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## Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

It was wonderful to welcome many Year 1 parents into school yesterday morning and this afternoon for our phonics meetings. Mrs Butler and I thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to share with you information about how we teach phonics/early reading as well as providing you with information about the DFE Year 1 phonics screening test. A copy of the Powerpoint shared will be available to view on the Year 1 page of the school website.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming the Year 3 parents on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9am for the children's class assembly. This is the first class assembly this academic year and the children are excited to share with their parents about what they have been learning.

Tonight, the Friends of Watton have organized a Music Bingo fundraiser. We hope that everyone who has purchased a ticket has an amazing evening. There are still some tickets available to purchase if you haven't done so already. Please see information further down in this newsletter.

Unfortunately, some children have been late repeatedly to school this term and while we understand unexpected events such as bad traffic can contribute to this, we would appreciate it if you could do all you can to ensure your child is in school by 8.50am every day. It is a disruptive start to the day for children who arrive late, and we do need to lock the school gates at 8.50am to ensure the school site is safe. After 8.50am children need to enter school through the office to be added to the register and noted as late.

### Parent/Teacher Consultations

On Wednesday, we sent home information about how to sign up for the parent/teacher meetings which are taking place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm - 7pm and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 3.45pm - 6pm. The meetings will be face to face on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and virtual on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. All face to face meetings will be held in the classrooms and we ask that all parents enter and exit via the gates in the staff car park.

We are also happy to inform you that the schools lunch catering firm, HCL will be on site on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> between 4pm and 7pm

### Dyslexia Awareness Week

This week in assembly, we spoke to the children about Dyslexia awareness week.

Dyslexia is a learning difference which mainly affects peoples reading and writing skills. It can manifest itself differently at different ages and phases of education which often makes itself very difficult to diagnose. People with dyslexia often have difficulty processing and remembering information they see and hear which can then impact on

## Octobers Learning Value -

### Being Respectful

In our school, respect means being considerate of the wishes, feelings and needs of another person and that mutual respect is fundamental to building healthy friendships and relationships.

Being respectful is one of our school learning values. We teach the children that they all have the right to respect as well as the responsibility to respect others. In school and in wider society it is important to show respect and feel respected by others. We believe that the best way to develop

## School Vacancies

We currently have 2 vacancies on the staffing team.

### Classroom teaching assistant

Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK -  
Teaching Assistant ([teachinherts.com](http://teachinherts.com))

### Site Manager

Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK -  
Site Manager ([teachinherts.com](http://teachinherts.com))

Please take a look at the Teach in Herts

## This Weeks attendance %

Carson (R)	89.95 %
Macintosh Class(1)	95.02%
Antonelli class (2)	100%
Anning Class (3)	98.85%
Goodall Class (4)	100%
Galileo Class (5)	98.99%
Wallace Class (6)	93.25%

This year, we are due to be open for 189 days which equates to 378 sessions with registration in the morning at 08:50 and after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration. The class

Whole school attendance this week is: 96.4%

Whole school attendance this term is 96.6%

**Our Attendance target each week is 97%**

## Parent Forum Meetings

The Parent Forum consists of parent representatives who meet once a 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 changes 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](mailto: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 their role. Our first meeting this academic year will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.

## Online Safety

# Be smart on the internet



Childnet  
International

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

# S

## SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.



# M

## MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.



# A

## ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



# R

## RELIABLE

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.



# T

## TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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KidSMART



Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.



## Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	<b>Hettie S</b> - she showed pride when doing some cutting this week. She kept trying until she managed to do it.	<b>Eoin G</b> - for using his fantastic imagination.
Nur	<b>Violet HN</b> - for being a superstar since joining Watton and always willing to help the adults at tidy up time! Great work Violet, keep it up!  <b>Fraser W</b> - for listening carefully to adults and making good choices. Well done, Fraser, we are proud of you!	<b>Lottie W</b> - for being a fantastic friend to other children in the class and helping them when in need. Fantastic Lottie!
Rec	<b>Amelia H</b> - for always being cheerful, positive, a great friend and putting in her utmost effort into all her learning (we love her singing too!)	<b>Arthur A</b> - for being an amazing role model in class. He is always ready to learn and give everything a go!
Year 1	<b>Elliot S</b> - for working to the best of his ability and trying his best.	<b>Theo DS</b> - for having a week of lovely learning making better choices.
Year 2	<b>Frankie</b> - paying attention to the adults, following instructions and working to the best of his ability.	<b>Erin</b> - being an outstanding role model by always following the school and classroom rules.
Year 3	<b>Leo T</b> - working to the best of his ability in maths.	<b>Isabella L</b> - outstanding role model in class and at the playground.
Year 4	<b>Felicity E</b> - awarded during science club for her love of learning. She planned and produced a PowerPoint all about animals.	<b>Rose H</b> - for noticing one of the children was upset at lunchtime and inviting them to play with her
Year 5	<b>Lenny S</b> - for working to the best of his ability and impressing us in reading, writing and maths. <b>Neave D</b> - for being an outstanding role model.	<b>Annabelle T</b> - for showing a love of learning and working to the best of her ability in English.
Year 6	<b>Anya</b> - Constantly making the right choices and thinking about ways to improve her own work.	<b>Daisy T</b> - Always shows a love for learning in areas of the curriculum and aims to achieve the best in all lessons.

### House Points

This Week

Red House - 470

Blue House - 539

Green House - 569

Yellow House - 496

This Half Term so far

1<sup>st</sup> Place Green House - 1,864

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Yellow House - 1,755

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Blue House - 1,724

4<sup>th</sup> Place Red House - 1,648

### Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil premium is money given to schools to improve the education of children. Your child may be eligible if you claim certain financial benefits to support you e.g. income support, child tax credit, universal credit and job seekers allowance. This extra funding is used to enable schools to support learning and development and improve educational outcomes for the children.

As a school, we will use the money in the best possible ways to support your child's learning and development and improve their educational outcomes. Some examples include:

- \*Providing music lessons for families would be unable to pay for them
- \*Support to pay for educational trips and visits
- \*Paying for extra help with speech and language

To find out if your child is entitled to the

### Friends of Watton Update

Music Bingo is tonight - there's still some tickets available so grab them on Classlist <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/927400655> or if you're brave just turn up at 7.45pm at the school hall (a bit of a risk as we may have sold out)!

We will be holding The Friends of Watton School AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 8pm in The Bull and your first glass of prosecco is on us!

As parents/ carers at the school you are all trustees of FOW so please join us to hear about the money we've raised this past year and about our upcoming plans and events. As a charity we legally need to hold an AGM and we need to have a certain number of attendees, plus we'd like to hear your ideas and feedback!

We would like to do a pre-loved Christmas jumper (and tops and pjs etc.) sale again this year, so if you find any you no longer want, please bring

### Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Jonah D - 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Frankie H - 7<sup>th</sup> October

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## Headteacher's Awards



Each week, staff are constantly looking for children in the school who are showing awareness of one or more than one of our school learning values. These values will help children to become better learners as well as developing their relationships with others around them. Children are recognised for their achievements with being awarded Headteacher's Awards.

### Reception:

Lillian F - Lillian has wow'd us this week. She obviously really enjoyed learning about space and she confidently told the class her space facts.

### Year 1:

Amelia this week for her creativity in an art lesson. She used chalks to draw a portrait of the Queen in the style of Andy Warhol.

### Year 2:

Henry - having high aspirations with his reading.

Eleanor - meeting her writing target by being resilient and reflective.

### Year 3:

Bobby - empathy and kindness and working with others.

Sam M - being independent and creative as he played his guitar to us in class.

### Year 4:

Finley S. - for his good teamwork in P.E.

Ronny - for his curiosity when studying artefacts during our history lesson.

### Year 5:

Alfie C - for having independence in his maths lesson.

Maisie - for having pride in her amazing piece of writing homework.

### Year 6:

Charlie R - for his creative diary entry.

Lucy - for demonstrating teamwork in her P.E lesson and empathy towards others.

Callum - for working with others and showing empathy.

# Watton At Stone Nursery Admissions

## 2023-2024

Early Years Quality Standard  
gold award

Nurturing staff and environment

Nursery led by  
qualified teacher



30 hours available

Was your child born between  
**1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020?**

Please join us for a **Nursery Tour** and parent meeting on:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00pm

Or

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm

Come along to see the Nursery classroom and the rest of the school. Please contact the school office on 01920 830233 to book your place. In the meantime please look at our virtual school tour at: <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/home/virtual-tour-of-the-school>

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## Dates for your diary

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

### October

- 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October - Creative Arts week
- 13<sup>th</sup> October - Year 3 class assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Mini reports to be sent to parents
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Individual school photos (photographer in school)
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm (face to face)
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Flu vaccinations
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Parent consultations 3.45pm - 6pm (virtual)
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Creative Carnival parade (more info to follow)
- 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> - Half term

### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> November - Reception parent phonic meeting 9am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Reception parent phonic meeting 2.30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> November - Pre school and Nursery 'Love of Reading' parent meeting 9am
- 9<sup>th</sup> November - Whole school Pupil Parliament meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 class assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> November - Anti bullying/wellbeing week
- 17<sup>th</sup> - FGB 4pm (Full Governing Board meeting)
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Theatre Company in school (Christmas pantomime)
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Nursery tour and offer meeting for new to Nursery parents Sept '23
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Inspirational speaker (Paul Sturgess) leading assemblies and workshops across the school
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Flu vaccinations continued

### December

- 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> December - Assessment week
- 6<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery tour and offer meeting for new to Nursery parents Sept '23
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas performances (dates to be confirmed)
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Reception and KS1 theatre trip
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - End of term 2.15pm

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### **January**

5<sup>th</sup> January - Occasional Day  
6<sup>th</sup> January - INSET Day  
9<sup>th</sup> January - Children return  
9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> January - Pupil Progress meetings  
23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> January - International Week

### **February**

12<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

### **March**

2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day  
16<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1 class assembly  
13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March - Science week  
23<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 4 class assembly  
20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> - Assessment week  
31<sup>st</sup> March - End of term

### **April**

17<sup>th</sup> April - INSET Day  
18<sup>th</sup> April - Children return  
18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April - Pupil Progress meetings

### **May**

8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SAT's  
15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May - Mental Health Awareness week  
25<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 class assembly  
29<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term

### **June**

5<sup>th</sup> June - INSET Day (report writing)  
12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June - Fitness Week  
13<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day  
Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonics Screening week  
19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 6 PGL  
29<sup>th</sup> June - Reception class assembly

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30<sup>th</sup> June - Watton has talent

**July**

6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 class assembly

3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July - Assessment week

12<sup>th</sup> July - reports sent out to parents

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 end of school production

21<sup>st</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers assembly

21<sup>st</sup> July - End of Term