There were certainly many happy children enjoying the range of activities available to them.

The children are thoroughly enjoying the freedom on the playground and field at both lunchtimes and playtimes and have been enjoying the opportunities to mix with other year groups as well as playing with lots of different equipment. The space hoppers and Jenga game have been particularly popular! Finally, please take some time to update your calendars at home with the school diary dates of events taking place. All new weekly updates will be highlighted in red so that you can spot these easily.



Parent Forum

The Parent Forum consists of parent representatives who meet once every half term with the Headteacher to discuss school-related issues. Regular, open and constructive communication and consultation with parents is important to the continuing success of the school. The Parent Forum provides a mechanism for the school to discuss proposed initiatives and an opportunity for parents to express their observations, concerns and ideas. If you would like to nominate yourself as the parent rep for this academic year, then please email admin@wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk to express your interest. Equally, I would be very happy for last years parent reps to nominate themselves should they wish to continue with this role.

Class Attendance this week

	This week's attendance %
Donaldson class (R)	96.6
Kerr Class(1)	100
Murphy class (2)	97.9
Lewis Class (3)	100
Dahl Class (4)	100
MacKenzie Class (5)	81.9
Blackman Class (6)	100
Horowitz Class (6)	100

Congratulations to Kerr, Lewis, Dahl, Blackman and Horowitz for 100% attendance this week.

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a police and education early information sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children and young people experiencing domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with a school's trained DSP prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident thus enabling appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child. Children experiencing domestic abuse are negatively impacted by this exposure; domestic abuse has been identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience and can lead to emotional, physical and psychological harm. Operation Encompass aims to mitigate this harm by enabling immediate support, making a child's day better and giving them a better tomorrow.

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Summer Reading Challenge

This week we have recognised all of the children who took part in the library reading challenge during the summer holiday and brought their certificates in to show.

Congratulations to Jacob S, Eric T, Isabella L, Charlie S, Erin H, Lily H, Ava H, Eliza H, Beatriz DS, Theo DS, Monty K, Robson C.



All of these children's names went into a live raffle during this morning's celebration assembly and the winners of the £5 Amazon vouchers are: Ava H and Beatriz DS

Remote Learning

If your child tests positive for COVID and is self isolating for 10 days then we will ensure that class work is prepared and uploaded to the class page of the school website so the impact on your children's learning is minimized.

Teachers will prepare 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 work will be available the day after you have informed us of their absence from school. Teachers will also organise a regular class zoom session so that your child continues to feel part of the class and gets to see everyone virtually which we hope will support their wellbeing.

Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	Grace M - has come back to preschool amazingly well, she is happy and confident and has got back into the Preschool routine incredibly well.	Leo M - has done superbly well settling back into Preschool. He is being a kind friend and been amazing at helping to tidy up. Teddy M-S has impressed us this week with his speech. He has also developed in confidence and has been helpful to the grown-ups.
Nur	Harlen H - for being a great role model to his friends, particularly at lunch time. Harlen has settled fantastically into Nursery this week. Well done!!	Penelope W - for being a superstar on her first week at Watton. Penelope listens to instructions the first time she hears them and has beautiful manners. Great work!!
Rec	Beatrice W - was amazing at tidying up and even helped Mrs Clark to find out where to put things that she didn't know where they went. Francis-Rose R - because she has been an amazing friend this week comforting a friend and trying to teach a friend to come down the fireman's pole.	Freya B - who has had an amazing start to Reception and is always ready to learn.
Year 1	Danny R - for being an outstanding role model to others (doing his work, putting his hand up)	Connor P - for always working to the best of his ability (getting on with his work)
Year 2	Liam V - for making the right choices and paying attention to his teachers.	Poppy C - for showing a love for learning and always trying her best. Jack B - for making sensible behaviour choices and demonstrating a mature attitude.
Year 3	Oliver O - Making the right choices with his learning as well as his behaviour in class. Carmelita - Working to the best of her ability she is very keen to please adults and challenging herself in subjects.	Finley M - Showing resilience, working to the best of his ability especially in maths he has been challenging himself with higher chilli challenges. Mila S - Outstanding role model always making the right choices and also showing resilience in her learning in maths.
Year 4	Darcie C - is an outstanding role model for her peers. She achieves this through always working to the best of her ability and making the right choices. Well done Darcie. Oliver G - has been working to the best of his ability. He pays attention to all adults and has had a fantastic start to year 4. Well done Oliver.	Callum R - has really impressed us with his positive attitude towards learning. He has shown a clear love for learning and should be proud of his efforts. Well done Callum.
Year 5	Ronnie H and Ethan S - Working to the best of their ability as well as showing great teamwork and resilience when solving problems in maths.	Jessica W - Showing a love of learning by sharing her opinions in lessons and contributing ideas to class discussions.
Year 6B	Flynn S, Corinne W, George S - Achieving their potential and a great positive start to the new year	Summer R - a real love for learning, going above and beyond in school and out.
Year 6H	Yuvraj - for showing great empathy and understanding when writing about the daily life of a refugee.	Isabella C -for making a superb start to Year 6 - it has been a pleasure working with her and she is an outstanding role model to the class.

Class gardens

Last term, each class chose a planting area around the school and either grow flowers from seeds or tomatoes from seeds. Whereas we had the benefit of seeing the lovely flowers that the children grew before the end of term, we have had to wait to harvest the tomatoes until we returned to school. But what a bumper crop we harvested this week!! Some children volunteered to help pick the tomatoes in their lunchtime and we then shared them across the classes.



Drumming lessons

We are fortunate to now have a full sized drum kit in school (not the drum kit in the image) and would love to offer 1:1 drumming lessons for children who are keen to learn. I have been in contact with the Hertfordshire Music Service and they are currently recruiting a teacher to send out to schools. If you would like your child to have drumming lessons this year, then please email admin@wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk. We will be in contact with you once the drumming teacher has been appointed.



Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday

Penelope W
9th September

Darcy B
7th September

Liam V
9th September

Darcie C
5th
September

Callum R
7th September

Libby H
10th
September

Bike to school week

This year Bike to School Week takes place from 27 September to 1 October 2021. And for the first time, Sustrans want to try and track how many families take part.

Bike to School Week is a UK-wide event that Sustrans run every year in partnership with [Bikeability trust](#).

Together we celebrate cycling and scooting to school and [the massive benefits this brings to children's health and the environment](#).

Everyone can take part in Bike to School Week and there is no registration process for schools. Instead, all Sustrans ask is that you let them know if you and your family will be cycling or scooting to school from 27 September and 1 October by pledging your journeys [via the form below](#).

And your school journey can be made with any type of cycle, for example, handcycle, tagalong, cargo bike or scooter.

By pledging your journeys, you'll be in with a chance of winning a child's Frog Bike worth up to £400. [Read the terms and conditions](#).

They will also send you a free guide to walking, cycling and scooting to school with lots of great tips and activities.

[How to take part in Bike To School Week - Sustrans.org.uk](#)

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After School Clubs

We are looking forward to the after school clubs starting again from Monday 13th September. I hope that you have all received the information sent home this week about the after school clubs which have been very popular. Unfortunately due to staffing, we do have to have a maximum number for each club but please let the admin team know if you would like to go on a waiting list. Booking your child into a club run by the school staff can be done via The Gateway system. Our external club providers are taking the bookings and payments directly, so please click on the links below to go straight to their websites. At the end of the sessions, all children will be taken to the dining hall, so please collect your child from the door near the staff car park. Finally, if your child is attending either the netball, football or Stevenage Borough Multi skills sports club, then children are to come to school in their school uniform (unless it is their outdoor PE day) and change into their sports clothes after school.

To make a booking for KidFit

Wednesday Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2

Friday Years 3-6

<https://kid-fit.class4kids.co.uk/term/6>

To make a booking for Stevenage Borough Football Club (Multisports club)

Rec - Year 6

[Watton-at-Stone Primary and Nursery School After-School Club \(Reception-Year 6 Multi-Sports\) September-December 2021 - Stevenage FC Courses | Official Soccer Schools](#)

To make a booking for Boo Drama

Mondays Years 1 and 2

Tuesday Years 3,4,5 and 6

Please email bootheatreandentertainment@gmail.com with your son / daughter's name and they will send further instructions as to how to book and secure your place.

House Points

This weeks house points

Red House - 344

Blue House - 355

Green House - 352

Yellow House - 324

Children's newspapers and comics

We are looking for regular donations of children's newspapers (First news kids, The Children's Newsletter etc), children's educational magazines and comics to add to our class libraries.

We are always looking for ways to promote a love of reading and having a wide selection of reading material that appeals to everyone is very important.

If you purchase any of these reading materials for your child, then perhaps you would kindly donate the copies to the school once your child has finished reading them. We will then distribute them throughout the classes and add to the reading areas.

Please bring any donations to the admin office. Many thanks

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Dates for your diary

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

September

16th - National TA week

Week beginning 27th - House Captain speeches and elections

October

1st - Harvest church visit

4th - Creative arts week

5th - No Pens Day

19th - Individual school photos

19th - Parent meetings 4pm - 7pm

20th - Parent meetings 3.45 - 5.45pm

22nd - Feel Good Friday (pm)

25th - 29th - Half Term week

November

4th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

11th - Remembrance Day

15th - 19th - Anti Bullying Week/Feel Good Week

26th - No Pens Day

29th - 3rd Dec - Assessment week

December

6th - 10th - Christmas performances to parents

15th - Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day/Visit from FC

17th - Feel Good Friday

17th - End of term 2.15pm

20th - INSET day 2

21st - Occasional Day

January

5th - INSET day 3

6th - Children return

12th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

24th - 29th - International Week

February

2nd - No Pens Day

8th - Internet Safety Day

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11th - Feel Good Friday
14th - 18th - Half Term week

March

3rd - World Book Day
7th - Science and Technology Week
8th - Parent meetings 4 - 7pm (virtually)
9th - Parent meetings 3.30pm - 5.30pm (face to face in school)
17th - No Pens Day
18th - Comic Relief Day
21st - 25th - Assessment week
22nd - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

April

1st - End of Term 2.15pm
1st - Feel Good Friday
19th - INSET Day 4
20th - Children Return
23rd - St George's Day

May

Throughout May - KS1 SAT's
9th - 12th - KS2 SAT's
16th - Citizenship week
16th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm
16th - No Pens Day
27th - 3rd June - Half Term (including an extra day for the Queen's Jubilee)

June

6th - INSET Day 5
7th - Children return
Week beginning 6th June - Year 1 Phonics screening check
Throughout June - Year 4 multiplication check
13th - Health and Fitness week
14th - Sports Day 1
17th - Sports Day 2 (Reserve)
28th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm
29th - No Pens Day

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July

4th - 8th - Assessment week

18th - Reports to parents

22nd - Feel Good Friday

22nd - End of Term 2.15pm