



Newsletter 22nd April 2022

To all our families and friends,

I do hope that you and your children all had a wonderful Easter and managed to enjoy some of the gorgeous weather, especially over the Easter weekend. It was so lovely to see the children returning to school on Wednesday ready for the start of the summer term.

On bank holiday Monday, many of the children took part in the Easter Egg hunt which was organised by the Friends of Watton. Unfortunately, due to COVID, this hasn't been able to take place for the last 2 years, so it was wonderful that this event was back on the school calendar. A huge thank you to the Friends of Watton for organising and making Easter extra special for all of the children who attended. During the holiday, our temporary site manager, Mr Tom Goodman, was also very busy putting up new displays inside and outside of the school. You may have noticed on the school playground that we have the playground rules as well as the school learning values. We also have our school learning values displayed in the school hall as well as new British Values and Diversity displays too. These displays are looking amazing and many children have commented on the new additions!



Progress Meetings

This week, I have had the pleasure of meeting with all of the class teachers and teaching assistants to discuss the progress and attainment of all children during the spring term. These meetings enable us to have professional and informative discussions and the staff always talk so knowledgeably about the children in their classes. Where it is felt that additional learning support is required for individuals, then this has also been discussed and we will be sending home this information to parents next week so that you are also informed about what extra support we will be providing your child. If, at this point in time, we do not feel that additional support is required, then you won't be receiving an intervention letter on this occasion. We do however, review our additional support on a termly basis. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

Sponsored Bounce Money

A huge thank you to everyone who has collected their sponsor money over the Easter holiday and returned this to school this week. We would really appreciate it if you could collect any outstanding sponsor money and return this to school by the end of next week. Every little counts and the more money we raise, the more events we will be able to plan for and organise to enhance the children's cultural experiences at school.

Summer Term After School Clubs

Our summer programme of after school enrichment clubs will commence from Monday 25th April. If you have not yet signed your child up to a club/s that they wish to attend, then please do so via the Gateway.

We have changed most of the clubs for this term so that we offer a wider choice. Hopefully, there is a club that will interest all of the children. If your child is in receipt of the pupil premium grant and they would like to attend one of the external, self-funded clubs, then please contact the admin team if you would like some financial support. We want all children to equally have opportunity to attend these after school enrichment opportunities.

Save The Rhinos Sale

In the autumn term, some children in Year 4 raised their concerns about the threat to the rhinos in the wild and how they are in increasing danger of becoming extinct. They wanted to raise money for this cause and asked if they could organise and run a fundraising event. Due to COVID, this has been delayed but we are pleased that we have now managed to organise their fundraiser on Friday 29th April after school on the playground. The children will be selling a variety of items and all of the money raised will go to the Save the Rhino charity.

Today, these children spoke in the whole school assembly to raise the importance of this cause.



Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Harlen H - 20th April

James P - 21st April

Queen's Jubilee

This week, we have been starting to make plans for how we will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee this half term.

We have decided to host lots of different events during the week beginning 23rd May and this will culminate in a family picnic on Thursday 26th May. Parents will be invited to have a picnic on the school field at lunchtime with their children. We wanted to let you know of this date as soon as possible to give you plenty of notice, in case you need to make any arrangements to enable this to happen. We are aware that not all parents may be able to attend but we will ensure that all the children will take part and for those children whose parents aren't able to attend, then they will sit with the rest of their class and the class teacher on the field to have their lunch.

We will be writing to you nearer the date with further details (including timings). Please note however, that if it rains on this date, then we won't be able to accommodate all of the parents in the school building. The children's picnic however will take place in their classes.



Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	Eoin G - Eoin has shown great resilience this week learning new routines for his full day sessions at Preschool. He has also wowed us with his creative skills making a steering wheel with the Knex. Frankie R - Frankie has come back to Preschool this term very happy and ready to learn. He has tried his hardest during our group times and has wowed us with his threading skills.
Nur	Rafaela C - for coming back to school with a real love of learning and sharing her ideas during group times. Great work Rafi, keep it up!
Rec	Freddie W - for challenging himself during our independent writing. He showed a real love of learning and real pride in his achievements Mila Mc - for her independent writing and for her positive start to the term - she has been joining in with carpet discussions and sharing her wisdom!
Year 1	Mayci T - she constantly makes the right choices and always pays attention to all adults.
Year 2	Liam V - for showing good manners and empathy towards others. Seren G - for being ready to learn and paying attention to all of the adults.
Year 3	Monty K - working to the best of his ability in all areas. Dexter H - showing a love for learning with a positive attitude.
Year 4	Lenny S - he has come back to school with a positive attitude towards his work and working to the best of his ability.
Year 5	Oscar W - for being an outstanding role model. Freya H - for always making the right choices.
Year 6B	Lillie-Mae W - outstanding role model to others - positive and calm mindset in maths and fantastic application of her arithmetic skills. Lily A, Libby H - for great progress in maths and reaching their potential.
Year 6H	Luke P - love of learning - superb contributions and work in our e-safety lesson. Dylan E - for great progress in maths and reaching his potential.

Friends of Watton Update

We would like to say thank you very much to all those who came to our last two events, music bingo and the Easter egg hunt.

Well done to Enzo, Lucia and Frankie, our golden egg winners at the Easter egg hunt and to all our raffle and guess the fluffy animal names prizes!

We'd also like to thank the very generous individuals and businesses who donated prizes for our raffle - we really appreciate those contributions!

We raised £388 from these two events and had a fantastic time - we hope that you did too!

Lunchtime and After School Clubs – Summer Term

Please see below our current plans for lunchtime and after school clubs for the summer term.

Lunchtime

Club	Led By	Year groups	Day/Time
Colouring Club	N.Gugerley	KS1	Thursday 12.30-1.00pm
Stevenage Borough Football Club	SBFC	12.30-1.00- KS1 1.00-1.30 – KS2	Everyday 12.30-1.30
Butterfly club	J.Bell	All Year groups	Every lunch time
Lego club	S.Shadbolt/C.Shortland	KS2	Wednesday 1pm – 1.30pm
Eco Club	P.Bunce	3/4	Tuesday 1-1.30pm
Digital leaders	E.Chatman	Years 1-3	Monday 12.30-1.00pm

After School

Club	Led By	Year groups	Day/Time	Location
Drama club KS1	Boo Drama	KS1	Monday	Spare classroom
Drama club KS2	Boo Drama	KS2	Tuesday	Hall or classroom
Tech club	The Next Thing Ed	KS1 and KS2	Tuesday	Spare classroom
Quidditch club	Mrs Stevens	KS2 (25)	Monday	Outdoors/Hall
Stevenage Borough Football Club	SBFC	All Year Groups	Tuesday	Outdoors/Hall
Athletics Club	Mrs Stevens and Mr Ring	KS1 (20) KS2 (20)	Thursday	Outdoors/Hall
Choir	Mrs Roberts	KS2	Wednesday	Hall
Outdoor Nature Art Club	Mrs Goodman	KS1	Monday	Reception Classroom
Non Bake Cooking Club	Mrs Clarke	2-3	Wednesday	Spare Classroom
Story and craft club	Mrs Higgins	KS1	Wednesday	Year 6 classroom
Mother Nature Science Club	Science company and supported by Miss Oakley	Years 1,2 and 3	Thursday	Year 2 classroom



Tech Club

TOMORROW'S SKILLS. TODAY

DON'T MISS OUT!
spaces available for next term

- ✓ Cutting-edge technology
- ✓ New activities weekly
- ✓ Specialist teachers

Step into STEM

At tech club children will immerse themselves in a variety of brand new activities, experiments and group challenges. The emphasis is on fun, yet we encourage learning through hands-on activities using the latest and greatest tech, so you don't have to purchase!

Location: WATTON-AT-STONE PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Time: 3:20pm-4:20pm Sessions: 3
 Day: Tuesday Fee: £80
 Ages: KS2 & 2 - Year 1 - 6
 Start date: 26/04/22

Snap up a place for next term. [CLICK](#) below to enrol

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Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School, Rectory Lane, Watton at Stone, Hertford, SG14 3SG <http://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk>
 Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

Happy St. George's Day
Saturday 23rd April



Thank you to the kitchen staff for the lovely treats at lunchtime today to celebrate St. George's Day.

Dates for your diary

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

April

Week beginning 25th April - Intervention letters sent home

29th - Save the Rhino's fundraiser (organised by some Year 4 children).

After school on the playground

May

Throughout May - KS1 SAT's

2nd - school closed Bank holiday Monday

9th - 12th - KS2 SAT's

16th - Walk to School Week

16th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm

16th - No Pens Day

23rd - Queens Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee week

26th - Family picnic (from 12pm). Times to be confirmed

26th - Last day of half term

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

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Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

14th - Sports Day 1
15th - Whole school pupil parliament meeting
17th - Sports Day 2 (Reserve)
23rd - Full Governing Body meeting
28th - Parent Forum meeting 6pm
29th - No Pens Day

July

4th - 8th - Assessment week
14th - Year 6 transition day to secondary schools
18th - Reports to parents
22nd - Feel Good Friday
22nd - End of Term 2.15pm